

# The Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2015



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

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

1:00 pm - Christmas Caroling

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

**Hymns:** 344, 336, [359, 349] 338

**Readings:** Malachi 3:1-7b (Pew Bible, Page 929)  
Philippians 1:2-11 (Pew Bible, Page 1138)  
St. Luke 3:1-14 (Pew Bible, Page 994)

**Anthem:** (11:00) “Sounds of Advent” by Lee Dengler (*Church Choir*)

**Sermon:** St. Luke 3:1-14

“UNDER CONSTRUCTION”

**Special Music:** Anne Forler & Jennifer Massicotte (*piano duet*)  
Joanna & Madison Neustaedter (*piano duet*)

**Serving in God’s House Today:** Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*), Pastor Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Earl Famme, Jerry Golschesky, (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Justus Schafer (*8:30 Acolyte*), Max Wentzlaff (*11:00 Acolyte*), Jerry Golschesky (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we are thankful for successful surgery for **Bruno Niereisel**; we remember those who are **struggling with illness**, both those at home and in the hospital. We also remember **our shut-ins**, many of whom will be visited by our Carolers this afternoon. We also pray that God would bless our special **Advent and Christmas ministries**, including our **Cantata, Longest Night Service and the Children’s Christmas Service**.

**Caroling is today..** Join us at **1:00 p.m. in the basement**. We’ll organize into teams, then set out to sing carols to our shut-ins. We plan to return to the church at 4:45 p.m.

## Coming Events...

**Children’s Christmas Service Practice** is this **Saturday, December 12!** We will meet in the basement from **9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Please review lines at home and come ready to “put the pieces together”. See Henri or your child’s Sunday School teacher if you are unsure about the details. Our service takes place **Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m.**

**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.

**Calling all Bakers** It's that time of year again where we ask if you can share some of your treats for the luncheon after the Children's Christmas Service on **Sunday, December 20**. The fellowship committee would appreciate **nut-free** cookies, squares, or Christmas cake to serve with the sandwiches, veggies & dip, cheese, tea & coffee. We hope to see everyone in the gym for some fellowship and a bite to eat.

**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.

**St. John's Kitchen** What a wonderful opportunity to serve a meal to the homeless and working poor in our community. This year, on **Tuesday, December 29**, we have the privilege of providing a meal to those who may not have one. Won't you join us this year, and bless others through this ministry. There is a sign-up sheet at the Parlour. Please only sign in the spaces that are allotted. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574.

## Please Note...

**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.

**Our Clothing & Mitten Tree** is in need of additional items this year. Please help us provide **new socks & underwear** as well as the **new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves** we usually collect. Your gifts are then forwarded to grateful folks who need them both locally and in communities far away.

**Poinsettias for Christmas!** We have purchased artificial plants that can be used for many years to come instead of our usual live poinsettias. 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 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 (can be placed in the bin at the back door):  
Buttons, any shape, size or colour    Ribbon (fabric or gift)    Fabric scraps, any size!  
Cookie Cutters, any shape, can be rusty    Old door/lock keys, any size!  
Old Candles (can be without a wick)    Any other craft type item you want to share!

**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 in the box at the back door. Items collected to be used for a Children's Clothing swap in March. Socks and Underwear will be shipped to an Orphanage in the Philippines. Contact Krysti for more information.

## Today's Education Hour...

**Nursery through Grade 6/7 students** will learn about the special birth of John & an Angel visiting Joseph with an important message!

**Youth** will continue with Corinthians. Also, get your NYG info if you missed it last Sunday.

**YABS will be led by Emmanuel** today. This week and next will be a study of Philemon.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

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| <b>Sunday Attendance:</b> | 121 & 163            | Total 284 | ('14 – 328) |
| <b>Adult Bible Class:</b> | Pupils: 43 Staff: 1  | Total 44  | ('14 – 55)  |
| <b>YABS:</b>              | Pupils: 6 Staff: 2   | Total 8   | ('14 – 10)  |
| <b>Youth Bible Class:</b> | Pupils: 6 Staff: 2   | Total 8   | ('14 – 6)   |
| <b>Sunday School:</b>     | Pupils: 35 Staff: 18 | Total 53  | ('14 – 58)  |

**Memorial:** In memory of **EWAN GALLACHER** to the Sunday School from Lydia Weimer.

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 7 to Sunday, December 13, 2015

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| <b>Monday</b>    | ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... <b>10:30 a.m.</b><br>Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> ..... <b>6:30 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:00 a.m.</b><br>Small Group Study, <i>Parlour</i> ..... <b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Junior Choir, <i>Basement</i> ..... <b>6:45 p.m.</b><br>Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Board of Young Peoples, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Cantata Dress Rehearsal, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>7:15 p.m.</b><br>Church Choir, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>9:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Youth Activities & Fundraiser Baking, <i>Youth room, Kitchen</i> ..... <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Youth Fundraiser Baking, <i>Kitchen</i> ..... <b>9:00 a.m.</b><br>Sunday School Service practice, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... <b>9:30 a.m.</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>The Third Sunday in Advent</b><br>Divine Service, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>8:30 a.m.</b><br>Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b><br>YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b><br>Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> ..... <b>9:45 a.m.</b><br>Cantata Service, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>Cantata Service, <i>Church</i> ..... <b>3:00 p.m.</b> |