

The First Sunday in Advent

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

12:15 pm - National Youth Gathering Information Meeting

6:30 pm - Surviving the Holidays

Order of Service: (8:30) Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184
(11:00) Printed Order of Service

Hymns: 357, 516, 331

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible, Page 770)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Pew Bible, Page 1147)
St. Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible, Page 1021)

Anthems: Praise Singers

Sermon: St. Luke 21:25-36

“HOLY INTERRUPTION”

Special Music: Heather Schein & Jennifer Massicotte (*piano duet*)

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Jennifer Massicotte (*8:30 Organist*), Brianna Manuel (*8:30 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember those of our congregation who are in hospital including **Ross Heimpel** and **Linda Elgie**; we also remember those who mourn, including **Rev. Glenn Schaeffer**, President of the ABC District of LCC whose father passed away last Monday; We ask God to bless our Advent preparations we make ready for the Lord as he comes to us in the manger and in his promised return at the end of days.

Children’s Activity Bulletins... Ask an usher for a special Advent bulletin to help your kids prepare for Christmas in an activity based way.

Surviving the Holidays is tonight from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 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.



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Coming Events...



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.

Our Annual Children's Christmas Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary on **Sunday, December 20 at 10 a.m.** We'll have two Saturday practices on December 12 & 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We treasure the participation of all of our Sunday School children, so set aside time now! Be sure to practice lines and songs at home too.



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.

Please Note...

Advent Devotional Booklets are 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.

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.

Parking Reminder!! Please remember that as the weather gets worse we reserve the use of our parking lot for those in greatest need. Those who are physically disabled, the elderly and families with infants need the parking lot the most. Thank you!!

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

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...

Sunday School Opening is in the basement for a few weeks. **Today, December 6 & 13** we will begin downstairs **at 9:45 am.**

Nursery through Grade 6/7 students are getting ready for Christmas! Important births being foretold and special visits recorded in Luke's Gospel!

Youth Today's topic: Mysteries of Marriage. See you in the youth room!

YABS will be led by Curtis today. "What it means to be a 'Christian' – Part 2" is the topic.

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

Last Week at Holy Cross...

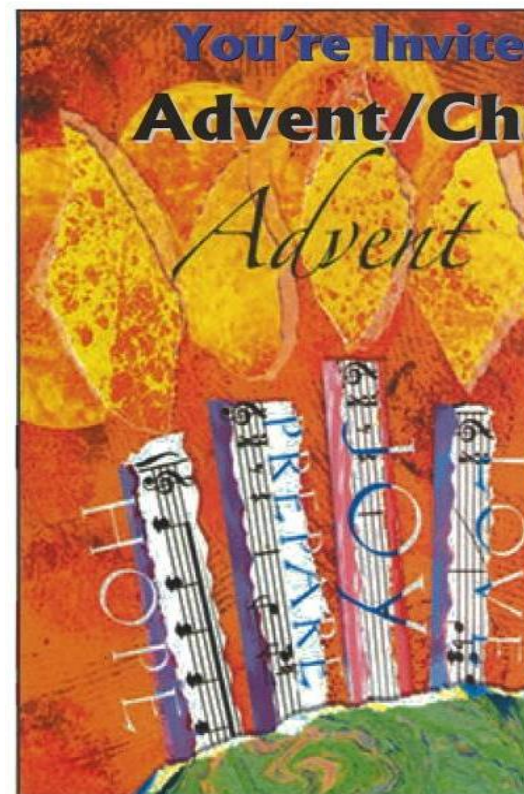
Sunday Attendance:	138 & 149	Total 287	('14 – 364)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 42 Staff: 1	Total 43	('14 – 62)
YABS:	Pupils: 5 Staff: 2	Total 7	('14 – 8)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 1	Total 8	('14 – 6)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 35 Staff: 13	Total 48	('14 – 64)

Memorial: In memory of **EWAN GALLACHER** to the Sunday School from Martha Schaus.
 In memory of **VAL BAKER** to Missions from Virginia Schmidt. To the Unified Church Budget from Shirley Martin. In memory of **RON SCHAUS** to Griefshare from Martha Schaus. In memory of **GEORGE TOMESCH** to Missions from Bernie & Helga Drung.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 30 to Sunday, December 6, 2015

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Elders, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	7:30 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.
	Junior Choir, <i>Basement</i>	6:45 p.m.
	Board of Missions, <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.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Syens' home</i>	12:00 p.m.
	Cantata Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	9:00 p.m.
Friday	Circuit Youth Event, <i>meet at Holy Cross to go to Wellesley</i>	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Second Sunday in Advent	
	Holy Communion 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.
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service, Church	11:00 a.m.
	Christmas Caroling, <i>meet in Basement</i>	1:00 p.m.



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*The true light, which enlightens
 everyone, was coming into the
 world. John 1:9*

You're Invited To The Following Advent/Christmas Services

Advent Celebration Services

Sunday, November 29, 2015
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

"Noel" Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 13, 2015
 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Longest Night Service

Monday, December 14, 2015
 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School Children's Worship Service

Sunday, December 20, 2015
 10:00 a.m.

(congregation fellowship to follow ~ all are welcome)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 24, 2015
 4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Communion Service

Friday, December 25, 2015
 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

Thursday, December 31, 2015
 7:00 p.m.