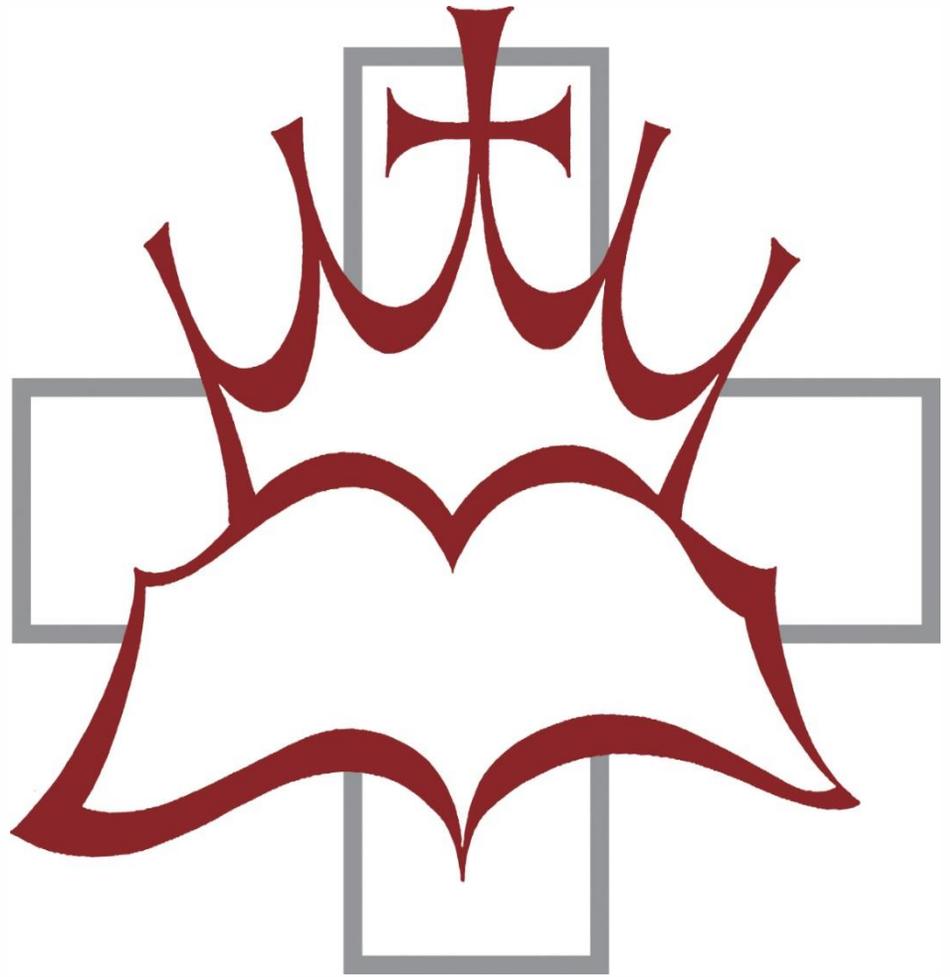


All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2017



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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church Canada

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All Saints Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

9:45 am - Sunday School and Bible Classes for All Ages

2:00 pm - Nuer Language Service

Prelude

Call to Worship Bells

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor Brothers and sisters in Christ We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sins and our need for the Savior.

Pastor Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Holy God, You have called us to obey You in all things and to live according to Your commands. We have failed to be obedient, even though You have set us apart to be holy. We have been sinful in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our faults and seek Your cleansing forgiveness.**

Pastor Saints of God, know that even as you confess your sins, you are forgiven by our God, the Holy One who has called you to be holy. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie

Pastor In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace from above and for the salvation of all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the communion of saints on earth, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For this holy house and for all the holy ones who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

For All the Saints

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

First Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

(SS Choir ~ 11:00, Henri Schafer, director)

"Jesus Loves Me/He Reigns"

by Peter Furler, Steve Taylor

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Thy Strong Word *LSB #578 vs. 1,3,6*

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;

Bright with Thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory,

And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

God the Father, light-creator,

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever

Praise the holy Trinity!

