

The Third Sunday of Easter

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8:30 am - Holy Communion Service

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

11:00 am - Holy Communion Service

12:30 pm - New Member Social

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 184

Hymns: 605, 477, (725, 633) 680

Readings: 1 John 3:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 1184)
St. Luke 24:36-49 (Pew Bible, Page 1026)

Anthem: “Love Crucified, Arose” by Michael Card
(Lauren Gray ~ soloist, Jennifer Massicotte ~ accompanist)

Sermon: St. Luke 24:36-49
“THE LAW OF MOSES, THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS”

Special Music: Lauren Gray & Jennifer Massicotte ~ piano duet

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*), Pastor Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Emmanuel George, Jerry Golschesky (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Andrew Podhorny (*8:30 Acolyte*), Amber Podhorny (*11:00 Acolyte*), Jerry Golschesky (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we remember **Doreen Israel** who has been in hospital this week. We also remember our **Synod leadership** as they gather in Winnipeg this week to place pastoral candidates and vicars from our seminaries and to continue to wrestle with the financial crisis in the ABC District; we ask God to bless **Pastor Joel Kuhl** as he begins his service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Pastor Kuhl’s installation service begins at 3:00 pm this afternoon; we thank God for the blessings of our Wednesday evening **LINC ministry** and **confirmation classes** that concluded for the year this past Wednesday evening.

Altar Flowers were placed in memory of Aden and Lorraine Brubacher by Bruce and Norene Brubacher.

Reports are due today! For the Spring voters’ assembly that meets on **Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.** Heads of boards and other responsible officers we need your reports to enable the printing of the docket.

Coming Events...

Small Group Bible Study meets for three more evenings: **Friday, April 24, May 1 & 8 at 7:00 pm** here at Holy Cross. This group is studying the book of Mark. Contact Rev. Gary Weber with any questions (519-747-1741).

Dig-In Food Drive: The Board of Evangelism is once again offering an opportunity to volunteer for a servant event. Holy Cross is hosting a donation site for the city-wide food drive for the Waterloo Region Food Bank on **Saturday, May 2 from 10am to 3pm**. Our location is at Belfiore's ValuMart at the Frederick Mall at Frederick & Edna St. We will need lots of volunteers to staff the site, soliciting donations, loading them etc. You can help for either the morning or afternoon shift. Young people are especially encouraged to participate. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Centre. This is a great opportunity for outreach to the community. For more info, you may email Brent Wentzlaff at bwentzlaff@email.com.

Special Congregational Family Meeting – Sunday May 3, 9:30 am The Facility Committee and the Parish Planning Council ask you to set attend a special congregational family meeting on Sunday morning, May 3, 2015. Our architect Glenn Reinders will be in attendance to present the proposed conceptual drawing for the possible renovation of our church building. This will not be a decision making meeting, but a chance for you to talk directly to the architect and ask your questions. Our early service that morning will be 45 minutes long so we can begin promptly at 9:30. There will also be opportunity to discuss this matter at the Spring Voters' Meeting on Wednesday, May 6 and small group follow-up meetings here at the church on Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12.

Reminder...Application forms for the Summer Toronto Mission are due **Sunday, May 3**. If you are considering being apart of the team you can pick up an application package from the bulletin board outside the Pastor's offices. Please continue to keep this mission opportunity in your prayers as we begin to plan for the summer.

Looking forward to Golf? Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 23**, for the annual Youth Golf Tournament. Please consider sponsoring a hole or donating a prize and best of all gathering together to enjoy some time on the green! More details to follow.

Reserve VBS Dates Now: We're getting excited about **SonSpark Labs** Vacation Bible School, **Monday July 6 through Friday, July 10, 2015 from 9 a.m. to noon** with our annual musical set for Sunday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Watch for registration opportunities in May. Who's eligible? Kids born in 2011 through to having completed Grade 7. What's our purpose? Discovering God's Plan 4U = Jesus!

Please Note...

PAD & the offering plate..If you are a PAD member (or are becoming one) but would still like to place something in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, we have a couple options for you:

- Use a blank offering envelope from home (PAD donors still have a supply of envelopes) and write "PAD" on the front of the envelope;
- Put the Faith Life business sized card directly in the offering plate (It has a logo and "My offering has been given through our Pre-authorized Offering Program" typed on the front side); cards are located on the shelves, in the Narthex.
- Put the Faith Life business sized card in your offering envelope and place the envelope in the offering plate (if putting a business card directly in the plate seems strange or you don't want the card to further advertise for Faith Life business – Faith Life name is printed on the back of the card)

Today's Education Hour...

JK through Gr.5 students study, **The Conversion of Paul (Acts 9:1–31)**. Like Paul, through the Law we are crushed by the weight of our sin and we are helpless. As God revived Paul through Ananias He revives us through our pastors with the proclamation of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments that grant forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe. *Talk to your kids about how the Sacraments and God's Word revive you so that you may live as God's child.*

Gr. 6/7 students begin a new unit entitled, **My Life As A Christian**. Today's lesson is **Rock solid faith: you can trust God**.

