

Graceline

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Advent/Christmas



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ GRACE LUTHERAN

Friday December 4 at 2:00 PM Christmas Joy Concert!
We open our doors to the residents of the Care Homes of West Kelowna and our surrounding community. Come out and enjoy the music, singing and readings and extend the hand of friendship and enjoy fellowship with our guests. Refreshments follow.

Wednesday December 9 at 7:00 PM – Madagascar Mission

Pastor Jed Schoepp and his wife Elly have returned to Canada from a mission to Madagascar. They will share their experiences with us. Refreshments will follow.

Thursday December 10 at 5:30 PM - Christmas in a Nutshell

We will open our doors to the Girl Guides and the families of the Montessori School who meet in our basement. They will enjoy a pizza supper, singing Christmas Carols and hearing the story Christmas in a Nutshell.

Sunday December 13 at 10:30 AM – Sunday School Pageant

The Children of our Sunday School will proclaim the Good News of Jesus birth in word and song.

Tuesday December 15 at 11:30 AM – Happiness Group Luncheon and hymn sing.

Join us for a turkey dinner, special music, a devotion and Christmas Carols. Learn about "*Good King Wenceslas - Not a prince, but the father of all the wretched.*"

Thursday December 24 at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Come hear the account of the birth of Jesus as told in the Gospel according to St. Luke and sing *Silent Night*, by candlelight.

Friday December 25 at 10:30 AM - Christmas Day Service.

On Christmas Day we continue to worship God, reflect on and celebrate Christ's incarnation and share Holy Communion.

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Pastor Ed's Message

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Advent

On Sunday November 29th, we began celebrating the season of Advent. This season ends on Christmas Eve. The word "advent," means the arrival or coming of a notable person, thing, or event. During the season of Advent, we remember the first coming of Jesus Christ as an infant.

The days and weeks of the Advent season point us to a period of waiting. God's chosen people have been waiting for the coming of God's "Messiah" or "Christ," from the very beginning, from the time of Creation. After Adam and Eve sinned and fell from grace, God promised that a daughter of Eve would bear a son who would crush Satan and restore all Satan had destroyed.

These same days and weeks point us to the time that Mary and Joseph waited for the coming of Jesus. For nine months Jesus grew within Mary. Even this time of growth was foretold in scripture.

God promised King David that the promised Messiah would be one of his descendants. God inspired King David to look back and see God's hand in his own birth and, at the same time, to look into the distant future and see the birth of the Messiah. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 139:13, 15-16).

God's Book, the Old Testament, promised that the Messiah would be the son of David and, at the same time, the very Son of God, born of a virgin. A Messiah was promised, who would be born in Bethlehem, and, as a sign of his birth, a star would appear in the east and Gentiles would come to that light. These same Scriptures promised that the Messiah would perform miracles and teach the people about God's heart. They promised the Messiah would be falsely accused of egregious sins and be killed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin. They promised the Messiah's miraculous resurrection, thereby opening up the doorway to eternal life for those who believe.

At just the right time, when his body was fully formed, as God ordained it, Jesus was born.

Luke's Gospel declares that Jesus' birth represented the fulfillment of the promise of the Messiah's Immaculate Conception and virgin birth in Bethlehem. Matthew's

Gospel declares that a star appeared in the east and certain wise men came from another country to pay tribute to, and to worship the infant King Jesus. The Gospels testify to Jesus' miracles, teaching and his perfect life. Most importantly, they declare Jesus was falsely accused of a crime, crucified, died and rose from the dead in a miraculous resurrection. Jesus did not establish his promised kingdom after his resurrection; rather he ascended into heaven. Jesus did promise that he would come again.

God did not stop with Jesus' ascension. The New Testament speaks of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit working together in the creation of a new body here on earth. We read in 1 Corinthians 12:1-27, where Paul told the church at Corinth, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." As God calls us into a saving relationship, we are baptized and grow in faith, we are made members of the body of Christ. A body that has eyes, ears, legs, arms and hands. We are Christ's presence on earth. It is God who does the growing and the knitting together. This body has grown mysteriously for some 2,000 years and will continue to grow.

As God ordained it, at just the right time, when Jesus' body on earth is fully formed, there will be a birth. There will be another advent when Jesus will return and he will establish his new Kingdom. The members of his body will receive new eternal bodies and we will live with Father, Son and Holy Spirit forever. This is what we wait for. While we wait, Jesus feeds us with Word and Sacrament and gives us jobs to do. Come wait with us every Sunday morning at 9:00AM (Contemporary Service) and 10:30AM (Traditional Service); Christmas Eve at 5:00PM (Praise Band) & 7:00PM (Choir & Special Music) and Christmas Day at 10:30AM (Communion).

In Christ

Pastor Ed Skutshek





Pastor David's Message

O Little Town of Bethlehem

As Christmas is approaching, many of us again make plans for family events, work parties, Christmas concerts and, of course, going to the mall. Some of you will have plans to visit family far away. Traveling means we have to tackle the holiday transit rush. Others will get away from it all and fly to Mexico and enjoy the sunshine. Whatever your plans are, if they are to stay at home and sit by the tree, or to fly across the globe, we still have one journey to embark on again this year. The journey is to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know that on that first Christmas the baby Jesus had guests. These guests had to make plans to travel. A few years ago, we ourselves came from afar to visit the birth place of Jesus. Bethlehem is like any little town in Palestine that we visited. Why is it, that God chose this place where God becomes incarnate in His son Jesus Christ? This is the place where the greatest figure in human history would be born. Jesus could have been born in numerous places where He could have gotten a lot more exposure. In our modern day context we would think that Jesus should be born in a place with a lot more media coverage. Historically speaking, maybe Jesus should have been born in the centre of the universe of the time. Rome, at that age, would be the epicentre. It is no secret back then that people would say: "All roads lead to Rome." Rome in Jesus' day would be like New York or London where culture and fashion is always in vogue. Jesus could have been born in Athens which was considered at the time the intellectual centre of the world. Here new ideas were tested and challenged, yet this is not the place that the Word would become flesh.

God chose Bethlehem for Jesus' birthplace, and yet the world's logic would not likely agree with that conclusion. The prophet Micah claimed that Bethlehem was small among the clans. Micah 5:2 NIV. There was really very little action in Bethlehem, it did not have a lot of historical significance, nor was it an economic power house in its day. One would agree it was a little obscure place, hence we describe it quite well when we sing the song, "*O Little town of Bethlehem. How still we see thee*

lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by."

So why Bethlehem? We need to answer this question by going to the authority of scripture. In Micah 4:8 NIV, it refers to Jesus' birth place. *As for you, watchtower of the flock, stronghold of Daughter Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to Daughter Jerusalem.*" The watchtower of the flock refers to Bethlehem in the Bible. Here the kingship is restored because this is also where King David was born and the Messiah will come from David's line. Bethlehem is fitting for the birth of Christ because Bethlehem means, "House of Bread." Christians refer to Jesus as the Bread of life. In John 6:35, it states: *I am the bread of life he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes in me shall never thirst. NIV.* Jesus came to us to spiritually feed us. The birth of Jesus is important to fulfill scripture, however, what is truly important is that Jesus is born in our hearts. When He is born in our hearts, we are born with Him. In that context, we can grow with Him and get to know that God is with us, "*Emmanuel.*" We do not need to go to Bethlehem to witness this experience of the Christ child. To do that, all we have to do, is be part of an Advent and Christmas worshipping community.

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones this year. May you know and feel the birth of Christ in your heart. May this epiphany draw you closer to our Saviour this year!

Have a merry joyous Christmas!

Pastor David and the Wunderlich Family

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY, SERVICE
AND FELLOWSHIP THIS FALL:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Morning – Discussion Group

Rev. Jim Statham has started a discussion group which meets at 10:15AM, following the first service in the Fireside Room. It will give us an opportunity to explore our faith and life struggles. He believes it is possible for us all to be excited and confident about what we believe! Topics will vary every two to three months. There will be a pot of coffee on. Do invite your non church friends to meet you at ten. Jim has outside preaching obligations normally only once a month in which case there will be no class that morning.

Class Schedule:

December 6	The pervasiveness of belief among humans. How we try to make sense out of life by creating religious world views (operating systems like Windows or Android, etc.) to help us cope with unanswered questions.
December 13	God's plan for what he made: for creation, for us, and how Jesus fits in.
December 20	No Class
December 27	Spare: What would you like discussed? What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Lilias Statham is leading a Ladies Bible Study from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The topic: "*Becoming a Woman of Grace*" another book in the series by author Cynthia Heald. All women are welcome.

WEDNESDAY MORNING REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Ed Skutshek is leading a Bible Study from 11:00 AM to Noon. We continue studying the Book of Revelation using William Hendriksen's book entitled "*More Than Conquerors: An Interpretation of the Book of Revelation.*" Bring a bag lunch with you. Enjoy lunch and discuss what we have just learned, other topics and fellowship.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES!!

Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Fireside Room. There is still time to join the class. If you know of a youth aged 12-13 years who would benefit from Confirmation instruction please call Pastor David @ (250) 769-5685.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children come to the 10:30 service and go to Sunday School after the Children's Time.

Sunday School is for children from ages 3 to 12. New children are always welcome. It is never too late to join Sunday School.

Sunday School Christmas Program:

Sunday December 13th at 10:30 AM.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION MISSION TO MADAGASCAR

Who: Pastor Jed Schoepp and his wife Elly.

What: Will give a presentation on their mission and ministry on the island nation of Madagascar located in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Southeast, Africa.

When: Wednesday December 9th at 7:00 PM

Where: Our main Sanctuary.

Why: So that we can learn about Pastor Jed and Elly's mission and ministry to Madagascar, an island located in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Southeast Africa.

SERVICE

KELOWNA'S GOSPEL MISSION

251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

The 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch and dinner preparation.

If you are called to help contact Penny Pfahl @ 250.707.0418 or by email: pennymelvin@shaw.ca

YOUTH AT RISK

Grace Lutheran congregation has committed to preparing a meal for 50 youth on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. You can help in many ways:

- Make a special donation for the cost of the food used to make the meal.
- Transport the meal from our church to the Boys and Girls Club facility on Main Street. The meal is served at 4:30 PM.

Make a dessert or other item for the meal at your home and bring it to the church on the 2nd Tuesday at noon. If you want to help call Iris MacKinlay at 778-754-1541 or Innes Wunderlich at 778-754-3212.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We love to include Special Music at our 10:30 AM service on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays. If you would be interested in singing a hymn for special music or playing an instrumental piece during the offering please put your name on the special music sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and Miriam will be in touch with you.

PRAISE BAND

Praise Band practices on Friday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. They lead the congregation in song at the 9:00 AM service. We welcome anyone who has a voice and wants to sing to the Lord! Please speak to Deni Skutshek 250.862.9098 or the Church Office 250.769.5685 for information.

GRACE CHOIR

Our Grace Choir performs a musical offering during worship on the first and third Sunday of each month from September to May. We practice on Thursdays from 7:00- 8:30 PM beginning Thursday September 10th. We welcome anyone who has a voice and wants to sing to the Lord! Please speak to Deni Skutshek 250.862.9098 or the Church Office 250.769.5685 for information.

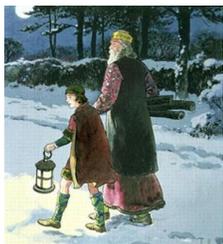
GRACE LUTHERAN WOMEN

Grace Lutheran Women will not meet in December they will meet in January at a date to be announced. They meet in the Fireside Room at 9:30 AM.



FELLOWSHIP

Happiness Group Luncheon



& Hymn sing

Tuesday
December 15, 2015
11:30 AM

“Good King Wenceslas”

Not a prince, but the father of all the wretched.

A ministry of
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March 22, Gospel Mission
April 24, Youth Service & pizza party
May 29, Special Event
July 1, Canada Parade



SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

This year, Grace Lutheran Congregation packed 135 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child began in 1990. In 1993, Operation Christmas Child was adopted by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization run by Franklin Graham. Operation Christmas Child has collected and distributed over 100 million shoebox gifts worldwide. In 2014, Canadians donated more than 700,474 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Shoeboxes are filled with hygiene items, school supplies, and toys, and are given to children regardless of gender, race, or religion. When appropriate, copies of a book entitled The Greatest Gift, which has been translated into 130 different languages, are offered to children after the shoeboxes have already been distributed.

Following the shoebox distributions, local churches and ministry partners are equipped with a 12-lesson Bible study course, titled The Greatest Journey, which introduces interested children to Jesus, shows them how to receive Him and follow Him, and equips them to share their faith with family and friends. They invite interested children to attend the Bible Study.

In 2014, shoeboxes were distributed in the following nations: Uruguay, El Salvador, Guatemala, Sierra Leone, Guinea Bissau, Venezuela, Iraq, Equatorial Guinea, Costa Rica, Guinea, Haiti, Nicaragua, Chile (including Easter Island), Senegal, and Ukraine.

