

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 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: O Lord, you came to earth to go about doing the Father's business. We thank you for all the work you have performed. And we thank you for showing us how to continue the work of the Father in this world. May all that we do make the Father proud.

O Son of the Father, may we bring glory to God above, who has come to save the whole world.

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

HYMNS: 367; 388; 366

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (p.55)

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17 (p.984)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:22-40 (p.857)

SERMON: "The Great Waterfall of God's Grace" - Luke 2:22-40

LIFE QUOTES: "God's time is not our time. He sees the whole, but also more than the whole, as each whole life is a part of a larger picture beyond our sight lines. To accomplish His purposes, God takes His time, not ours." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James* - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

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: Olivia & Samantha Irons

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mike Flikkema & James Mulligan

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Mike Flikkema

ALTAR GUILD: Rosemarie Gmehlin, Lynn Kearns, Anna Makish

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Special Needs: Walter and Donna Procknow, John and Maria Paal, Patricia Phillips, Sandra Stewart, Imogen Strike, Frank Kleiber, Sophie Wilton, 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, Matthew Danyluk-Gascon, Earl Weiberg, Nancy Curtis, Marsha Kennedy, Shirley Kendall, Christina Hunt (Marissa Danyluk-Gascon’s mother), Jenna Martinuzzi, Dennis and Sara Bradbury, Stan Diehl, Shirley Monk



Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: John, Kate, Olivia, Connor and Lauren Powell; Patrick, Naomi and Hardy Powers; Howard, Jennifer, Sheldon, Mekennah and Michael Print; Walter and Donna Procknow

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 31 (‘17:31)

COMMUNED: 27

ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS EVE: 52 (‘17:35)

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:

(from Dec. 23rd): Current 855.00; Missions 197.43; Building 105.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(from Dec. 23rd): Love Fund 62.00; Loose 80.00

OUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Our special gift envelopes have been designated as follows this Christmas season:

* New Year’s Eve offerings support Love Fund

Of course, you can always designate your offering anyway you choose by writing on the envelope. We do remind you, though, that the special envelopes should not be used as substitutes for our regular gifts to the work of the church. Our faithful stewardship provides the needs of our congregation; may we always be faithful in God’s gifts to us!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are available in your mailbox. *Please wait until the new year to begin using them*, as occasionally numbers may have changed. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

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.

MEMBERS’ TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Please check your information in the congregation’s telephone directory. If the information is correct, could you please put a check mark and initials beside your name to indicate that you have seen it? If there are changes/updates, please write them directly on the paper. Also, if you are aware of any information changes of other members, please add them. If you have an email address and you would like it included in the new directory, add it or let the office know, either by phone (519-685-9700) or email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “The Word Turned Toward” (John 1:1-18)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same - He turns his Word towards us. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 6th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: Today 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.



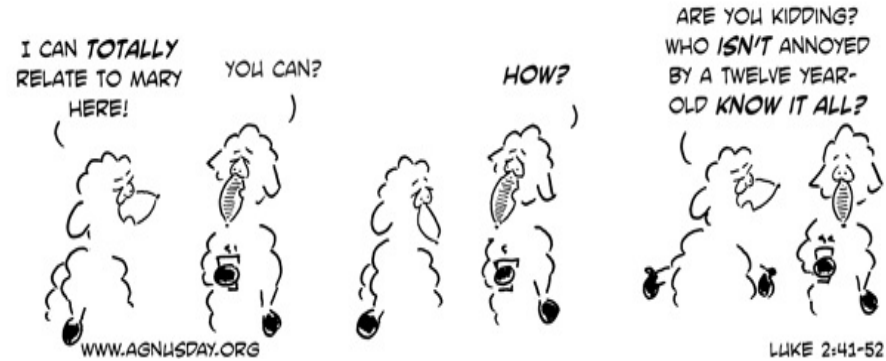
FLOWER CHART: Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us.

ONE-DAY COURSE FIRST AID TRAINING: Our next session will be taking place either Saturday, January 26 or Saturday, February 2, 2019. 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.



SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE: Please consider taking a turn at cleaning our church sanctuary. Duties include vacuuming, dusting and cleaning the bathroom. A sign up list has been placed in the parish hall. What a wonderful way to participate in our family of faith.

CAN YOU HELP A PASTORAL FAMILY AND THEIR CONGREGATION? Due to a serious infection, Linda Lantz, wife of Rev. Kurt Lantz of Resurrection Lutheran Church, St. Catharines, required amputation of her leg below the knee. Linda herself has been involved with the East District Department for Outreach, LWML-C, and has served as admin support at the Seminary. Linda is currently undergoing in-patient physiotherapy and eagerly looks forward to going home. However, the parsonage, owned by Resurrection, is not handicap-accessible, thus requiring immediate renovations to allow for Linda's return. The pastors of the Niagara Circuit have pledged to raise funds to assist Resurrection, who find these unanticipated renovations a great fiscal challenge. We invite our siblings in Christ across the District to prayerfully consider helping Resurrection and the Lantz family with donations to the Resurrection Parsonage Renovations. Donations can be mailed to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 400 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2T 3L2. Any cheques should be made out to Resurrection Lutheran Church, indicating "Parsonage Renovations" in the memo line.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

- Mon.** 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve worship with Communion (Our Saviour)
- Tues.** New Year's Day - church office closed
- Thurs.** 11:00 a.m. Pastor Castillo at Grace
- Fri.** 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (Social)
- Sun.** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Faith)
- 10:00 a.m. God's Kids (Faith)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Grace)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Grace)
- 3:00 p.m. VOL Prayer