

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Festival of Thanksgiving

October 8, 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: On Good Friday, O God above, Your Messenger, Jesus, was killed. But the message was clear: You sent Your Son into the world to save all people from sin. Now may we be bold to proclaim all we know about the message and the Messenger. And may all those who speak the truth about Your Son find hearts that are ready to receive.

Sender of our Saviour, may we receive Your Son with joy.

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: see Printed Order of Service
Holy Communion

HYMNS: 566; 763; "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Solo by Brenda Ryan); 912

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (p.152)

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:6-20 (p.982)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11-19 (p.876)

SERMON: "Being Grateful to the Lord!" - Luke 17:11-19

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

In view of the needs in Haiti, this is an important effort to re-establish churches and provide resources for their needs.

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: "In this **Sacrament**, the forgiveness of sins is not only preached, proclaimed, and promised, but here at the same time Christ gives His Christians His very body and blood as a pledge of it" (Walther). As we receive His gift, we ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. Because of the Bible's witness to doctrinal oneness by those receiving the Sacrament together, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada promise to practise closed communion.



FLOWERS: The flowers which beautify God's house today are given to the glory of God by Lynn Kearns in thanksgiving for Michelle and Dylan Burn's anniversary.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Lorne and Susan Campbell

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Ken and Sharon Beecroft

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish

ALTAR GUILD: Lynn Kearns and Tania Mulligan

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, Else Jacobsen, John and Maria Paal, Pat Phillips, Carolyn Neumann, Sandra Stewart, David and Imogen Strike, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilson, Stacy Francis and sons, John and Nancy Crowther, Ritva Kingo and family, Sarah Lawson, Keith and Alice Keller, Reiner Issendorf, Martha Fonger, David Biederman (Carole Atkinson's brother), Grace Woolner, Bill and Vicky Orłowski, Mary Lewis, Matthew Gascon, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon's mother), Janice Vandermyden, Jenna

Martinuzzi, Karen Webster (Jessalynn Webster's mother-in-law), Dennis and Sara Bradbury

Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: David and Donna Livingstone; Josh and Rebecca Livingstone; Doug, Melissa, Ashley and Amanda MacLean; Gene and Anna Makish

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 31 ('16:28)

BIBLE CLASS: 3 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Sept. 24th): Current 655.00; Building 20.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(from Sept. 24th): Strathroy 50.00

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.

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: On Sunday, October 29th after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in October. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

LIFE QUOTES: "Why do we strive to protect tiny embryos in Petri dishes or frozen in a fertility clinic? Because they are created, redeemed, and little ones whom God wants to call." *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: "Luther the Man: Called by God to Boast in Him" (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Greg Seltz

Although Martin Luther is widely regarded as one of the most influential people of the last 500 years, he knew he was no big deal, compared to Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

REFORMATION 500 LONDON: Lutheran Social Services London will be hosting a celebration of the Reformation on Sunday, October 22nd from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All are invited to this event which will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond St. in London. Guest speaker will be Dr. Christine Helmer from Northwestern in Chicago. The Amabile Youth Singers and the Prima Chorus will also be present. This event is FREE. Let's support the wonderful heritage that we have as Lutherans - Faith alone, Scripture alone, Grace alone, Christ alone!

BIBLE STUDIES AT GRACE: You are welcome to participate in our Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Today we began studying the Gospel of Mark. Also, you are invited to our Bible Study every second Thursday of the month. We are studying the book of Acts. Come and learn about the work and the struggles that the first Christians faced to proclaim the “Good News” of Jesus Christ to others.

GRACE’S FALL CLEAN-UP will be on Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. If you are able to help prepare our beautiful church home for the winter, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. *Trustees*

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Annual 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion began 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>



OCTOBER HAS A 5TH SUNDAY, and we would like to give you the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns. If you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on October 29th, please let the pastor know.

TO CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sarnia, is hosting the movie **Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World** at the Galaxy Cineplex Theatre in Sarnia on Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at 7:00pm. Dr. Rev. Harold Ristau, Professor at Concordia Lutheran Seminary will introduce the movie and provide a question/answer time following the movie. Tickets are \$10. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda Ryan by Sunday, October 15th. She has 30 tickets for the exciting event to learn more about the history of the Lutheran Church and the start of the Protestant movement as a whole.

