FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Southdale Road East London, ON N6E 1A1



Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2023

I... urge you to walk in a manner... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2-3)

MORNING WORSHIP at FAITH	11:00 a.m.
GOD'S KIDS	11:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP at GRACE	9:00 a.m.

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

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Printed Order of Service Holy Communion

HYMNS: 849; 643; 839; 791; 412; 845; 644

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4 (p. 573)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p. 952) **GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 4:12-25 (p. 809)

SERMON: "One in Jesus Though Worldly Different" (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)

MEN ARE INVITED TO THE MEN'S BREAKFAST / BIBLE STUDY MEETING at Faith on Saturday, February 11th at 8:00 a.m. The Bible Study will be the LHM video study "Nurturing Your Faith: God in Worship: discussing how God is present with us when we come together for worship.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND LWML EXECUTIVE will take place next Sunday, January 29th. Please plan to attend.

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH: Next Sunday, January 29th, coffee and tea will be available downstairs. We need a volunteer for this coffee hour.

GUESTS AND HOLY COMMUNION: Both the Gospel and the Sacrament of the Altar contain one and the same gift – the forgiveness of sins. This gift no one can give except the Lamb of God who was slain for the sins of the world. In joyful obedience to His Word, it is our practice to determine doctrinal oneness by those receiving the Sacrament. We therefore ask guests desiring to commune 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special needs: Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Alice, Reiner, Marsha, Shirley, Sara, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Ed, Marian, Al, Sue, Mike and Anne, Stan, Gerda, Melissa, Rachel and children

Homebound: Becky, Ana, Dolores, Grace, Nancy, Delbert

Family Focus: Jamie, Danielle, Ethan, Jack and Cole; Bryan and Gerda; Darcy, Nikki and Athena; Rick, Robin, Kristen and Curtis

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: Both, Jack

USHERS: Ed, Bill, Linda,

David, Alice

FINANCE STEWARDS: Iris & Nancy STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Cheryl & Liz ACOLYTE TODAY: volunteer needed

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MISSION OF THE MONTH: Canadian Lutheran World Relief As an international relief and development agency of the Lutheran communities, CLWR provides opportunities for Canadians to respond to national and international needs.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are available in your mailbox. If you did not receive a box of envelopes but would like some, please speak to Pastor Castillo.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO PASTOR MATHERS for leading our worship this morning.



THE FLOWERS that decorate the altar today are given to the glory of God by Shirley in memory of Tom.

TO ALL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS: Please start thinking about preparing your report for the 2022 Annual Report.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 61; Livestream: Peak Viewers:9; Total Unique Viewers: (until January 17th): 33 GOD'S KIDS: 2

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for help in some areas. If you are interested in being an usher, a counter for Sunday offerings, a sound operator or livestream operator, please speak with Pastor or let the office know.

LIFE QUOTES: "When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved." Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY: We are getting low on some items which are: cereal bars, sugar, fruit cups, pasta sauce, and personal hygiene items. 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 pastor to those individuals requiring perishable items.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING: God continues to bless us far beyond what we deserve. Let us remember to regularly return our very best to the Lord.

UKRAINE NEEDS OUR HELP! Considering the crisis in the Ukraine and the humanitarian needs that are arising, we are inviting members to consider donating to the C.L.W.R – Ukraine. The Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine (SELCU) consists of 14 Congregations; 5 Mission Stations; 3 Humanitarian Foundations; and 1 Seminary. Your donations can be made through Faith offering, use the Lutheran Church Canada website (Missions) or directly to C.L.W.R. donations@clwr.org.

CHRISTIAN ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR will take place next Sunday, January 29th, 2023 here at Faith after morning worship. The presenter is Mr. James Krestick and the topics include:

- A Christian perspective to Estate Planning
- Making a "Christian Will" (a witness to your faith)
- Funeral considerations (let your wishes be known)
- Does your estate plan reveal what you're passionate about?)
- Canada Revenue Agency your un-named beneficiary!

VITALITY SURVEY RESULTS MEETING: We thank you all for your participation in our recent survey. 93 people completed the questionnaire, indicating a strong level of support for this effort. The results of the survey will be shared with all who are interested at a special meeting scheduled for today at 3:00 p.m. Presenting the results will be Pastor Derek Mathers, LCMS English District, who will address all our questions at that time. The Elders at Faith/Grace and Pastor Castillo will not have access to the results prior to the meeting, so we will be receiving this information for the first time, together. Pastor Mathers is preaching at both Grace and Faith today.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: "Hopelessly Hopeful" (Colossians 1:27)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity. Hear this inspirational message on 1290AM on Sunday, January 29th at 12:00 p.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: January 2023 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 don't miss any fellowship activities, bible studies and meetings.



FLOWER CHART: The new flower chart for 2023 has been posted. If you would like to provide flowers to adorn our altar, you can sign your name for the week you prefer. Contact the office if you would like assistance with flowers.

MEMBERS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Please check your information for the congregation's new telephone directory. The draft pages are posted on the library windows. If the information is correct, please put a check mark and your initials beside your name. If there are changes/updates, please make them directly on these pages. Also, if you are aware of any information changes of other members, we would welcome this information – you can add it in the section entitled "Additions and Changes". If you have an email address that you would like included in the new directory, please add it or let the office know, either by phone (519-685-9700) or email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com. **If your name has been highlighted in blue, that means that the office has corrected the information.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Wed. 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (Faith)

Thurs. 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Grace)

Sat. 10:00 a.m. Confirmation class (Faith)

3:00 p.m. Spanish Devotion / Bible Study

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. God's Kids (Faith)

12:15 p.m. Estate Planning/Stewardship Seminar(Faith)