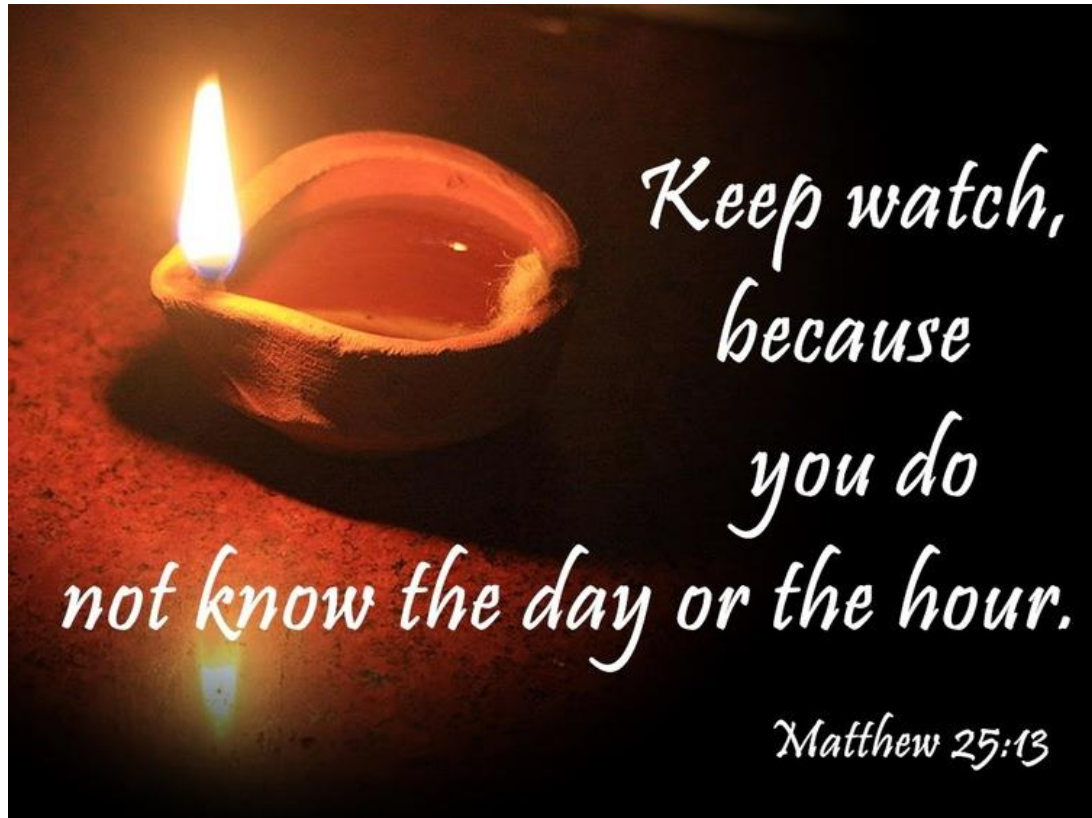


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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

12:15 pm - Christian Will & Estate Planning

3:00 pm - Organ Recital

**Order of Service:** Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184

**Hymns:** 802, 595, 801

**Readings:** Amos 5:18-24 (Pew Bible, Page 890)  
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Pew Bible, Page 1148)  
 St. Matthew 25:1-13 (Pew Bible, Page 961)

**Anthem:** "I Will Rise" by Chris Tomlin (*Ken Griffin ~ soloist*)

**Sermon** St. Matthew 25:1-13

## "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

**Special Music:** Kristopher Griffin (*piano*)

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*), Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Anne Forler (*Organist*), Madison Freiter & Alarick Hildebrand (8:30 *Acolytes*), Nyamuoch Kong & Kaylee Manuel (11:00 *Acolytes*).

