

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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.
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: Confession / Absolutionp. 151
Prayer and Preachingp. 260

HYMNS: 571; 839; 645; “Awesome God”; 685

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6 (p. 611)

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:33-12:8 (p. 947)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 822)

SERMON: “Let’s Confess What Peter Confessed” (Matthew 16:13-20)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A FELLOWSHIP

COMMITTEE: In response to the results of the re:vitality survey and our event ranking, the church council has decided to focus on the church family and community. Our next event will be on Sept. 10th after service. This event will be led by Rolf and Suellen; if you are able to volunteer for this activity, please contact Rolf and Suellen or the church office. We will be inviting the church neighbours.

FROM THE ELDERS: Check out Lutheran Public Radio at lutheranpublicradio.org or their podcasts "issues,etc" and "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" or download the LPR app for Lutheran bible studies and discussions pertaining to the culture in which we live.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



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

Homebound: Becky, Ana, Grace, Nancy, Delbert

Family Focus: Both, Nyabil, Nyawurh, Gai, Thiwat, Gatkuoth, Nyagoa, Nyariy, Nyamut, Nyemuoch and Nyakuoth; Robert; Heather, Adam and Ethan; Karen and Justin

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: Due to the closure of London, ON CJBK, the Lutheran Hour will no longer be aired on this station. Sponsors and listeners are being contacted through every avenue possible in the hope that alternate stations can provide the Lutheran Hour. You are able to enjoy the Lutheran Hour through many other means including live streaming. To access the live streaming links, visit www.lutheranhour.ca

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: Jack, Darcy

ELDERS NEXT MONTH: David, David

USHERS: Ron, Mike & Iris, Scott

USHERS NEXT MONTH: Fred, Dave, Walter & Donna

FINANCE STEWARDS: Iris & Nancy

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Carole & Darcy

SOUND OPERATOR: to be determined

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD: Linda

ALTAR GUILD NEXT MONTH: Connie

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held here at Faith on Sunday, September 17th after service.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 67

Livestream: Peak Viewers:2

Total Unique Viewers: (until August 22nd): 17

MIDWEEK ATTENDANCE: 12

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS:

* to **Memorial Fund** in memory of *Simone* from
Lloyd & Elsie

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.

LIFE QUOTES: “The rainbow is a reminder that God’s grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until He raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God’s amazing grace, and His grace generates your life of genuine gratitude.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH will be held after non-Communion worship services. Please sign up to prepare coffee and tea and also clean up afterwards.

NEW STAIR CHAIR INSTALLATION: Approval was received at our June Congregational meeting that a Stair Chair from Savaria be installed by the south office entrance door to the basement, allowing those with mobility concerns to safely access the basement. The cost of this project will be \$16,184.40, and will be paid by your Faith Capital Improvement fundraising donations and the financial support of a matching grant from LSSL of \$7,190.00. Please prayerfully consider donating to this much needed project.

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.

ESTATE SUBMISSION DEADLINE! This Thursday, August 31st is the deadline for you to submit any suggestions you have concerning how to use the generous donation that Frank Kleiber had given to the church. Please fill out a form which is in the bulletin or on the table at each entrance to the sanctuary.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots (L.A.M.P.)

LAMP has been providing spiritual witness and nurturing faith in communities in remote areas of northern Canada since 1970 through the ministry of pastor / missionary / pilots, and short and long-term volunteers-in-mission. Each year, over 5,000 children, youth, and adults are impacted by the LAMP ministry.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY: We are getting low on some items which are: *cereal, cereal bars, Kraft dinner, sugar, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fish, hearty soups, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, personal hygiene items, and a variety of soups, but not tomato.* 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.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please let the office know a week or two in advance so that it can be included in the bulletin.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: September 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.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS on Tuesday, September 5th at 2:00 p.m. to distribute fliers to local neighbours inviting them to worship with us and to join in on the church's September 10th outdoor event.

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.



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THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE		
*** <i>Pastor Castillo on holidays until Aug. 28th</i>		
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Service with Communion (Faith)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Office hours at Grace
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship / Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship