

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

7:00 pm - The Weibe's Concert

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

Hymns: 525, 527, 549

Readings: Isaiah 51:4-6 (Pew Bible, Page 714)
Jude 20-23 (Pew Bible, Page 1189)
St. Mark 13:24-37 (Pew Bible, Page 984)

Anthems: "The Anchor Holds" by Ray Boltz &
"Here Is Love" Traditional Hymn (The Weibe's)

Special Music: Jack Kahl (*trumpet*)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant & 11:00 Preacher*), Greg Finke (*8:30 Preacher*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Max Tiegs (*8:30 Acolyte*), Katja Kubasta (*11:00 Acolyte*), Marty Stanfel (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: Praying for all our **government officials** that God give wisdom to rule wisely; For all those who are **refugees** that they find refuge and safety; For those who have been **victims of terror and evil** that God bring justice, His peace and comfort; For all **those who mourn** that God bring His comfort; For those who are **persecuted for their faith** in Jesus that God give them strength, courage and hope; For all **followers of Jesus** to have the courage to share their faith with others as the Holy Spirit gives opportunity. We give thanks for **Pastor Greg & Susan Finke** as they minister to us.

Altar Flowers: are placed in Glory to God and in memory of Nancy Koch by Dave Koch.

The Wiebes Live in Concert Tonight at Holy Cross! Doors open at 6:30 pm with the concert beginning at 7:00. Admission is free, though a love offering will be taken at the event. Visit www.thewiebesmusic.com for more information.

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.



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"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

Coming Events...

Junior Choir is starting soon! If you love to sing and are 6 years old or older come and join the Junior Choir with Christine Fergin. Christine will be teaching the children Christmas songs to be sung at the cantata on Sunday, December 13. Rehearsals will be **Wednesday November 25, December 2 and 9 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, December 10 at 7:15 p.m. Come and sing with us as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



'This House' ..An evening of Worship and Fellowship is **Friday, November 27 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.** here at Holy Cross. We spend time in Bible study, music, coffee and snacks, games and activities. Everyone is Welcome!

SNL (Saturday Night Lutherans) gathers together for the first time this fall on **Saturday, November 28 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.** for further information and to get on the potluck menu list, please contact Jennifer Leppek jlleppek@gmail.com. Please join us!

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays Sunday, November 29 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. here at Holy Cross. Those who are grieving can find the holidays even more difficult. This will be an evening of learning how to survive the holiday season. Even if you are not part of Griefshare, but have lost someone close to you in death, please come.

Caroling to Shut-ins: Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 6.** You are invited to bring a bag lunch to eat together after the late service as we meet at **1:00 p.m.** in the basement to organize into teams and set out at 1:30 for our visits. We plan to return to the church at 4:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church parlour. For more information contact Marjorie Snyder at 519-745-4698 or marjoriesnyder@rogers.com



Longest Night Service ...Christmas can be a difficult time for those who are experiencing loss in their lives, especially the loss of a loved one. Come join us at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for a special service of God's hope and comfort, **Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Refreshments to follow.



Save the dates for our Children's Christmas Worship Service: Sunday School children will once again have the opportunity to lead a special **worship service on Sunday, December 20, 10 a.m.** We'll prepare for this well-loved tradition with **two Saturday practices: December 12 and December 19, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Mark these dates on the calendar now.

Please Note...

Advent Devotional Booklets are now available at the Welcome Centre. Why not sit around the supper table, read a bit and meditate on God's Word, of the Advent and coming Christmas season? These can be rich moments for all families.

Pick up a Christmas Invitation and Invite a Friend! Share the joy of Christmas with a friend at one of our Christmas services! Pick up invitations from our Welcome Centre.

Advent Food Hamper Collection will run for the four weeks in Advent, **Sunday, November 29 thru Sunday, December 20.** Collection boxes have been placed at the parking lot entrance and the Stirling Avenue entrance. All donations received this year will support the Community Cupboard at Historic St. Paul's Church. **Cereal and peanut butter are especially needed as those items are handed out each week.** Your generous support of this food collection is very much appreciated.



Poinsettias for Christmas! This year we are asking our members to do something different when it comes to donating Christmas poinsettias. We have purchased artificial plants that can be used for many years to come instead of our usual live poinsettias. The thought behind this step is that we can pay for the flowers once and then in Christmases to come we would encourage our members instead to donate to Mission work here at Holy Cross. So, we are asking for a one time donation for an artificial plant. The cost is \$8.00 per plant (no need to specify colour). We will then use the plants to decorate our sanctuary at Christmas and then tuck them away until next year. Any monies raised over and above the plant costs will be put towards Missions. If you wish to donate please sign up on the posters throughout the church.



Clean Out Your Junk Drawer! Beginnings is looking for the following items to make crafts:

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| Pringles containers (or other long cylinders with lids) | Old puzzles (missing pieces is ok) |
| Buttons, any shape, size or colour | Toilet paper/Paper towel rolls |
| Cookie Cutters, any shape, can be rusty | Ribbon (fabric or gift) |
| Old door/lock keys, any size! | Fabric scraps, any size! |

Collecting Children's clothing and Items... We're accepting children's sizes *Newborn to Adult Small*, as well as any toys or baby items. ***We especially need socks and underwear*** Place your donations by Krysti's door. (Parish Assistant office by the gym). Contact Krysti for more information.

Today's Education Hour...

Nursery through Grade 6/7 students will find out about God's abundant provision of Manna, Water & Quail in the wilderness.

Youth continue to look through 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Meet us in the youth room.

YABS led by Melanie, will continue with our "Comparative Study of Different Denominations".

Adult Bible Class we continue in our study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	125 & 226	Total 351	('14 – 335)
Communion Attendance:	107 & 167	Total 274	('14 – 247)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 57 Staff: 1	Total 58	('14 – 51)
YABS:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 3	Total 5	('14 – 11)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 2	Total 9	('14 – 7)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 49 Staff: 9	Total 58	('14 – 49)

Memorial: In memory of **EWAN GALLACHER** to the Welfare Fund from Gus & Audrey Maue. In memory of **VAL BAKER** to Missions from Brian & Leslie Ann Webb, Jean Cullin. In memory of **MARJORIE WILES** to the Unified Church Budget from Kay Stauch, Dorothy Stoner. To the Welfare Fund from Gus & Audrey Maue. In memory of **GEORGE TOMESCH** to the Unified Church Budget from Dave & Sue, Jason Tomesch. In memory of **HEATHER COBURN** to the Welfare Fund from Gus & Audrey Maue. In memory of **CAROL PRINGLE** to the Unified Church Budget from Christopher Pringle.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 23 to Sunday, November 29, 2015

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 10:30 a.m. Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Small Group Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 1:00 p.m. ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 9:00 a.m. Junior Confirmation Class, <i>Panel Room</i> 6:00 p.m. Senior Confirmation Class, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:00 p.m. Small Group Study, <i>Parlour</i> 6:00 p.m. Board of Church Property, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m. Board of Worship, <i>Youth Centre</i> 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> 1:30 p.m. Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m. Cantata Choir, <i>Church</i> 8:00 p.m. Church Choir, <i>Church</i> 9:00 p.m.
Friday	Small Group Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 7:00 p.m. 'This House', <i>Parlour</i> 7:00 p.m. Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre, Parlour</i> 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	SNL, <i>Basement</i> 3:30 p.m.
Sunday	The First Sunday in Advent 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>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. National Youth Gathering Info Meeting, <i>Triple Bible classroom</i> 12:15 p.m. Surviving the Holidays, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:30 p.m.