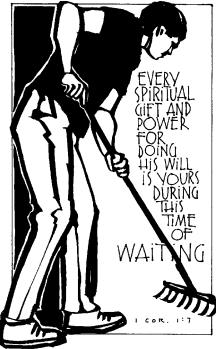


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 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: O Lord, help us this Advent to "keep awake"--to make ourselves aware of all that God is doing in the world through Your birth, to open our eyes to the signs and wonders of salvation, and to make ourselves ready for Your coming among us.

Christ, our Dayspring from on high, make Yourself known to us this season.

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: Confession / Absolution. p. 151
Prayer and Preaching. p. 260

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH: "We Light the Advent Candle" v.1

HYMNS: 332; 331; 342

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9 (p.623)

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p.952)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-10 (p.847)

SERMON: "Patiently and Faithfully Waiting in Christ!" - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9



FLOWERS: The flowers which beautify God's house today are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Mayra Castillo in celebration of Mayra's birthday.

BIBLE STUDIES AT GRACE: You are welcome to participate in our Bible Study on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Come and learn about the "Good News" of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Mayra Castillo

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mia and Logan Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Gene Makish

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, 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 Danyluk-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, Cindy, Melissa and Michael Petrie; Ellen Phillips; Pat Phillips; Brian and Carol Pierce

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 30 ('16:39)

COMMUNED: 24 **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 5 **BIBLE STUDY:** 5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Nov. 19th): Current 900; Missions 40.00; Building 60.00

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Church - Canada

The work and programmes of Synod are dependent upon the financial support given through individual congregations of each District.

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, December 31st after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in December. 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: "God created you in the womb. He formed your very being. He called you by name for His great plans. He made your life new through the Holy One of Israel. God gave you a new heart through Christ. God has loved you so deeply—and He gives you the gift of life so deeply—that He gave you the heart of Christ. HIS heart beats within you. THAT is God's gift of grace." *Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Prep Time" (Mark 1:1-3)

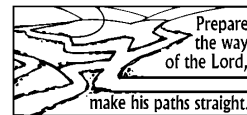
Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Preparing for Christmas is quite different than preparing for Christ. Today's Lutheran Hour message explores those differences. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Nomination forms and descriptions of positions for service can be found on the pastor's desk in the parish hall.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran

Hour Ministries are available at the entrances to the sanctuary today. As we prepare to greet the King, who came, who comes, and who is coming again, may these booklets help you find hope and joy in His appearing. The theme is "Love Came Down".

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: Instead of opening a little cubby and enjoying a treat each day of Advent, how about putting a little “treat” (aka non-perishable item) in a cubby/box each day of Advent for families to enjoy for the days to come. Your Reverse Advent boxes filled with 24 items are due December 24th and the week following. Donations will be delivered the first week of January. If you do not have a box, there are some for the taking in the fellowship hall.

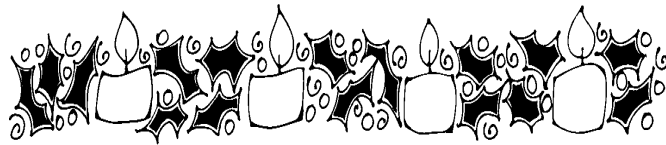


THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT begins today and we again prepare our hearts to greet the Saviour who came, who comes, and who is coming again. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. Our theme will be “Together in Advent!”. **Services begin Thursday, December 7th here at Grace at 7:00 p.m.**

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, December 10th at Faith after our morning service. Members are invited to attend and approve the budget and to elect new Council members for 2018.

CHEESE SALES FOR LLL NICARAGUA MISSION: The cheese will be available Dec 10th. Total sales were \$1,016.60 of which 30% will be forwarded to LLL’s work in Nicaragua. Thank you to all who supported this great cause!

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



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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.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
	6:20 p.m.	Soup Supper (Faith)
	6:40 p.m.	Chimers
	7:15 p.m.	Advent Service (Faith)
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Service (Grace)
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Scholz/Castillo Open House
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	God’s Kids (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
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	11:30 a.m.	Congregational meeting (Faith)