Operation Christmas Child boxes gathered in Canada this year will be distributed by Canadian volunteers in these countries:

Uruguay OCC Mission Team – March 18 - 27, 2016
El Salvador OCC Mission Team – March 12 – 19, 2016
Haiti OCC Mission Team – April 5 - 12, 2016
Costa Rica OCC Mission Team – May 4 – 11, 2016
Senegal OCC Mission Team – June 8 – 19, 2016

New Year's Challenge:

We have some left over shoeboxes. Why not join Pastor Ed in this challenge? Take one or more empty shoeboxes home and fill them over the year when you come across a great deal for hygiene items, socks, mittens, face cloths, school supplies and toys. Every box requires \$7.00 from your coins to cover shipping costs. Then bring the filled boxes to the church next November.

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Ladies Breakfast Saturday December 5th
at the Gatekeeper Restaurant at 9:00 AM.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast Saturday December 12th
at the Gatekeeper Restaurant at 8:30 AM.

Annual Gift Exchange – bring a gift you
made, shot or caught to exchange.

RIDES TO CHURCH

Would you be willing to give a ride to one our parishioners, who lives close to you but is no longer able to drive to Sunday services or attend other congregational events? Call Nora Steffenhagen at (778) 478-4117, she will put you on a roster of drivers and will match you with a parishioner that lives near you.

YOUTH EVENTS

Looking forward to another year of youth activities. Below are upcoming events for the year. If you have any questions or want to join in call Pastor David at the office. 250-769-5685

2015

Dec. 22, Gospel Mission & IHOP

2016

Jan. 31, Youth Service & pizza party

Feb. 28, Lunch Fundraiser & Bowling

COMPASSION CORNER



Remembering: We remember in our prayers all the families of those who have gone on to be with the Lord including the Hamlin/Pearston, Semeniuk, Solomonson, Herbst, Gniewotta, Hagan, Schmidt-Cressman and Hertel, families. *Yet not one of*

them is forgotten by God Luke 12:6b

Interceding: Please pray for those in need of God's healing touch including Sharon Sowles (Diane Hamilton's sister), Mary Timmerman, Harry Prekaski (Penny Nabozniak's father), Gloria Szabo, Dean Rigsby (Deni Skutshek's step-brother), Kurt Tartsch; baby Ewen Wilson, Mary Toth, Lorraine Wentland, Heidi Wakal, Diane Hamilton, Pastor Horst Gutsche, Helene Hack, Walter Semeniuk, Annemarie Mayer, Arline Nikolaj, Tema Fenson, Charlene Klingbeil-Anderson, George Osness, and Lawrence Slind. *And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. James 5:15a*

In Loving Memory



SOLMONSON, Joel Simon
May 6, 1927 – October 16, 2015

Joel passed into the arms of Jesus, his Savior on October 16, 2015 at Okanagan Hospice House in Kelowna, B.C. He passed away peacefully with "the love of his life" Marion, by his side. He was 88.

Joel was born on May 6, 1927 in Eriksdale, Manitoba, the third child of Jonas and Gerda Solmonson. He was predeceased by his parents his brother Alrik, and a sister Anna Wilkinson. He is survived by his beloved friend Marion Mainville, three sisters, Sarah Gaetz (Ken) of Kelowna, Viola Wilson (David) of Winnipeg, and Edith Benson (Harvey) of Kelowna. Also many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and extended family.

Joel worked in the printing trade for many years. His first employment was with the Fort Frances Times and later with a newspaper in Atikokan, Ontario. The family relocated to Winnipeg in 1943 where Joel became a type-

setter for a Swedish newspaper and also the Winnipeg Tribune.

In 1990, Joel set his sights on Kelowna where he enjoyed 25 years of life in the sun in the Okanagan. Grace Lutheran Church was where he worshipped and was a faithful member of that congregation.

Joel was a kind and gentle man, hardworking and generous in giving to those in need.

The family would like to say a big "Thank you" to the wonderful, dedicated staff at the Hospice House for caring for our beloved brother during his last days. Thanks also to Rev. Ed. Skutshek, his beloved pastor for the last 15 years, and Dr. Bernard Lewke for his special care of Joel for 25 years. May our Lord bless each one.

A memorial service celebrating Joel's life, was held at Grace Lutheran Church, 1162 Hudson Road, West Kelowna B.C. on Friday, October 23rd at 11:00 A.M.