Sermon

Habakkuk 2:1-4



Apostles' Creed

All

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Pastor

Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:

ROBERT ARTHUR PETERS

June 6, 1934 – November 25, 2016

FREDERICK SCHLEGEL

December 29, 1932 – December 23, 2016

ILENE EDITH LEMP

January 3, 1932 – December 28, 2016

RUTH MARIE SWARTZ

September 8, 1929 – February 22, 2017

LLOYD ELMORE ALLENSEN

January 22, 1932 – March 4, 2017

DORIS ELIZABETH YOUNG

February 17, 1930 – April 5, 2017

ROBERT WILLIAM DAVID LEITCH

May 4, 1958 – May 6, 2017

PHYLLIS TSCHIRSCHKE

March 30, 1921 – June 14, 2017

MURRAY CLAYTON SCHMIDT

March 22, 1925 - July 5, 2017

CARLA BARBARA ANN HARTNELL

October 19, 1960 – September 12, 2017

ROBERT GEORGE JOLIVET

December 17, 1927 – September 18, 2017

AUDREY PAULENE DOERR

April 20, 1928 – September 24, 2017

KEVIN BURTON LOVELL

September 6, 1957 – October 1, 2017

JAMES OLIVER ENGLISH

September 21, 1935 – October 1, 2017

Pastor

. . . and all others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord Jesus....Let us pray.

Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- Pastor* Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
For the gift of God's peace to rest upon all His saints, that we may know the blessing of His forgiveness in the cross and resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Holy Lord, have mercy.**
- Pastor* For the holy Christian Church, which is the communion of saints, that the saving Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed both here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Holy Lord, send forth Your saving Word.**
- Pastor* For our native land, our local community, and for all who lead and govern us, that the saints of God may lead peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Holy Lord, grant Your favor to our land.**
- Pastor* For all those who are in need, for those who hunger both physically and spiritually, and for all those who feel lost and are without a home, that they may come to the Father's house of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Holy Lord, guide us unto You.**
- Pastor* For those who are sick, hospitalized, and homebound, for those who are recovering from surgery and for those who await procedures in the coming days, [including . . .], that they may be consoled by the faithful care of the Great Physician, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Holy Lord, give healing and strength to all who are in need.**
- Pastor* For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before our faithful Father, we may take refuge in His never-failing care for all His saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Holy Lord, we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Service of Holy Communion

- Pastor* The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
- Pastor* Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Pastor* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns

Alleluia Sing to Jesus *LSB #822*
 I know that my Redeemer Lives *LSB #461*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the one true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Sing with all the Saints in Glory (*tune 803*)

**Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song!
 Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.
 All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease;
 In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.**

Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
 Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived.
 God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
 Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
 Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
 Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
 When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

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Preacher Pastor Nolan Astley
Officiant.....Pastor Roland Syens
Communion Assistants..... Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (8:30)
 Pastors Dieter Kays, Gary Weber (11:00)
Organist.....Jennifer Massicotte
Piano..... Madison Neustaedter (8:30)
Acolytes Mercedes Bauer, Evangeline Branje (8:30)
Brigitte Bridgemohan, Bridget Coleman (11:00)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we give thanks for the *safe return of our Nicaragua mission team* as well as for *Pastor Chuol's return from his time in Ethiopia*. We remember all those who mourn and we lift up to the Lord, **Rob Schein, Kurt Boese, and Kathy Hallman** who have all been in hospital this past week.

Adult Bible Class will focus on the church's greatest treasure, the Gospel of the grace and glory of God. In the 95 Theses Luther proclaimed this good news and 500 years later it is still our focus. Grab a coffee and join us in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am.

YABS this Sunday, we will study Daniel 3. Join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Youth Bible Class we continue our study of Angels with Lesson 4, Names for Angels.

Coming Events...

The National dialog group for Lutheran Church - Canada and the Roman Catholic Church will meet this **Friday, November 10** here at Holy Cross. This group meets twice a year and alternates between Lutheran and Roman Catholic locations. Pastor Astley as well as Pastor Hamp from Faith, Dr. Thomas Winger and Dr. John Stephenson from the St. Catharines seminary are the LC-C members of the group. The Roman Catholic church is represented by Bishop Gerard Bergie of St. Catharines, Michael Attridge from St. Michael's University in Toronto, Rev. Tim Scott of Montreal, Jean Pierre Fortin from Chicago and Emily VanBerkum from Toronto. Please keep this meeting in your prayers as in a small way we work toward fulfilling Christ's prayer that His Church be one.