**Prayer Concerns:** We pray for the **153 million orphans** in our world for God's comfort and support through others; for wisdom to world leaders and peace; for those dealing with depression, mental illness, addictions, cancer, those in hospital or recovering from illness especially **Kurt Boese, Rob Schein, Tammy Lyn Cowan and Kathy Hallman**; for **Lutheran Church-Canada** and the restructuring process; for continued wisdom and guidance to President Bugbee and other leaders of the church; for students as they study and as they prepare and write papers and exams that God give them wisdom.

**Christian Wills & Estate Planning Seminar** is **today** that will start with a light lunch, from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm in the basement.

**Organ Recital** come and hear our new Casavant organ **this afternoon 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 after.

**Operation Christmas Child** –we need your boxes back **today** so they can be shipped in time for Christmas.

## Coming Events...

**PD Day VBS** here at Holy Cross this **Friday November 17 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm** for children Kindergarten to Gr. 7. It's not too late to register! If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Lenora at [Lenora@holycrosskitchener.org](mailto:Lenora@holycrosskitchener.org) to register.

**No Youth! Friday, November 17!** The youth will be attending the Jello-on-Stick Youth Retreat, (**November 17-19, Fisherville, Ontario**). If you are interested in attending please contact Lenora. Come learn all about the Diet of Worms, play games, have fun, and meet youth from all over the East District.

**Rake and Run is happening on Saturday, November 25.** If you would like to help, please contact Lenora.

**Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays – Sunday, November 26 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. here at Holy Cross.** Those who are grieving can find the holidays even more difficult. This will be an evening of learning how to survive the holiday season. Even if you are not part of Griefshare, but have lost someone close to you in death, please come.

**WICK** is coming **Saturday, December 2** here at Holy Cross at 10:00 a.m. Come learn about different Christmas traditions from around the world. We look forward to you joining us for this casual , friendly time-out for women. We'll put the coffee on... please bring a small food item to share at our refreshment table.

**Caroling to Shut-ins:** Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 3**. You are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat together after the late service as we meet at **1:00 p.m.** in the basement to organize into teams and set out at 1:30 for our visits. We plan to return to the church at 4:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church parlour. For more information contact Marjorie Snyder at 519-745-4698 or e-mail: marjoriesnyder@rogers.com

## Please Note...

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**Christmas gift idea..**The Knotty Ladies have an assortment of beautiful comforters ready to give the “gift of warmth” this Christmas. Please see Mavis Mann (519-743-1922), Doreen Groff (519-576-4566) or Joyce Stuckhardt (519-743-8974) to make a selection.

**Nursery volunteers** We need more volunteers for this ministry at our Church. If you are 16 years of age or older, have APP training, or are willing to receive it, then please be part of our team! It would be on a rotational basis for the 11:00 service. Please see Anita Syens, rasyens@hotmail.com, 519-896-7574.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

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<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	129 & 213			
<b>Nuer Service Attendance:</b>	23	Total	365	('16 – 369)
<b>Sunday Communion Attd:</b>	108 & 155	Total	263	('16 – 280)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 34	Staff: 12	Total 46	('16 – 59)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 53	Staff: 1	Total 54	('16 – 71)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 4	Staff: 2	Total 6	('16 – 3)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 6	Staff: 1	Total 7	('16 – 15)

**Thankoffering:** In honour of **DON KRAFT's** 89<sup>th</sup> birthday to the Unified Church Budget from Don & Mille Kraft. In honour of **JAMES & LOIS STARK** to the Unified Church Budget from James Stark.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday November 13 to Sunday November 19, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom, Panel Room</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
	AP Committee, <i>Church Library</i> .....	6:45 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Sunday School Teachers, <i>Church Library</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Young Adult Bible Study, <i>Youth Centre</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	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.
	Board of Worship, <i>Youth Centre</i> .....	7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday - Sunday - Jello On a Stick Youth Retreat, Fisherville, On</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	PD Day VBS, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Nuer Ladies, <i>Basement</i> .....	6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Nuer Bible Study, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Nuer Language Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	

“By God’s grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ.” - *Vision Statement 2010*