

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2015



**“IF A HOUSE IS
D I V I D E D
AGAINST ITSELF,
THAT HOUSE
CANNOT STAND.”**

MARK 3:25



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8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

9:30 am - VBS Registration

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

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

Hymns: 904, 763, (849, 738) 917

Readings: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 (Pew Bible, Page 267)
2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (Pew Bible, Page 1121)
St. Mark 2:23-28 (Pew Bible, Page 970)

Anthem: “Be Still and Know” by Steven Curtis Chapman
(Ladies Group; Jennifer Massicotte ~ accompanist)

Sermon: St. Mark 3:20-35

“THE CRAZINESS OF FOLLOWING JESUS”

Special Music: Jonathan Astley (French horn)

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (Preacher), Pastor Roland Syens (Officiant), Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (8:30 Communion Assistant), Emmanuel George & Rick Hutfloetz (11:00 Communion Assistants), Jennifer Massicotte (Sunday Organist), Anne Forler (Monday Organist), Gwyneth Sutherland (8:30 Acolyte), Brianna Manuel (11:00 Acolyte), Marty Stanfel (8:30 Sound Operator), Claude Massicotte (11:00 Sound Operator),

Prayer Concerns: Thanking God for the many blessings of church and home, parents and teachers, clean air and clean water; Praying for all those who are persecuted for their faith that God would strengthen them and fill them with courage; for **vicars & candidates** who have been placed into congregations that God give them wisdom and guide them as they care for others; for our **special voters assembly** this Thursday, June 11 as we seek God will and direction in all our decisions and that God give us His wisdom and peace; for those battling illness and in hospital including **Ewan Gallacher, Ross Heimpel, Glenn Zieroth and others**; for the families of **Ruth Fischer** and **June Keller** as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Last Sunday to register for VBS: Come to the parlour **between services today**, to sign up for **SonSpark Labs** where **God’s Plan 4U = Jesus!** Our program runs Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to noon, for kids born in 2011 (JK) through to having completed grade 7. Can’t make it today? Come on Thursday, June 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. or print off a registration form from our website www.holycrosskitchener.org Complete it and bring it or mail it in! Register! It won’t be the same without YOU.

Coming Events...

Special Voters' Assembly meets this **Thursday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.** Dockets are available at the Welcome Centre in the parlour.

Please Note...

We still need a Recreation Team Supervisor for VBS plus helpers to sit at the Sign-In tables, work in the kitchen, play simple games with JK/SK kids, count offering and more! **Could you help with VBS? Sign up on the poster in the narthex** if you have some time to give during our **program week, Monday to Friday, July 6-10, 9 a.m. to noon.** Not everybody needs to be here all morning long every day during VBS. Tell us when you can help. We'll call and tell you where we can use your gift of time. Thanks.

Beth needs 10 plain, long-sleeve white men's dress shirts, size XL: It's always fun to collect quirky stuff for VBS. This year I need dress shirts in decent shape! Raid your closets and drop off what you find in a grocery bag on my office doorknob. "The plainer the better" (ie no stripes, if possible). Note: these must be a "donation"- they'll be altered and can't be returned. Thanks!

September Nursery Sunday School is for kids born in 2012: You should have received a letter and **registration form** if this applies to your family. Don't forget to return it to us ASAP so we can begin making fall plans. Didn't get a form? Call the office to request one.

Today's Education Hour...

JK through Gr. 5 students study the Old Testament account of **Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40).** This is a story of competition and bad feelings between brothers, parental favoritism, and family squabbling. Amidst this chaos, God acted with grace toward all of them—and to us. *Parents ask your kids, "How do these sins afflict every family? Why is forgiveness important in families?"*

Gr. 6/7 students begin gather for the first of two year-end discussion lessons. We promise thought provoking stuff – you'll have to show up to discover what's "on" for today!

Youth (Gr. 8-12) join in the Adult Bible Class for Ali & Sarah Khazaei's testimony.

YABS (Young Adult Bible Study) meets to conclude our look at the **Apostles' Creed.**

Adult Bible Class will hear the testimony of Ali and Sarah Khazaei. They'll share their journey of growing up in Iran as Muslims, when God brought them to faith in Christ; how they became refugees and how God brought them to Canada.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	89 & 194 & 18	Total 301	('14 – 314)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 37 Staff: 1	Total 38	('14 – 41)
Young Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 2	Total 9	('14 – 9)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 2	Total 6	('14 – 7)
Sunday School Attendance:	Pupils: 35 Staff: 14	Total 49	('14 – 44)

Memorial: In memory of **VERNA BOWMAN** to the *Missions* from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlauff. In memory of **RUTH FISCHER** to the *Ladies Retreat* from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlauff.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 8 to Sunday, June 14, 2015

Monday	Evening Holy Communion Service, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Last Day for E-Waste Collection ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	LWMLC Quilts, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	VBS Supervisors, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Special Voter's Meeting, <i>Basement</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Third Sunday after Pentecost Divine 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.
	Young Adult Bible Class, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service, Church	11:00 a.m.
	Abuse Prevention Training, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Toronto Mission Team meeting, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	12:30 p.m.
	Slovak Congregation Service, Church	3:30 p.m.