

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 13, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Order of Service: Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260

Hymns: 605, 405, 595, 728

Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 704)
Romans 6:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 1094)
St. Luke 3:15-22 (Pew Bible, Page 994)

Anthem: "Be Not Afraid" by Bob Dufford (solo by Claude Massicotte)

Sermon St. Luke 3:21-22

"HEAVEN WAS OPENED"

Special Music: Claude Massicotte (*saxophone*)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Molly Rogers (*8:30 Acolyte*), Serena Schmidt (*11:00 Acolyte*), Carl Kuhl (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte & Jonathan Das (*11:00 Sound Operators*).

Prayer Concerns: We pray for all those ***struggling with illness***, especially for continued healing for ***Craig Relf*** after surgery this past Wednesday; for our ***mission fields*** in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Thailand, Ukraine that the Lord bless the preaching of His Word and strengthen all Pastors and missionaries; for ***Pastor Astley*** as he takes some time off for rest; for those who are persecuted for their faith in China, Middle East and other places in our world; for all those who are refugees that God would help them to find a place of safety and rest; for God's blessings upon our teachers and students as they return to school.

Officers and Board Directors, your reports are due in the church office ***Today!*** The Voter's Assembly is on ***Sunday, January 27.***

Today's Education Hour...

Sunday School – will continue to study the early life of Christ.

Youth Bible Class – will meet with Kevin in the youth room.

Adult Bible Class Pastor Syens will lead Bible Class, focussing on the Ten Commandments.

Coming Events...

GriefShare is on ***Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm***. 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.

Prime Time Bible Study! Join us ***Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 pm*** to delve into God's word and what it means for our lives today.

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.

Please Note...

Thank you for all who participated, prayed and helped out in any way with ***St. John's Kitchen***. Many people were involved in many different ways, including the wonderful teams of Kim Griffin and Patti Koch, and those that came out on the actual day. What a blessing to serve our community in this way, with God's love and provision.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the ***mitten tree!*** We delivered over 180 items, including 48 sets of gloves/mittens, and 58 toques to the community.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	105 & 193		
Nuer Attendance:	21	Total 319	('18 - 319)
Sunday Communion Attd:	91 & 124	Total 215	('18 - 239)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 27 Staff: 12	Total 39	('18 - 36)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 53 Staff: 1	Total 54	('18 - 60)
YABS:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 2	Total 7	('18 - 8)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 11 Staff: 1	Total 12	('18 - 8)

Memorial: In memory of **KAY STAUCH** to the Unified Church Budget from Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family, Ray & Marg West, Dave & Judy Lloyd. To Vacation Bible School from Marjorie Snyder. In memory of **OTTIE STUTZ (BAUM)** to the Unified Church Budget from Nick Klassen. In memory of **ROY & ESTHER FLEISCHAUER** to the Welfare Fund from Bruce & Norene Brubacher.

Weekly Calendar

Monday January 14 to Sunday January 20, 2019

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Panel Room</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <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, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Stephen Ministry Training, <i>Panel Room</i>	4:00 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	The Second Sunday after Epiphany	
	Holy Communion Service, Church	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.
	Holy Communion Service, Church	11:00 a.m.
	Junior Choir, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	12:30 p.m.
Nuer Language Service, Church	2:00 p.m.	

“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*