CONVENTION IS COMING... October 13th - 16th, fellow Lutherans from across Canada will gather at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener for Lutheran Church - Canada’s 11th triennial convention... and you can be part of it! Everyone is invited to attend the opening Divine Service at Historic St. Paul’s in downtown Kitchener on Friday, October 13th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening, the convention joins the Reformation Intersections concert at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, October 15th at 8:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, 2nd floor, the convention will hold a public Meet and Greet for President Bugbee in appreciation for his service to the national church over the past 12 years. Any member of an LCC congregation is welcome to sit in and observe any of the convention business sessions. The schedule is available at www.lcc2017.ca

Church ~~DINNER~~ * NICARAGUA OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISING DINNER: Join us on Saturday, October 21st at Faith for an Oktoberfest dinner in support of the Nicaragua Mission trip in January 2018. A delicious meal of pork schnitzel, roasted potatoes, steamed green beans, sauerkraut and apple strudel will be served. Cost is &15.00 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. All funds raised will be used to purchase Care Packages for about 300 families in Nicaragua. Tickets are available now.

DONATE \$30 - FEED A FAMILY: In addition to leading VBS for over 1000 children and construction/repair of Church property, the plan is to give Care packages to approximately 300 families during the Mission trip in January. The Care packages include soap, coffee, beans, sugar, pasta and oil. All items are basic to keep families nourished and healthy. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, purchasing a Care package for a family in need is a great way to give thanks for the many blessings we have been given. It’s as simple as including your donation in your offering (identify donation on your envelope - “Care package” beside “other”), or attending the Oktoberfest dinner on Saturday, October 21st. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to ask Pastor Castillo.

MEMBER INFORMATION IN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS: If you do not wish to have your personal information (full name, address, phone number, etc.) appear in our weekly bulletins, prayer lists, calendars, or any other public communications, please contact the church office by phone (519-685-9700) or by email (faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com).

GRACE PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to participate in our Grace Prayer Group at 7:00 p.m. every fourth Sunday of each month. This prayer session was an idea approved by the Planning Committee. Come and let us pray for the people of God and all their needs.

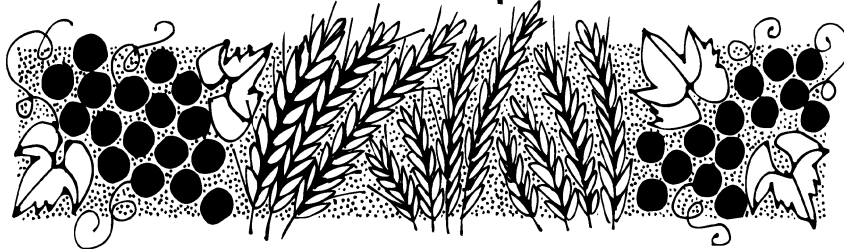
A DONATION BOX has been set in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving for the local Food Bank. Let us all bring food in order to help all those in need at this time of the year.

GRACE OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Ken and Sharon Beecroft, and Mayra Castillo have informed us that they will no longer continue as members of this committee. We want to thank them for their hard work while they were part of this committee. If you are interested in joining this committee, please speak with the pastor.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING will be held this Thursday, October 12th at Faith at 7:00 p.m. All boards and committees are reminded to prepare their "wish list" for 2018 and to be in attendance for this important meeting.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS and bring them in to Grace. You can place them in the designated container.

"THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD"



SUNDAY



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

*** LCC Synodical Convention (October 13 - 16)
Pastor Castillo will be in attendance

- Mon.** Thanksgiving Monday - church office closed
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Pastors meet
- 11:00 a.m. Pastor Scholz at Grace
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Faith)
- 7:00 p.m. LWML (Faith)
- Wed.** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Faith
- 7:30 p.m. Choir
- Thurs.** 11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
- 7:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Grace)
- 10:00 a.m. God's Kids (Faith)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Faith)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Grace)