

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2019

*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!*

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

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** O Word Made Flesh, you have made your home among us. May we receive you with joy. May we be enlightened by your love. And may we see your glory revealed in our everyday lives.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, make our hearts your home.*

**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:** 896; 397; 412

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 60:1-6 (p.619)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Ephesians 3:1-12 (p.977)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 2:1-12 (p.807)

**SERMON:** "What Gift Shall We Bring to Him?" - Matthew 2:1-12

**LIFE QUOTES:** "For Christians, then, 'too many people' is impossible. Each additional person affords another opportunity to love and give in the way that brings God Himself the highest joys. And in the neediness of every neighbor more, we encounter and embrace Christ Jesus (Matthew 25:40)." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life* - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life

• [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



**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.

**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:** Mike Flikkema & James Mulligan

**USHERS NEXT WEEK:** Lorne & Susan Campbell

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** Ken Beecroft

**ALTAR GUILD:** Rosemarie Gmehlin, Lynn Kearns

**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, Stan Diehl, Shirley Monk



**Homebound:** Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

**Family Focus:** Calvin, Becky and Justin Rivett; Jim, Lillian, Matthew and Katie Robertson; Carol and Randy Robinson

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 21 (‘17:12)

**ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS DAY:** 16 (‘17:18)

**COMMUNED:** 12

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS:**

(from Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>): Current 450.00; Missions 70.00; Building 10.00

(From Christmas Eve): Current 50.00; Missions 315.00

(From Christmas Day): Building 150.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:**

(from Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>): Love Fund 20.00

(From Christmas Eve): Loose 40.00

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019** are available in your mailbox. If you did not receive a box of envelopes, but would like some, please advise the office.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is one of Canada’s most experienced relief and development agencies. Formed in 1946, CLWR has grown to serve the world’s poor and disenfranchised through community development, refugee resettlement, emergency relief, and donated commodities shipments (We Care).

**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](mailto:faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com)



**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Reason to Believe”** (John 1:19-51)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Do you have a reason to believe that everyone should believe what you believe? John did. Come and see. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE:** On Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, you are welcome to celebrate those members who have a birthday in January. If you would like to provide a cake for the last Sunday of the month, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LONDON) MEET AND GREET:**

Everyone is invited to attend this at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



**TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS:** Please submit your report as soon as possible since we will soon be preparing our 2018 Annual Report. The deadline for all reports is

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

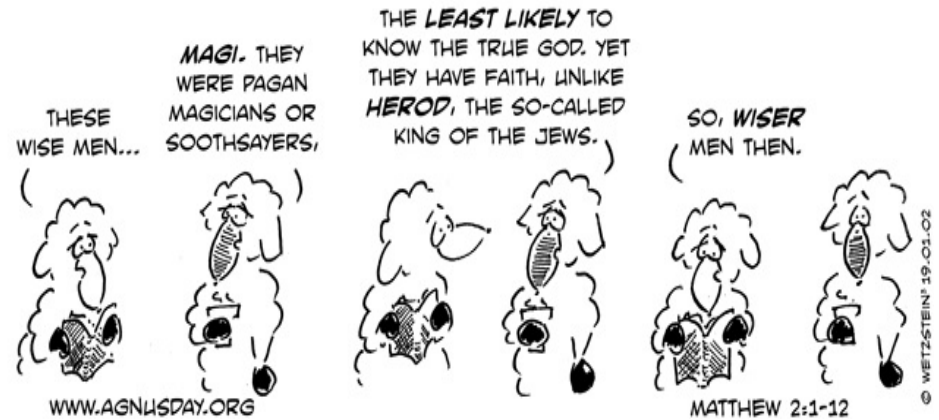
**CAN YOU HELP A PASTORAL FAMILY AND THEIR CONGREGATION?**

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**

<b>Mon.</b>	6:30 p.m.	Year 1 Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
	1:00 p.m.	LWML
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith)
	5:00 p.m.	Year 2 Confirmation
<b>Thurs.</b>	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Sat.</b>	2:00 p.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español (Faith)
<b>Sun.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Faith & Grace)
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion (Faith)
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