

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

24542 Melbourne Road
Strathroy-Caradoc, ON N7G 3H5



Baptism of Our Lord

January 13, 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.

Rev. James Scholz, Senior Pastor - pastorjflc@rogers.com
Rev. Oscar Castillo, Pastor - pastorcflc@rogers.com
Office: Ph: 519-245-3078; 226-378-6924(alternate)
fax: 519-685-1480

Deacon Stan Diehl, *Emeritus*

Elizabeth Biser, Secretary
Website: www.gracelutheranstrathroy.com
Email: admin@gracelutheranstrathroy.com
www.facebook.com/faithlutheranlondon
fb: Grace Lutheran Church of Strathroy

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O God above, you were well pleased with your Son, Jesus. May you be well pleased with us, as well, OFather, as we live as your baptized and beloved children. Help us to follow your will in all things and to be filled with your forgiveness and salvation.

O Father in heaven, speak to us in love from above.

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: 394; 596; 395 v.1-3,6

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7 (p.603)

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11 (p.942)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-22 (p.858)

SERMON: "Baptized for Us" - Luke 3:15-22

LIFE QUOTES: "If God places such high value on life—all life (John 3:16)—how can we possibly be less concerned? We do love others because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). We speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Proverbs 31:8) because when we had no voice, no standing, no defense, Jesus stepped in on our behalf. There is no way we can be less loving." *Christian Life Resources* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: "While it is true that through Baptism we are first born anew, our human flesh and blood have not lost their old skin. There are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and the world that we often grow weary and faint, and at times even stumble. The **Lord's Supper** is given as a daily food and sustenance, so that our faith may refresh and strengthen itself and not weaken in the struggle but grow continually stronger" (Luther). While this gift is individually received, testimony is also thereby given that those communing together share one and the same faith. For this reason we practise closed communion, and guests desiring to commune are asked to thus 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: Lorne & Susan Campbell

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Mayra Castillo

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 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, Marian Rutledge and family, Bill Harrison



Homebound: Becky Ames, Ana Greksa

Family Focus: Jennifer Rock; Kayla Rock and Matthew Plumb; Rebecca Rock; Delbert Roy

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 20 (*18:15)

BIBLE STUDY: 3

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:

(from Dec. 30th): Current 410.00; Missions 40.00; Building 30.00



NON-BUDGET GIFTS:

(from Dec. 30th): Love Fund 20.00

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



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "My Delight is in Her" (Isaiah 62:1-5)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tony Cook

As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, God rejoices over you. This week we explore our new name and identity as the bride of Christ. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM CJBK on Sunday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

BIRTHDAY CAKE AT GRACE: On Sunday, January 27th, 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.

ONE-DAY COURSE FIRST AID TRAINING: 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. A date will be determined when enough interest is expressed.

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.



THE FLOWERS which adorn the altar today are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Mayra Castillo in celebration of Osmayra's birthday.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LONDON) MEET AND GREET:

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

SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE:

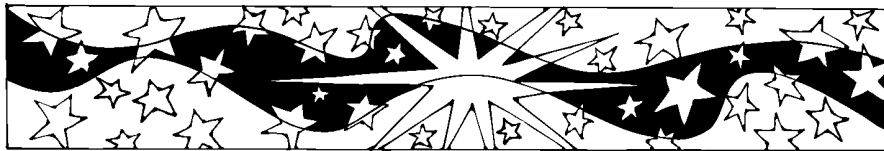
Please consider taking a turn at cleaning our church sanctuary. Duties include vacuuming, dusting and cleaning the bathroom. A sign up list has been placed in the parish hall. What a wonderful way to participate in our family of faith.



VERA BACH, mother of Marian Rutledge, entered her eternal rest on December 31st at the age of 103. We rejoice that she is with her Saviour. Please keep Marian and family in your prayers.



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 10th.



The Baptism Of Our Lord



Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org

| THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mon. | 6:30 p.m. | Year 1 Confirmation |
| Tues. | 9:30 a.m. | Circuit Pastors' meeting at Faith |
| Wed. | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study (Faith) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Year 2 Confirmation |
| Thurs. | 11:00 a.m. | Pastor Castillo at Grace |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Choir |
| 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 |