Fall Supper featuring a prime rib dinner, is being hosted by the Board of Fellowship **Saturday, November 11 at 5:30 pm**. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre.

Christian Wills & Estate Planning Seminar on **November 12, 2017** Alfred Feth, the East District Gift Coordinator of Lutheran Foundation – Canada, that will start with a light lunch, **from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm**. The presentation will discuss recent changes within Ontario's Estate and Administration Act and changes to federal trust acts that have changed the landscape of the Estate Planning Process. For almost everyone, there is a huge opportunity to teach about stewardship through good estate planning. Most have not considered how significant their will can be in terms of sharing the Gospel through a Statement of Faith or for how they can be of great service to their congregation and the ministries of Lutheran Church-Canada through the opportunity of planned giving. **Please sign up in the parlour ~ Deadline is Wednesday, November 8**, for those who wish to attend the light lunch. There is no cost for the lunch but a free will offering will be taken.

Organ Recital come and hear our new Casavant organ **Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m.** Angus Sinclair from London will serve as organist and Kim Silver will play a couple of selections on her flute accompanied by the organ. Stay for a time of refreshment following the concert.

Operation Christmas Child – If you're looking to help someone in need this Christmas pick up box from the back door. The instructions are inside and we ask you to have the boxes back in **Sunday, November 12** so they can be shipped in time for Christmas.

PD Day VBS!! Here at Holy Cross on **Friday, November 17, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and our registrations forms are now available at the Welcome center desk. Please return completed forms to the DPS intern box outside the office by **November 12**, any questions contact Lenora at: lenora@holycrosskitchener.org

Christmas Caroling is taking place **Sunday, December 3 at 1:30 pm**. Sign up sheets will soon be available. For more information contact Marjorie Snyder 519-745-4698

Sound and Video Operators Needed We are in the process of updating our audio and video systems at Holy Cross and these improvements require more operators for this expanding ministry. Operators will be fully trained so no experience needed. Willing to serve, good hearing and an inclination toward technical things is all you need. Once trained, operators are put on a rotating schedule for early and late services. Contact Claude Massicotte 519-576-4949

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	144 & 241	Total 385	('16 – 369)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 33 Staff: 13	Total 46	('16 – 54)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 65 Staff: 1	Total 66	('16 – 51)
YABS:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 1	Total 8	('16 – 10)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 1	Total 6	('16 – 11)
Financial Status:			
Needed Last Week:	\$ 12,245	Needed YTD:	\$593,774
Received Last Week:	\$ 8,914	Received YTD:	\$595,017
Organ Fund Status:			
Received Last Week:	\$305.00	Current Fund Balance:	\$33,294.21

