

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (Locksley)

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*The Feast of The Holy Innocents*

## WELCOME

*In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
may you find within these doors rest of soul, peace of heart and  
strength to walk with God all the days of your life.*

## THE HOLY INNOCENTS

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:30 am

**PASTOR:**

Reverend Paul Williams

**ACOLYTE:**

Karter Boucher

**ASSISTING ELDERS:**

Ron Stresman & Keith Wright

**ORGANIST:**

Koren Marquardt

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

Kevin Gillissie & Arnold Raglin

**ALTAR GUILD:**

Donna Bourgoin & Paulette Medeiros

## OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

### **ORDER OF MATINS**

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**First Hymn:** The People That in Darkness Sat #412

**Office Hymn:** Sweet Flow'rets of the Martyr Band (TLH #273) *see below*

**Hymn before Sermon:** By All Your Saints in Warfare #517 vs 1,9,3

**Last Hymn:** What Child Is This #370

**Lessons:** Psalm 54; Jer. 31:15-17; Rev. 14:1-5; Matt. 2:13-18

**Catechism Lesson:** The Creed, The Second Article pg 322

## *Sweet Flow'rets of the Martyr Band (TLH #273)*

*1 Sweet flow'rets of the martyr band,  
Plucked by the tyrant's ruthless hand  
Upon the threshold of the morn,  
Like rosebuds by a tempest torn;*

*3 Ah, what availed King Herod's wrath?  
He could not stop the Savior's path.  
Alone, while others murdered lay,  
In safety Christ is borne away.*

*2 First victim for th'incarnate Lord,  
A tender flock to feel the sword;  
Beside the very altar, gay,  
With palm and crown, ye seemed to play.*

*4 O Lord, the Virgin-born, to Thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.*



## OUR PRAYERS

Please include in your prayers; Pastor Hamp (Kitchener), Carol Saar, Kathy Turcotte, Allen Mask, Betty Lorbetskie and those shut-in; Dorothy Craig, and in Long-term Care and Retirement homes; Hattie Nagora (Woodstock), Leona Mau (Miramichi), Ken Biesenthal (Marianhill), Frieda Biesenthal (Pinewood), and Shirley Gorr (Heritage Manor). **If anyone desires prayer on behalf of family or friends, please contact Pastor Williams or the Secretary.**

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Council members and groups, please have your Annual Reports to the secretary no later than **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

## ACCEPTED CALL

Pastor Charles St. Onge from Montreal has accepted the call to St. John's Lutheran, Pembroke. Installation details will follow in the new year.

## NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new 2026 offering envelopes are ready for pickup in the Parish Hall. Members and visitors that do not have offering envelopes may use a regular envelope with **your name, address and date** added.

## PARISH HALL FLOORING UPDATE

As of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the donations that have been received for the Parish Hall Flooring total \$20, 961.85. The total cost of the flooring is \$31, 850.56 with a **balance owing of \$10,888.71**. Donations are greatly appreciated. If donating, please mark the envelope "Parish Hall Flooring".

## NEW YEARS EVE WORSHIP

Everyone is welcome to attend Christ Lutheran Church, Petawawa's New Years Eve worship service **December 31<sup>st</sup>** at 7pm, with a shepherd's pie meal at 6pm.

## SCHEDULES

- **Youth Catecheses** -will restart **January 8<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm
- **Sunday School** -restart **January 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15am
- **Adult Catechesis/Bible Study** -restart **January 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am
- **Fellowship** -restart **January 11<sup>th</sup>** following worship service

## COMING UP THIS WEEK...

SUN 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion

## LAST WEEK'S DISCIPLESHP:

Worship Attendance -162 (Dec 21/25) Membership - 301  
-112 (Christmas Eve), 38 (Christmas Day)

Sunday School Attendance -35 (Dec 21/25)

<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted Requirement</u>
General Treasury	\$3,693.00	
Plate	\$ 287.25	
Total General Treas.	<u>\$3,980.25</u>	\$3,422.00
Missions	\$ 892.00	\$ 308.00
Lutheran Hour	\$ 20.00	
CLWR	\$ 10.00	
Bulletin Sponsor	\$ 100.00	
Christmas Offering	\$ 5.00	
Parish Hall Flooring	\$ 10.00	
Total Offerings	<u>\$5,017.25</u>	<u>\$3,730.00</u> Total per Week

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*May God's Blessings Pour Upon You  
and Grant You a Prosperous, Healthy  
and Happy New Year!*

**Jer. 31:15-17** Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope for your future, declares the Lord, and your children shall come back to their own country.

**Rev. 14:1-5** Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

**Matt. 2:13-18** Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."