

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 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

HYMNS: 904; 704; 534; 813v.1,6,7; 809

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

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

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

SERMON: “God Calls Us to Journey with Christ and to Serve”
(Matthew 21:28-32)

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDERS: Jack, Darcy

USHERS: Fred, Bob, Rick

FINANCE STEWARDS: Carole & Darcy

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Cheryl & Liz

SOUND OPERATOR: to be determined

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Carol

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Mayra & Martha

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: October 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.

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: Stacy, Liam and Ethan; Dan and Cheryl; Janna-Leigh; Janko, Anka, Katarina and Jana

LIFE CHAIN is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Please join us this year at Richmond Street and Fanshawe Park Road on Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The organizer will greet you and your fellow attendees and provide you non-graphic signs with messages like "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," "Life, the first inalienable right," and "Adoption, the loving option." You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour.

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The MISSION of Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Canada is to Equip, Motivate and Encourage women to grow in God's Word, serve God's people and share God's Son.

2024 NOMINATION FORMS are available for you to nominate church officers. These forms can be found at both entrances. Please nominate members for different positions in the congregation and put the forms in the boxes provided.

LIFE QUOTES: “The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God’s commandment of ‘You shall not murder’ (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being.” *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 68; **COMMUNED:** 54

Livestream: Peak Viewers: 3

Total Unique Viewers: (until September 26th): 16

GOD’S KIDS: 8

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.

CAULKING REQUIRED: When I met with various bricklayers, they all mentioned the need to replace the caulking around the windows and doors at Faith. This item was on this year’s Spring Clean-Up list; however, the weather did not co-operate with us, and therefore, this job was not completed. If you can help us in any way, or if we could get a team lead to instruct others on what is required, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Marian Rutledge or one of the Trustees. Thank you. *Marian*

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.

HARVEST DAY AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. CATHARINES will be Saturday, October 21st, beginning with registration and fellowship at 8:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Saulo Bledoff. This is a great opportunity to meet the Seminary students, our future pastors. The cost for this event is \$18.00, which includes lunch. The deadline for registration is October 12th. Anyone wanting to attend, contact Carol Nagel, 905-774-4030, as soon as possible. Registering after October 12th costs an additional \$4.00.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

*** Mon. – Wed. Pr. Castillo at Fall Conference (Niagara Falls)

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

Thurs. 10:00 a.m. Office hours at Grace

7:00 p.m. Elders

Sat. 10:00 a.m. Confirmation class

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Grace Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Faith Morning Worship / Holy Communion

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

**** Ranking Application of the Estate Gift due today