SEMENIUK, Walter

June 28, 1931–November 9, 2015

Walter was born June 28, 1931 at Tomahawk, Alberta. He passed away of November 9, 2015 at age 84. Surviving him is his wife, Laurine, his three sons, Gregory (Sue), Paul (Marilou) and Nathan (Janet); grandchildren, Talia, Kayleigh,

Tekoa, Jacob and Nicole. Sadly predeceased three months ago by his grandson, Daniel. Walter was a farmer at heart. After moving to Kelowna in 1970, he worked as a trucker with Brian St. George, All Trans Express and VanKam. After retirement he enjoyed woodworking in his car port leaving us with many items to remember him by.

A reception followed the service in our Fellowship Hall. The Semeniuk family would like to thank Lil Semenchuk (Laurine's sister), Len & Kathy Wozniuk (Laurine's brother and sister-in-law), and Garry Jespersen for the beautiful music played today. They also want to thank our usher, Jack Burt Hack; the sound booth technicians, Vivien Georgeson, Al Hamilton & Ted Schoepp; and the Grace Lutheran Women for providing lunch. The family wishes to thank Everden-Rust Funeral Services, for their assistance, and to Pastor David for officiating and Pastor Ed for his guidance and preaching.



LCMC Convention 2015

Highlights

Theme: LCMC's DNA

Location: Dallas, Texas

DNA Defined: Our bodies have around 210 different types of cells. Each cell does a different job to help our body to function. There are blood cells, bone cells, and cells that make our muscles. Cells get their instructions on what to become and what do to from their DNA. DNA acts sort of like a computer program. The cell is the computer or the hardware and the DNA is the program or code.

Within each string of DNA are sets of instructions called genes. A gene tells a cell how to make a specific protein. Proteins are used by the cell to perform certain functions, to grow, and to survive.

Although DNA looks like very thin long strings under a microscope, it turns out that DNA has a specific shape. This shape is called a double helix. A helix is an object having a three-dimensional shape like that of a wire wound uniformly in a single layer around a cylinder or cone, as in a corkscrew or spiral staircase.

On the outside of the double helix is the backbone which holds the DNA together. There are two sets of backbones that twist together. Between the backbones are the nucleotides represented by the letters A, T, C, and G. A different nucleotide connects to each backbone and then connects to another nucleotide in the center.

About 99.9 percent of the DNA of every person on the planet is exactly the same. It's that 0.1 percent that is different that makes us all unique. If you unravelled all the DNA molecules in one cell of your body it would measure 2 meters. If you did the same to every cell in your body and placed them end to end, it would stretch to the Sun and back several times.

Jesus is the one who made DNA. When we become children of God, Jesus is our DNA. He determines what we become.

Through various speakers, including past and present leaders of LCMC, and other Lutheran leaders, LCMC's DNA was unpacked.



LCMC's congregations are:

Free in Christ: Freedom as defined by Martin Luther: "A Christian man is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone."

Freedom is thus not about unbridled liberty, but rather, through Jesus Christ, to have freedom from sin, death and the Devil together with the privilege of being God's people. Christians are also called to be free of false teachings. Like CALC, LCMC was formed as a lifeboat for individuals and congregations who wanted to be free of the false teachings of the ELCA (sister body to the ELCIC).

There must be freedom in the expression of worship, provided that worship conforms to our confessional understanding: For it is sufficient for the true unity of the Christian church that the Gospel be preached [with one accord] in conformity with a pure understanding of it and that the sacraments be administered in accordance with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that ceremonies, instituted by men, should be observed uniformly in all places. It is as Paul says in Eph. 4:4-5 "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism." We should not continue to bicker about worship styles.

Accountable to One Another: Congregations of LCMC are bound together by a common Confession of Faith. The Association

disciplines its own. There is no need for a Bishop who is part of the apostolic succession. The Reformation was an escape from the tyranny of the Pope. Lutherans had to learn to live together. Lutherans believe that the Reformation continues. We must disassociate with those who would bind us to false teaching.

Rooted in Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

LCMC's congregations are committed to making Disciples. Discipleship is rooted in the study of Scriptures and the application of Scriptures to daily life, including our vocation. Disciples of each generation must be committed to passing on their faith and beliefs to the next generation.

