

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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The Epiphany of Our Lord

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

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 397, 400, (370, 367), 412

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Pew Bible, Page 723)
 Ephesians 3:1-12 (Pew Bible, Page 1134)
 St. Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, Page 934)

Anthem: *"One King"* by Jeff Borders, Gayla Borders and Lowell Alexander
 (duet by Shari & Eden Keller)

Sermon "MANGER STRANGERS" St. Matthew 2:1-12

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastors Joe Das & Konny Hahn (*8:30 Communion Assistants*), Pastors William Chuol & Gary Weber, Rick Hutfloetz (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Kaylee Manuel (*8:30 Acolyte*), Rebecca Rempel (*11:00 Acolyte*), Erik Reed (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Ben Branje & Jack Chuol (*11:00 Sound Operators*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember ***Pastor Chuol and his family as they mourn the passing of Pastor's mother*** in a refugee camp in Gambella, Ethiopia. Pastor Chuol's mother was 81 years old and had been in poor health for a short time. We also remember the ***family of Kay Stauch*** who passed away December 28 and who was given a Christian Funeral this past Wednesday. We continue to uphold ***Jafar, Maryam, Benyamin and Danial*** in our prayers as they await interviews and complete other steps toward being received in Canada as refugees. Finally, we remember the three men who have been chosen to serve as ***Regional Pastors in Lutheran Church – Canada***, Rev. Rob Mohns in the Western District, Rev. David Haberstock in the Central District and Rev. Marvin Bublitz in the East District.

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School – Welcome back to a new term in Sunday School. We will be starting our journey through the life of Christ picking up with the story of Epiphany and working our way toward the cross.

Youth Bible Class – Will be up in the youth room!

Adult Bible Class will conclude its study of Messianic Prophecies looking at Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Grab a coffee and join the discussion in the Sanctuary at 10 am. Beginning next Sunday Pastor Syens will lead Bible Class, focussing on the Ten Commandments.

Coming Events...

Parish Planning Council Meeting is this **Wednesday January 9** at **7:30 p.m.**

Prime Time Bible Study! Resumes this **Thursday, January 10**. Join us from 1:30-2:30 to delve into God's word and what it means for our lives today.

Grades 6-12! - Circuit Youth is **THIS FRIDAY, January 11** at Redeemer Lutheran in Waterloo from **7-9:30 p.m.** Please RSVP to Lenora at: lenora@holycrosskitchener.org by Wednesday, January 9.

Officers and Board Directors, your reports are due to the church office next **Sunday, January 13** so that the report can be prepared for the Voter's Assembly on **Sunday, January 27**.

GriefShare starts on **Monday January 14**, 6:30-8:30 pm and runs for 13 weeks.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. You'll learn valuable information that will help you at this difficult time in your life. If now doesn't feel like the right time for you, you are welcome to join anytime. For more information, please contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574.

Confirmation Classes begin again on **Wednesday January 23** at **6:15 p.m.** Please note that for the winter term we will NOT be offering the full LINC program on Wednesday evenings.

National Youth Gathering 2019! - If you are planning to go to the NYG 2019 in Langley B.C. from July 5-9, your commitment deposit is due **January 31**. Please talk to Lenora if you have any questions or concerns.

Men's Retreat will be held at the **Guelph Bible Centre on March 1 and 2, 2019**. The speaker will be Rev. Charles St-Onge, Pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal. The topic will be Science and the Bible. The cost will be \$125 for lodging, meals and snacks or \$85 if no accommodation is required.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Christmas Eve Attendance:	434 & 288	Total	722	('17 - 585)
Christmas Day Attendance:	232	Total	232	('17 - 144)
Christmas Day Communion:	157	Total	157	('17 - 121)
Christmas Day Nuer Service:	410	Total	410	
Sunday Attendance:	76 & 169	Total	245	('17 - 269)
New Year's Eve Attd:	106	Total	106	('17 - 93)
New Year's Eve Communion:	95	Total	95	('17 - 80)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 3 Staff: 3	Total	6	('17 - 18)
Mission Presentation:	Pupils: 44 Staff: 1	Total	45	('17 - 50)

Thankoffering: In honour of **JENNIE BLOCH** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Victoria Seip. In honour of **JUDY SIEGNER**'s birthday to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Richard & Christine Seip.

Memorial: In memory of **GERRY WENTZLAFF** to the Unified Church Budget from Verica Ketko. In memory of **FLORENCE RINGWALD** to the Unified Church Budget from Verica Ketko. In memory of **RON SCHAUS** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Martha Schaus. In memory of brother-in-law **ROY CHAPPEL** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Verica Ketko. In memory of **KAY STAUCH** to the Lutheran Hour from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. To Missions from Ron & Doris Johnston. To the Unified Church Budget from David & Wilma Reist. To the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **JIM KELLER** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Marg Klages.

Weekly Calendar

Monday January 7 to Sunday January 13, 2019

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Parish Planning Council, <i>Church Library</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Church Library</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prime Time Bible Study, <i>Church Library</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry Training, <i>Panel Room</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waterloo</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Baptism of Our Lord	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</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>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
	Slovak Congregation Service , <i>Church</i>	3:30 p.m.