

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:30 am - Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:30 am - Easter Fellowship Breakfast (serving until 10:00)

9:30 am - Easter Praise Service

9:30 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Easter Festival Service

Visitors, Welcome to Holy Cross!

We hope these directions will help you this morning:

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Ask an usher for one, if needed.

Children's Activity Bulletins...Are available for ages 3-6 or 7-12. Ask an usher for a bulletin to help your kids follow the service in an activity based way.

We Welcome and Invite You to Join Us for Breakfast! Our Board of Fellowship invites you to come down to the Parish Hall (Gym) anytime from 8:30-10:00 am to enjoy breakfast with us, spend time talking to friends and loved ones, or to fill a spare hour if you plan to stay for another service later in the morning. We're so grateful to everybody who baked, served, set up and promised to clean up for this big event!

Prayer Concerns: in our prayers today we ask God to give His comfort to ***all who mourn***, that they may know the sure and certain hope of the resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ. We also pray for ***healing*** for those who have illness of body mind or spirit. We keep in our prayers the two families we seek to sponsor as refugees to Canada, asking God to expedite their hearings and to give them patience as they await word on their applications.

Sincere thanks to all who have helped with our services and other events this weekend, including ushers, acolytes, musicians, helpers with the Easter Breakfast and all others who have assisted in the many activities of God's house!

Memorial Easter Plants have been placed by the following:

In loving memory of our parents **BOB & SHIRLEY GERTH** and **ART & BERTHA WEBB** from Brian & Leslie Ann Webb. In memory of **GARY LEMON** from Marlene Lemon. In memory of **EWAN GALLACHER** from Mom, Dad & Finnley, Grandma & Papa Schaefer, Uncle Kevin Schaefer. In memory of **BOB & DORIS YOUNG** from Kim Young & Ken Baxter. In memory of **EMIL & LORRAINE FRANK, WILF & MARGUERITE ZELT** from Ken & Dianne Frank. In memory of **MR. & MRS. NORMAN RICKEY** from Paul & Judy Zabel. In memory of **STANLEY SCHELLENBERGER** from Stephen & Kathy Wilson. In memory of **GEORGE & PAULINE WADDLE** from Patti Koch.

Easter Plants have been placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the resurrection of our Saviour by the following:

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| Peter & Cora Black | Erv & Jennie Bloch |
| Kurt & Minnie Boese | Bruce & Norene Brubacher |
| Dan & Laurie Brubacher | Ross & Sandy Dolson |
| Harry Drews | Arnold & Cheri Drung |
| Bernie & Helga Drung | Bruno & Jean Fergin |
| Ken & Dianne Frank | Lawrence Just |
| Erika Kahlmeier | Patti Koch |
| Fred & Doris Leblanc | Marlene Lemon |
| Elroy & Mavis Mann | Donna Martin |
| David & Wilma Reist | Grant & Joanne Schaefer |
| Claude & Jennifer Massicotte | David & Wilma Reist |
| John & Wilma Rickert | Grant & Joanne Schaefer |
| Curtis & Henrietta Schafer | Martha Schaus |
| Jonathan & Marjorie Sutherland | Shelley Sutton |
| Frank & Charlene VanderGriendt | Robert Wagner |
| Brian & Leslie Ann Webb | Ila Wentzlaff Ray & Julie Wilcock |
| Stephen & Kathy Wilson | Kim Young & Ken Baxter |
| Paul & Judy Zabel | Tim & Alanna Zabel |

Pastor Astley and Susan start holidays this afternoon. Pastor will return to the office on Tuesday, May 7. May God grant them rest and peace during their time away.

Interested in the Moncton, NB Mission? *Today is the last opportunity to apply to be a part of the team.* Application forms are available at the Mission Bulletin Board. Completed forms go into the Mission box outside the church office.

Sunday School There is an Easter movie downstairs beginning at 9:30 am.

Stuff the Mattress- This spring the Sunday School children invite you to join them in their spring fundraiser to buy mattresses for the South Sudanese orphans living in Gambela through the Children of Promise International (COPI). Please mark your envelopes for the Sunday School Mattress fundraiser.

Coming Events...

Prime Time Event! This **Thursday, April 25 at 12:30 pm!** We will be continuing the Easter celebrations with a number of fun activities. Make sure you bring your Easter basket, and your best Easter bonnet! Sign up in the Parlour.

Youth Take Out Fundraiser Order your chicken casserole by **Thursday, April 25** and you can pick it up on **Saturday, April 27**. Order forms are at the Welcome Centre.

