

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East  
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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2017

*We Love Because He First Loved Us*

**MORNING WORSHIP and God's Kids** . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
**Bible Class** . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
**Grace Lutheran, Strathroy Worship** . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Lord of Word and action, You follow through with Your promises perfectly. Forgive us when we don't do the same. Give us the power to keep the promises we make, to mean what we say, and to do the work You have called us to perform. May Your faithfulness be our guide in all we commit ourselves to.

*O God of promises fulfilled, bless all we say and do.*

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### OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Confession / Absolution. . . . . p.151  
Prayer and Preaching. . . . . p. 260

**HYMNS:** 813; "Lord Jesus, You Have Called Us"; 655; "Called to Serve"

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (p.705)

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13), 14-18 (p.980)

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32) (p.826)

**SERMON:** "Faith and Unbelief" - Matthew 21:28-32

**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 Faith 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" at the end of the pew.



**FLOWERS:** The flowers which beautify God's house today are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Sandy Scholz in celebration of their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

**USHERS:** Alan Schmitt, Dan Frederick, Colin Campbell, Rainer Tellers,  
Marissa Danyluk-Gascon

**FINANCE STEWARDS:** Greg Bie & Lisa Bildy

**STEWARDS NEXT WEEK:** Stan Diehl & Alice Keller

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Janko Galat & David Livingstone

**ACOLYTE:** Liam Francis

**SANCTUARY CLEANER (October 7<sup>th</sup>):** Volunteer needed

**ALTAR GUILD:** Connie Morrison, Pam Oelke

**COFFEE TODAY:** LWML

**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, Sandra Stockman, 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, Mary Lewis, Matthew 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:** Aaron and Alyssa Lightfoot; Jared and Katie Lightfoot; Josh, Tracy, Kaleb and Keaton Lightfoot; Stephen, Nancy and Seth Lightfoot

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Haiti Lutheran Mission Society

In view of the needs in Haiti, this is an important effort to re-establish churches and provide resources for their needs.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 89 + 30 = 119 ('16: 87 + 23)

**COMMUNED:** 82

**BIBLE STUDY:** 14      **GOD'S KIDS:** 4

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:**

Current 3,325.80; Missions 700.00; Building 155.00



**NON-BUDGET GIFTS:** Anniversary Fund 20.00; Books 20.00; CLWR 45.00; Haiti 40.00; Love Fund 30.00; Memorial Fund 140.00; Loose 26.00 **Praise The Lord!**

**MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:**



- \* to **Memorial Fund** in memory of *Gerry Storm* from Helmut & Diana Welker
- \* to **Memorial Fund** in memory of *Don Bancroft* from: Dan & Cheryl Frederick, Shirley Mitchell, Ron & Connie Morrison, Ed & Pam Oelke
- \* to **Love Fund** in celebration of *Imogen Strike's* birthday from Shirley Mitchell
- \* to **Building Fund** in memory of *Don Bancroft* from Betty Muir
- \* to **Anniversary Fund** in memory of *Don Bancroft* from Bob & Marian Rutledge
- \* to **CLWR** in memory of *Don Bancroft* from David & Sharon Holden

**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.

**OUR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION:** Recording the presence of our members, visitors and friends each week really is an "Act of Friendship" because it allows us to know who is sitting down the pew from us, and it enables the church to respond to the needs of our members and visitors alike. Please take the time to fill this form out and pass it down the pew. When it reaches the far end, please pass it back up to the centre aisle. Please use this to register communion attendance, too.

**GROUPS AND COMMITTEES:** Please remember to list meetings and events on the large calendar posted outside of the church office. This helps the office staff to announce your events to the church membership in a timely manner.

**FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN:** We are blessed to have a newly renovated nursery space available downstairs. Infants and toddlers are always welcome during our Worship Service, but should you need a quiet space with your little one, there are couches and rocking chairs available. Please feel welcome!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is taking place today following the service. Your presence and support is greatly needed and appreciated! A light lunch will be served.

**LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE? COUNTERS NEEDED!** We are looking for volunteers to assist with counting offerings after church. You would work in a team of two counters, and each team counts approximately once every six weeks. This generally takes no more than an hour after church. Computer skills are helpful but not necessary, and Diane Geurkink would be pleased to teach you one-on-one how to enter the offering data. Please contact Diane Geurkink or the church office (519-685-9700) if you are interested.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** The Annual 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion began Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Bonnie Pember at London Area Right to Life, 519-659-3334 for more information. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/london-on>

**LIFE CHAIN** is being held today from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Join this cross-city (cross country) witness to LIFE as we hold pro-life signs and silently pray for LIFE - in solidarity with the voiceless little ones in our city who die each day by abortion. You are welcome to bring a chair. Please arrive by 2:15 p.m. at our location which is on the northeast corner of Fanshawe Park Road East and Richmond (meet in the parking lot to pick up signs).