LCMC congregations are also rooted in our Lutheran Confessions. Our Confessions can be distilled to this statement: Word = Faith. It is the Word of God, most particularly the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which the Holy Spirit uses to create faith in our Triune God. It is the Word, together with the elements used in the Sacraments that wash us, justify us and create faith and trust in God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

The congregations of LCMC find their common mission is found in Christ's Great Commission. Speakers encouraged delegates to think in this way:

LCMC's congregations are called to be mission congregations and each congregational member is called to be a missionary.

Weekly worship should be seen as a time to praise God, be fed with the word and Sacrament and be strengthened for service.

Preaching and teaching must urge congregants to become Disciples of Christ that are called to bring Jesus to their neighborhood, school and workplace.

CALC President's Itinerary

September 19-21st Pastor Ed participated in a CALC National Council meeting in Calgary on the 19th. He ordained and installed John Graham as the Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Sullivan, Ontario on the 20th.

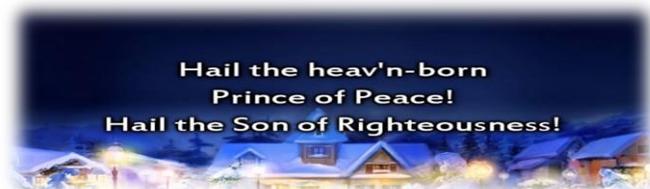
October 4-7, Frisco, Texas – Pastor Ed and Deni participated as delegates for Grace in LCMC's 2015 Annual Gathering. Pastor Ed participated, as President of CALC, in a panel discussion held on the Tuesday evening of the convention. The panel was convened in order to discuss the recent US Supreme Court decision which legalized same gender marriage in all of the US. The panel discussion will be online this coming winter.

October 14-15, Pastor Ed led CALC's 2015 Annual Pastor's Study Retreat at Camp Nakamun, north of Edmonton.

October 16-18, Pastor Ed led CALC's 2015 annual general convention at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Edmonton. On Sunday, October 18th, he ordained Pastor Ted in Wetaskiwin, AB.

October 31-November 1, Pastor Ed visited St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Cornwall, ON and met with the Call Committee from All Saints, Lutheran Church, Ottawa, ON.

December 5th Pastor Ed will gather leaders from three of our CALC congregations and an independent Lutheran Church located in the Vancouver area for the purpose of beginning a dialogue on how they may coordinate their ministry efforts.



DECEMBER 2015 - GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00 PM Stewardship Committee 2:00PM Lakeside Chapel PE	2 11:00 AM Bible Study & Table Talk 4:00PM Confirmation	3 5:30PM Girl Guides 7:30PM Choir Practice	4 2:00 PM 6 th Annual Christmas Joy Concert 4:00PM Praise Band	5 9:00 AM Ladies Breakfast Gatekeeper Pastor Ed in Vancouver CALE
6 2 nd Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM C-Worship 10:15AM Discussion Group with Rev. Jim 10:30 AM T-Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 4:00-8:00PM Melodie P. Music Recital Sanctuary	7 7:50 PM Church Council	8 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM Bible Study & Table Talk 7:00PM Madagascar Presentation by Jed & Elly Schepp	9 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM Bible Study & Table Talk 7:00PM Madagascar Presentation by Jed & Elly Schepp	10 5:30PM Girl Guides & Montessori Pizza & Christmas in a Nutshell Party 7:00PM Choir Practice	11 6:00PM Praise Band	12 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast Gatekeeper 2:00PM-4:00PM Karen Emmond Music Recital
13 3 rd Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM C-Worship 10:15AM Discussion Group with Rev. Jim 10:30AM Sunday School Christmas Program 1:30PM Brookhaven PE	14 11:30AM Good King Wenceslas Happiness Group Luncheon	15 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM Bible Study & Table Talk	16 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM Bible Study & Table Talk	17 5:30PM Girl Guides 7:00PM Choir Practice	18 4:00PM Praise Band	19 1:00-4:00 PM Finnish Service
20 4 th Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM C-Worship 10:30 AM T-Worship	21 6:30-8:30PM Mary Reynolds Piano Recital Sanctuary	22 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gospel Mission Youth Event with Pastor David & IHOP Lunch to follow	23 School Break	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Praise Band Candlelight Service 7:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day -Office Closed- 10:30 AM Communion Service	26 School Break
27 1 st Christmas 9:00 AM C-Worship 10:15AM Discussion Group with Rev. Jim 10:30 AM T-Worship	28 School Break	29 School Break	30 School Break	31 School Break	January 1, 2014 New Year's Day -Office Closed- PASTOR ED AWAY	January 2, 2014 School Break PASTOR ED AWAY