Care and Protect (formerly Abuse Prevention) training sessions are coming soon. **Sunday, April 28 at 12:15** is a full training session. **Sunday, June 9 & 23 at 9:45 sharp** is the refresher training (for those who've previously taken the full training). Please plan to attend one of these sessions if you're a volunteer. If you have any questions contact Janet Cumby in the office or at janet@holycrosskitchener.org.

Women's Renewal Weekend is being held **Friday May 3 & Saturday May 4** at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Our speaker, Lisa Jackson from Lutheran Hour Ministries, will cover the topic "Serving with Joy and Spiritual Conversations in a digital world." Registration information is available at the Welcome Centre or at www.holycrosskitchener.org.

Adult Instruction Classes Beginning **Sunday, May 12** Pastor Syens will be teaching an Adult Information Class for those wanting to learn more about our faith or to be renewed in their faith. This class will begin each Sunday at **9:45 am** and in the church library. Those who are considering membership at Holy Cross are encouraged to take part in this class which will run for 7 Sundays, concluding on **June 23**. Pastor Chuol will be assisting Pastor Syens in teaching this class.

Golf Tournament will be held at **Rockway Golf Course on Sunday, May 26**. The cost is \$75/person and that includes 9 holes followed by dinner. For any questions, contact Alex Drung: email at drungmeister@hotmail.com or call at 416-804-8521. Sign-up sheet available in the parlor.

Please Note...

Pre-Authorized Offering Program Are you a frequent traveler? Do you spend time away for work or pleasure? Are you racing out of the house on Sunday mornings, only to find, you've left something behind? If you've answered YES to any of these questions the **Pre-Authorized Monthly Offering Program** may be for you! It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Visit the WELCOME CENTRE to pick-up an enrollment form.
2. Complete the form & attach a VOID cheque.
3. Return the form, in the "CONFIDENTIAL" envelope to the FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S mailbox, located beside the Church Office or place in the OFFERING PLATE during a Service.

Lorraine Cress, Financial Secretary

Update from Parish Planning Council re: Building renovations. This past Wednesday evening the PPC was updated on the progress toward renovating the church building. If we are able to raise \$55,000 by mid-May it is entirely possible the sanctuary will be air conditioned in time for the heat of summer. So far we have raised **\$23,245** toward this project and we ask members to prayerfully consider making a special offering to help us achieve this goal. During summer heat many people, both young and old, stay away from church due to the heat in the building.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

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| Lenten Service Attendance: | 37 & 68 | Total 105 | ('18 – 125) |
| Sunday Attendance: | 105 & 197 | Total 302 | ('18 – 93) |
| Sunday School: | Pupils: 29 Staff: 15 | Total 44 | ('18 – 17) |
| Adult Bible Class: | Pupils: 49 Staff: 1 | Total 50 | ('18 – 22) |
| Youth Bible Class: | Pupils: 4 Staff: 1 | Total 5 | ('18 – 4) |
| YABS: | Pupils: 4 Staff: 1 | Total 5 | ('18 – 4) |

**ice storm this week in 2018*

Memorial: In memory of **MILLIE KRAFT**, on what would have been her 90th birthday, to Missions from Don, John, Gail Kraft.

Weekly Calendar

Monday April 22 to Sunday April 28, 2019

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| Monday | Easter Monday, <i>Church office closed</i> | | |
| Tuesday | ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> | | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Small Group Bible Study, <i>Church Library</i> | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> | | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Board of Church Properties, <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, <i>Basement</i> | | 12:30 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 Easter | | |
| | 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>Youth Centre</i> | | 9:45 a.m. |
| | Divine Service , <i>Church</i> | | 11:00 a.m. |

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

2019 Renovation Challenge Update!

Following the decision of the Voters' Assembly to accept the renovation fundraising challenge, the Board of Church Properties has been busy developing a priority list and determining the cost of a number of potential renovations to our church building. At their most recent meeting the following projects were placed at the top of the priority list:

1. Air Conditioning the Sanctuary
2. Additional Upstairs Washroom facilities
3. Improvements in the Sanctuary to allow greater use of visual media
4. Updates to the Parlour.

Air conditioning in the Sanctuary will cost \$55,000 including tax and if sufficient funds are raised in the next weeks, we can expect the sanctuary to be air conditioned before this summer. Over the last few summers our attendance has dropped significantly on hot summer Sundays as both young and elderly members avoid the heat in the building. So far we have raised about \$23,245 toward the renovation challenge target of \$100,000 or more. Please prayerfully consider your gift to this work, so that if it is God's will we can move ahead on this project as soon as possible!

Contributions can be made to the "FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FUND" Acct #17-132