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES:** October 2017 calendars are in your mailbox. If you haven't visited your mailbox recently, please do so in order to get your copy of the calendar to ensure that you are aware of the various activities happening this month.

**THE SANCTUARY CLEANING SCHEDULE** is posted on the library window. What does it take? About 1½ hours of your time! This includes 75 minutes to vacuum the carpets and 15 minutes to dust. All equipment is supplied. If you have any questions, please speak with a Trustee. Remember, it is the Lord's house. Please consider signing up.



**REFORMATION 500 LONDON:** Lutheran Social Services London will be hosting a celebration of the Reformation on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All are invited to this event which will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, 472 Richmond St. here in London. Guest speaker will be Dr. Christine Helmer from Northwestern in Chicago. The Amabile Youth Singers and the Prima Chorus will also be present. This event is FREE. Let's support the wonderful heritage that we have as Lutherans - Faith alone, Scripture alone, Grace alone, Christ alone!

**LWML MARTY PARTY" MOVIE NIGHT:** Come out to join us on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a movie night which will feature a classic of Christian Humour. The movie is entitled "*Martin Luther's Last Surviving Classmate*". For further details, see the poster on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Popcorn will be provided.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN AND CONTINUE TO GIVE**



**GENEROUSLY** to our Food Bank here at Faith! In particular, we are in need of *cereal, peanut butter, sugar and spaghetti sauce*. Your kind donations meet a real need. Those who benefit are very appreciative! If you would like to help out in a different capacity, you are most welcome to provide grocery store gift cards. These cards are given at the discretion of the pastors to those individuals requiring perishable items.

**MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA (JANUARY 2018):** Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waterloo is organizing a Mission trip to Nicaragua. If you are interested in going with the team, you can email Lisa Jackson at [jacklis@gmail.com](mailto:jacklis@gmail.com) or speak with Pastor Castillo. If you would like to contact George and Carol, feel free to do so either in person, by phone or email.

**DUE TO SENSITIVITY TO SCENTED PRODUCTS**, we respectfully request members and visitors to refrain from or to minimize such use in worship services and other gatherings within the church building.

**NICARAGUA OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISING DINNER:** Join us on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> for an Oktoberfest dinner in support of the ~~Church~~ **DINNER** → Nicaragua Mission trip in January 2018. A delicious meal of pork schnitzel, roasted potatoes, steamed green beans, sauerkraut and apple strudel will be served. Cost is &15.00 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. All funds raised will be used to purchase Care Packages for about 300 families in Nicaragua. Tickets are available after worship in the library.

**DONATE \$30 - FEED A FAMILY:** In addition to leading VBS for over 1000 children and construction/repair of Church property, the plan is to give Care packages to approximately 300 families during the Mission trip in January. The Care packages include soap, coffee, beans, sugar, pasta and oil. All items are basic to keep families nourished and healthy. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, purchasing a Care package for a family in need is a great way to give thanks for the many blessings we have been given. It's as simple as including your donation in your offering (identify donation on your envelope - "Care package" beside "other", or attending the Oktoberfest dinner on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Pastor Castillo, George or Carol Wilkinson.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to be on our prayer chain and have not received any of these emails, please inform the office either by phone (519-685 9700) or send an email to [faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com](mailto:faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com)

**TO CELEBRATE THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sarnia, is hosting the movie **Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World** at the Galaxy Cineplex Theatre in Sarnia on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm. Dr. Rev. Harold Ristau, Professor at Concordia Lutheran Seminary will introduce the movie and provide a question/answer time following the movie. Tickets are \$10. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brenda Ryan by Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. She has 30 tickets for the exciting event to learn more about the history of the Lutheran Church and the start of the Protestant movement as a whole.

**CONVENTION IS IN TWO WEEKS...**October 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, fellow Lutherans from across Canada will gather at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener for Lutheran Church - Canada's 11<sup>th</sup> triennial convention... and you can be part of it! Everyone is invited to attend the opening Divine Service at Historic St. Paul's in downtown Kitchener on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening, the convention joins the Reformation Intersections concert at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, the convention will hold a public Meet and Greet for President Bugbee in appreciation for his service to the national church over the past 12 years. Any member of an LCC congregation is welcome to sit in and observe any of the convention business sessions. The schedule is available at [www.lcc2017.ca](http://www.lcc2017.ca)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All boards and committees are reminded to prepare their "wish list" for 2018 and to be in attendance for this important meeting.



**OCTOBER HAS A 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**, and if you have a favourite hymn that you would like sung on October 29<sup>th</sup>, please let the pastor know.

<b>THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE</b>		
<b>Mon.</b>	9:30 a.m.	Office Prayers / Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
<b>Tues.</b>	9:00 a.m.	Pastors meet
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Scholz at Grace
<b>Wed.</b>	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation (Faith)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Faith
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:30 p.m.	Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Castillo at Grace
<b>Sat.</b>	10:00 a.m.	Estudio Biblico en Español
<b>Sun.</b>	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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