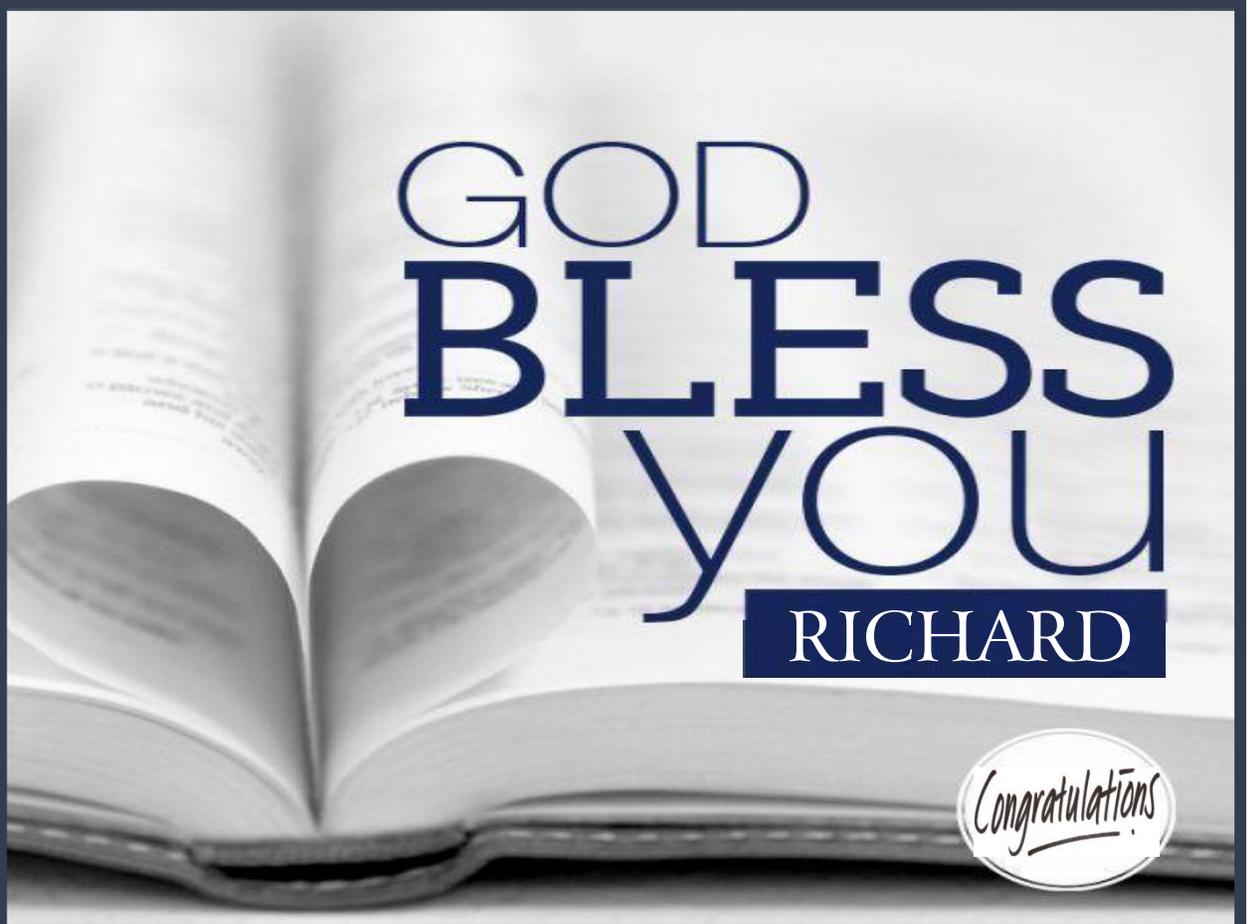
Thankoffering: In honour of **PASTOR LLOYD WENTZLAFF**'s birthday to the Organ Fund from Shirley Wentzlaff & Family.

Memorial: In memory of **KEVIN LOVELL** to the Organ Fund from Brian & Christa Hallman. In memory of **ROD & RUTH SWARTZ** to the Organ Fund from Cliff & Sherry Swartz-Hill.

Weekly Calendar

Monday November 6 to Sunday November 12, 2017

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	AP Committee, <i>Church Library</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Youth Centre</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:15 p.m.
	Parish Planning Council Budget Meeting, <i>Church Library</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Women's Renewal Committee, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Nuer Ladies, <i>Basement</i>	6:00 p.m.
	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Redeemer Lutheran Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	2:00 p.m.
	Fall Supper, <i>Gym</i>	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Basement</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
Christian Will & Estate Seminar, <i>Basement</i>	12:15 p.m.	
Organ Recital, <i>Church</i>	3:00 p.m.	



Congratulations!

The Board of Church Properties offers congratulations to

Richard Roth

on his upcoming retirement. Richard has faithfully served as Church Sexton/Custodian for 16 years here at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. He will officially retire at the end of December, 2017. We wish him many blessings on his retirement.

Our church family will now be looking to hire a new Sexton.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, please forward a resume to the church office as soon as possible. A full job description will be made available in the near future.

FALL Supper

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, November 11 @ 5:30 pm

Prime Rib Dinner...

Juice, Soup, Rolls & Salad, Prime Rib, Mashed Potatoes
Apple Crisp, Coffee & Tea

Sign-Up sheets are at
the Welcome Centre

A Freewill Offering
will be gathered.



**Lutheran Foundation Canada
Is pleased to announce a**

Christian Wills and Estate Planning Seminar

Sunday November 12, 2017

*With a light lunch starting around 12:15 pm
(sign up for lunch at the Welcome Centre)*

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Kitchener, ON**

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