

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)

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: Printer Order of Service

HYMNS: 379; 374; 733; 370; 782; 509

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p. 621)

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 4:4-7 (p. 974)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:22-40 (p. 857)

SERMON: “The Fullness of Time” (Galatians 4:4-7)

PASTOR CASTILLO AND FAMILY thank you for your kind greetings, cards and gifts of love this Christmas season. Your expressions of love for us give wonderful testimony to the love of God at work in our church and its people. In the joy of His love, we wish you God's richest blessings to all of you this Christmas and every day of the New Year.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “As We Forgive” (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness – what it is and what it isn't. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, Jan. 7th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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, Lloyd

and Elsie

Homebound: Becky, Ana, 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: Jack, Darcy

ELDER NEXT MONTH: David

USHERS: Jack, Keith, Mike

USHERS NEXT MONTH: Bill & Linda, David

FINANCE STEWARDS: Pam & Barb

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Cheryl & Liz

SOUND OPERATOR: Fred

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Connie

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Marian

LESSON READER TODAY: Randy & Mathias

LESSON READER NEXT WEEK: Elder

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.



FLOWER CHART: The new flower chart for 2024 has been posted. Please sign up for a Sunday to adorn our altar as we praise God for the many blessings that He has given us.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 77; COMMUNED: 59

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 1

Total Unique Viewers: (until December 26th): 23

GODS KIDS: 9

ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS EVE: 132

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 5

Total Unique Viewers: (until December 26th): 25

ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS DAY: 46; COMMUNED: 37

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 2

Total Unique Viewers: (until December 26th): 13

LADY LOOKING TO RENT A ROOM IN LONDON: A friend of one of our members is looking for a place here in London. If you have an extra room, and are able to help this sister in Christ, please contact the church office either by phone (519 685 9700) or by email at faithlutheranchurch@rogers.com

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.



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.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY: We are getting low on some items which are: *cereal, cereal bars, Kraft dinner, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned fish, hearty soups, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes, canned vegetables, but not baked beans, 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.

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS AND LWMLC OFFICERS: We are inviting all members of the Council and officers of LWMLC who were elected to serve in our congregation in 2024 to attend their installation during the Service next Sunday, January 7, 2024. We thank our Lord for their willingness to serve the Lord's house this year.

FAITH TELECARE MINISTRY is in operation in our congregation. Five members have taken the task to call members from time to time. The purpose of the Telecare Ministry is to strengthen our relationship with each other and to deliver rich information to the membership. Please give these members your support and prayers. *Pastor Castillo*

LIFE QUOTES: “While it is true that we need to be good stewards of God’s earthly gifts, it is sinful to think that we are in full control of preserving this world. It is sinful to fret about the destruction of this world before the Last Day. This world will not run out of natural resources. We will not be wiped out by climate change, a worldwide pandemic, or a meteor shower if and when those things happen. God says that as long as this earth endures—until Judgment Day—seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. God is in control. God will protect, provide, and preserve this world. Trust in God and see His grace and mercy, especially when sin affects this world. Trust that He gives you what you don’t deserve and more than you could imagine.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife*

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Ukraine

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: January 2024 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.

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.

MEMBERS 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	
Mon.	Church office closed
Tues..	Church office closed
Wed.	10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (Faith)
	7:00 p.m. Elders
Thurs.	10:00 a.m. Office hours at Grace
Sat.	11:00 a.m. Confirmation class (at parents' home)
Sun.	9:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship / Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship