

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017

We Love Because He First Loved Us

BIBLE CLASS..... 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE..... 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Compel us, O Lord, to gather in Your name as often as we can. As we pray and worship together, sing songs and rejoice together, comfort and care for one another, reveal Your presence with us in a more profound way, that we may grow to know each other even more as brothers and sisters in Christ.

O Lord of unity, bring us together to glorify You.

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Grace your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, and fill in the "Worship attendance registration" as it is being circulated.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 915; 820; 725; 611

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-9 (p.721)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:1-10 (p.948)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:1-20 (p.823)

SERMON: "How to Use Power" - Matthew 18:15-20

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines. September is education month - this is a reminder of those preparing to teach God's Word. This is a traditional time throughout the District, too.

USHERS: After service, please collect the bulletins from the sanctuary and put them in the box which is located in the office. Also, please collect any paper scraps that have been left in the pews and dispose of them in the garbage cans. As well, make sure to record the names of all those attending service on the attendance sheet and give these sheets along with the offering envelopes to the pastor.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Both the Gospel and the Sacrament of the Altar contain one and the same gift – the forgiveness of sins. This gift no one can give except the Lamb of God who was slain for the sins of the world. In joyful obedience to His Word, it is our practice to determine doctrinal oneness by those receiving the Sacrament. We therefore ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Lorne and Susan Campbell

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Ken and Sharon Beecroft

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Lorne Campbell

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin and Anna Makish

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Sandra Stockman, Ellen Phillips, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith Keller, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson’s brother), Grace Woolner, Scarlett Peers and her family; Bill and Vicky Orlowski, Emily Playfoot, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon’s mother), Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster’s mother-

in-law), Janice Vandermyden, Jenna Martinuzzi

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Shirley Kendall; Marsha Kennedy; Maria Kern; Ritva, Ristau and Marcus Kingo

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 27 (*16:16)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:

Current 510.00; Missions 20.00; Building 40.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

MOM 20.00

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring God our regular offerings and tithes as well for the ongoing work of His Church. God calls us here to be in His glorious presence, that He may bless us. Let us commit ourselves to Him who is our forgiveness, life and salvation.



FLOWERS: The flowers which beautify God’s house today are given to the glory of God by Gene and Anna Makish.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: On Sunday, September 24th after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in September. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

LADIES OF GRACE: Our next meeting is Saturday, September 30th. We will begin a new video series entitled “Armour of God” based on Ephesians 6. Please come out and join us as we delve into this new study. We will also be completing a blanket at this meeting. Feel free to bring your favourite breakfast goodie to share and the coffee will be on.

LIFE QUOTES: “What do we have to share with the frail elderly who wonder about God’s purpose for their lives? They are created, redeemed, and called, and as long as God gives them life, He gives their lives meaning and purpose.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life” (Matthew 18:21-35)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Life with God is not about keeping score; it’s about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, September 17th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA (JANUARY 2018): If you are interested in going on this mission trip with Redeemer Lutheran Church, you can email Lisa Jackson at jacklis@gmail.com or speak with Pastor Castillo. Presently, there are three members of Faith who are planning to go on this Mission trip.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES MESSAGE FROM REVEREND FRANK MANTZ:

Come! Reach out to others. Bring someone you know, a friend, a neighbour, a fellow-member of the congregation. We are going to make this a super celebration for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, but unless you are there and make an effort to share your joy with others, all the preparations in the world will fall flat. Martin Luther was one man standing alone against so much opposition to his understanding of how God reached out in Jesus Christ to bring salvation to the world, but people listened to him, heard the message, and responded joyfully to God's love for them. For 500 years the Lutheran Church, around the world, has continued to bring Christ to the nations. We are inviting the six Lutheran Churches in London, plus many other denominations to join us for this exciting afternoon of celebration. We hope to have 1.000 in attendance.

Reformation 500 is being held at St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond Street on Sunday October 22 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. There is so much planned. Dr. Christine Helmer, from Northwestern in Chicago, a world-renown Luther scholar and author, will be our guest speaker. The Amabile Youth Singers along with the Prima Chorus will help to lead the singing of hymns of the Reformation period as well as those that focus on Luther's four "sola(s)". Musical accompaniment will be provided by the Reverb Brass (from Toronto) as well as our superb organist Angus Sinclair.

Of course, you're wondering about how much this is going to cost. It is absolutely FREE--and, so is the parking that will be provided at London Life parking lot. We just want to pack the church, with you and you and you. We want you to be part of the celebration because we can't wait another 500 years to do this.

Lutheran Social Services (London) is sponsoring the whole event. The Lord has truly blessed our Foundation and we want to share those blessings with you and the whole City (and beyond) of London. You will probably see this offered in newspapers, weekend publications and for the two weeks of October 1 and 15 we are sponsoring the Lutheran Hour to have it announced on that program. We are getting the word out and we would really appreciate if you could help us do that... one-on-one. Thank you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Annual 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion begins Wednesday, September 27th. Please contact Bonnie Pember at London Area Right to Life, 519-659-3334 for more information. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/london-on>

GRACE CONNECTION CARD: If you have a question or a prayer request, or a sermon topic suggestion, or would like to have a visit from one of the pastors, please fill out one of these cards which can be found on the back table of the sanctuary as well as on the table in the parish hall and put the card in the offering basket.

LIFE CHAIN will be held Sunday, October 1st from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Join this cross-city (cross country) witness to LIFE as we hold pro-life signs and silently pray for LIFE - in solidarity with the voiceless little ones in our city who die each day by abortion. You are welcome to bring a chair. Please arrive by 2:15 p.m. at our location which is on the northeast corner of Fanshawe Park Road East and Richmond (meet in the parking lot to pick up signs).

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held at Grace this Saturday, September 16th at 8:00 a.m. Hope to see many men come out!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Mon.	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	LWML (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
Sat.	7:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Grace)
	9:00 a.m.	LWML Fall Rally at Redeemer, St. Thomas
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship (Faith)
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	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Faith)