

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

24542 Melbourne Road
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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; the new has come.

BIBLE CLASS..... 9:00 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE..... 10:00 a.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: You have richly blessed us, O Lord, and in return may we give You more and more of ourselves, our time, our talents, and our monetary possessions. May all that we offer You this day be an expression of our deepest love and affection for You.

O Christ, our Sacrifice for sin, we give You all the glory for what You have done for us.

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: 512; 425; 918

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 17:8-16 (p.299)

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28 (p.1006)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:38-44 (p.849)

SERMON: "The Faith of the Widows" - 1 Kings 17:8-16, Mark 12:38-44

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.



FLOWER CHART: Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: In Matthew 28:18-20, the Risen Christ gave His church the great commission. Included in that commission were these words, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...". The church's historic practice of closed communion had its basis in the desire to honour these words of the Saviour. In love, it is also our desire not to omit this portion of the great commission; and guests desiring to commune today are kindly asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION: You may find it helpful to read Luther's Questions and Answers on p. 329 (LSB) prior to communing at the Lord's Table today.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

USHERS TODAY: Ken and Sharon Beecroft

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mayra Castillo

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Ken Beecroft

ALTAR GUILD: Betty Catanzariti

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, John and Maria Paal, Patricia Phillips, Sandra Stewart, 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 Orlowski, Matthew Danyluk-Gascon, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon's mother), Jenna Martinuzzi, Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Pastor and Marian Obeda, Stan Diehl, Shirley Monk



Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Russ Mountenay; Betty Muir; James Mulligan

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 28 ('17:24)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

Amounts will be in next week's bulletin



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

Amounts will be in next week's bulletin

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: On Sunday, November 25th after service, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in November. 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 adopts. The Gospel is about adoption. Salvation's story can't be told apart from adoption. Christianity can't happen without it ... Pharaoh's daughter adopting Moses leads to the Hebrews ending up liberated ... Joseph adopting Jesus sets in motion sinners getting forgiven. Father Almighty offers His Son and adopts human beings for us to have a faith relationship with the Lord God and the hope of resurrection to everlasting life in His heavenly kingdom. No wonder early Christians opened the world's first orphanages." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Once and For All" (Hebrews 10:11-19)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tony Cook

Rev. Dr. Tony Cook shares God's message of forgiveness - "In Jesus, our Great High Priest, we have found the perfect and permanent solution to our separation and sin." Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

GRACE BIBLE STUDY ON SUNDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.: We are studying the Psalms. You are also welcome to attend Thursday Bible Study at members' homes at 7:00 p.m. We are studying the book of Acts. If you would like to host the Bible Study on Thursday, November 22nd, please speak with Pastor Castillo.

LADIES OF GRACE: Next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 24th at 10:00 a.m. Bring your Christmas decorating ideas and any decorations that you consider lending to our Church for our "Christmas in the Country" event. Don't forget a snack to share - hope to see you all there!

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL 2019-2021: At our next Voters' meeting (December 2nd), we will elect individuals to positions of service here at Faith and Grace. To this end, we are seeking nominations for the following positions: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Elder, Trustee, and Auditor. Please prayerfully consider fellow members you feel would be willing and able to serve. Submit their names on the nomination forms found on the table in the parish hall.

ONE-DAY COURSE FIRST AID TRAINING: Our course is full, BUT we are planning on offering another session in the new year. If you are interested, please inform the church office (519-685-9700). We require a minimum of 8 people in order to offer the course.

PHONE NUMBER NO LONGER IN SERVICE: Pastor Castillo no longer has a home phone number. You can contact him on his cell phone (226-377-2856).

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT: Plan to attend this concert sponsored by Lutheran Social Services London on Sunday, December 9th from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond Street, London. This concert is entitled "Emmanuel" featuring soprano Katy Clark, London Symphonia Brass, Wesley Knox Senior Choir, Chamber Choir from Catholic Central High School and El Sistema London. Admission is free and there is free parking at London Life.

CHEESE! CHEESE! CHEESE! Yes, the cheese sales for Lutheran Layman's League (LLL) will be starting soon. The proceeds raised will be used to print pamphlets that will be distributed in Nicaragua.

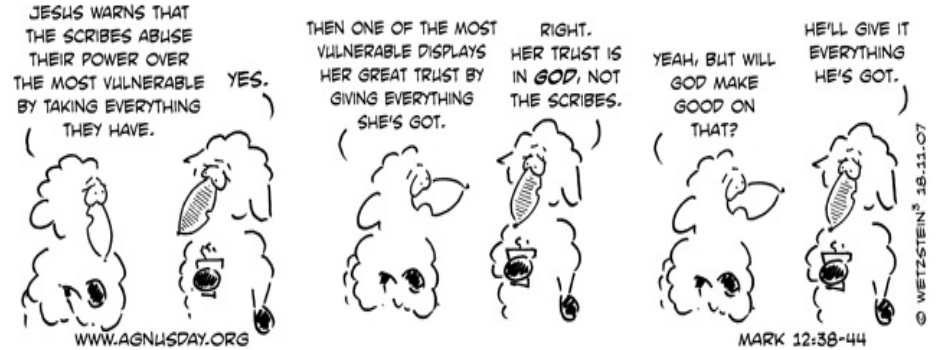
A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at Faith after our morning service. Members are invited to attend and approve the budget and to elect new Council members for 2019.



PLEASE NOTE THAT MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES AT GRACE begin on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. since it wasn't listed on the November calendar. The theme is "God With Us".

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY: You are invited to attend an "old-fashioned" Christmas evening of carol singing here at Grace on December 8th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. followed by refreshments. As well, feel free to invite friends and other family members.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes are due today. If you have questions, please contact Carol Wilkinson at 519-649-4501.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

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| Mon. | 6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Year 1 (Faith) |
| Tues. | 9:00 a.m. | Pastors meet |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Pastor Scholz at Grace |
| | 7:00 p.m. | LWML (Faith) |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study at Faith |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Confirmation Year 2 (Faith) |
| Thurs. | 11:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Choir |
| Sat. | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | One-day First Aid training |
| Sun. | 9:00 a.m. | Bible Study (Faith & Grace) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Worship (Faith) |
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| | 10:00 a.m. | God's Kids (Faith) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School (Grace) |
| | 3:00 p.m. | VOL Prayer |