Youth (Gr. 8-12) meets for lesson two of this series that uses clever DVD animation to explore our New Testament "ancestors" and how God teaches us through them. Today it's, **John the Baptist - the rustic herald**.

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) meets for our final lesson exploring Isaiah chapter 58: **Live 58 – The True Fast**. Next week we begin a new unit.

Adult Bible Class will continue its study of 1 John, moving into chapter 2 of this letter to 1st century Christians.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	98 & 248	Total 346	('13 – 394)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 43 Staff: 1	Total 44	('13 – 53)
Young Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 4	Total 9	('13 – 21)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 1	Total 5	('13 – 11)
Sunday School Attendance:	Pupils: 35 Staff: 14	Total 49	('13 – 54)

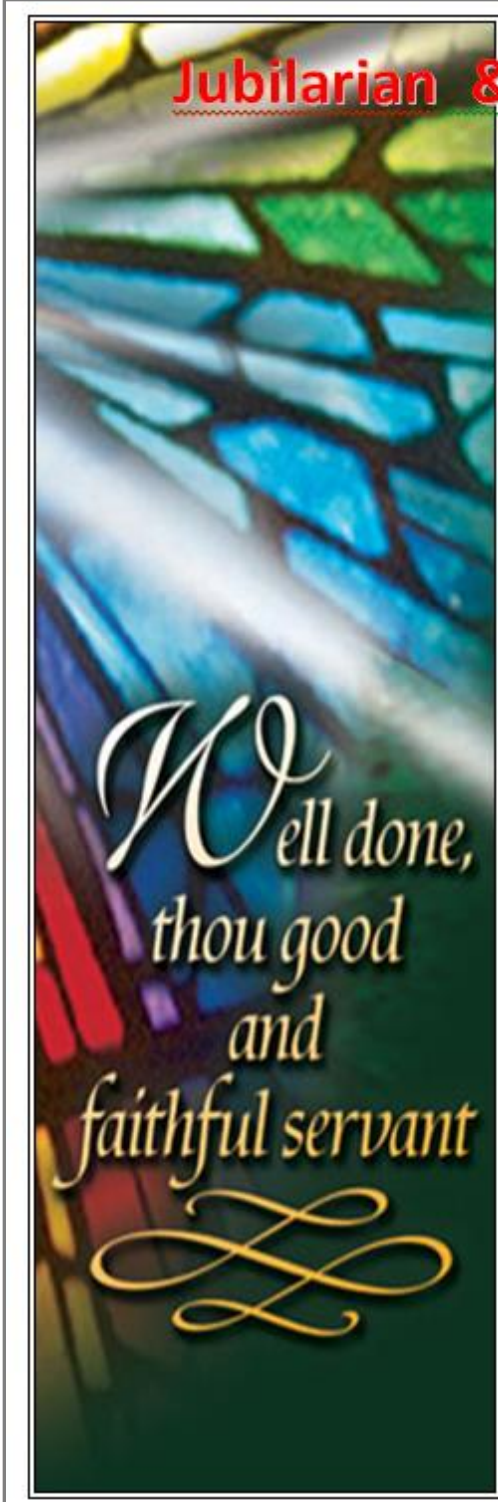
Thankoffering: In honour of **SOLOMON BRIDGEMOHAN's** baptism to Vacation Bible School from Roy & Jane Sullivan.

Memorial: In memory of **FRED KAHLMEIER** to the Ukraine Mission from Pastor Roger Winger. In memory of **ADEN & LORRAINE BRUBACHER** to the Lutheran Hour from Bruce & Norene Brubacher.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 20 to Sunday, April 26, 2015

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 6:30 p.m. Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	LWMLC Quilts, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 9:00 a.m. Board of Church Property, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 9:30 a.m. Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m. Church Choir, <i>Church</i> 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m. 'This House', <i>Parlour</i> 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Easter Divnie 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>Triple Bible Classroom</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.



Jubilarian & Memorial Service

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

7:30 pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel (Grand Ballroom)
105 King Street East, Kitchener

Preacher: Rev. Nolan Astley

You are invited to attend this Service that honours the milestone anniversaries of pastors in the East District.

Holy Cross celebrates the anniversaries of the following pastors who have been a part of our church family in past years.

25 Years (1988, 1989, 1990):

- William Kramer - 6/19/1988
- Roland Syens - 6/24/1990

40 Years (1973, 1974, 1975):

- Dieter Kays - 6/1/1973

50 Years (1963, 1964, 1965):

- Konstantin Hahn - 7/25/1965

60 Years (1953, 1954, 1955):

- Marcus Kuehn 8/15/1954
- Lloyd Wentzlaff - 8/8/1954