



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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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*

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The First Sunday after Christmas

8:30 am - Divine Service

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

11:00 am - Divine Service



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

Hymns: 359, All Praise to You, Eternal Lord (*back page*), 393, 386

Readings: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (Pew Bible, Page 66)
Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible, Page 1144)
St. Luke 2:22-40 (Pew Bible, Page 993)

Anthem: “He Saw Me” by Joan & Landy Ewing (*Judy Lumsden ~ soloist*)

Sermon: “A NEW RIGHTEOUSNESS” St. Luke 2:22-40

Serving in God’s House Today:

Pastor Nolan Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*),
Anne Forler (*Organist*), Emma Sommer & Emily Steinman (*8:30 Acolytes*),
Grace Radunsky & Nicole Relf (*11:00 Acolytes*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers we remember the **families of Ross Heimpel and Esther Buschert** who were called to be with the Lord on December 19. May God grant their families healing and peace in this time of sorrow. We also remember **those who are in hospital or who are shut-in** at Christmas time. We ask God to **bless our Youth Lock-In** which will be held tomorrow night and to **guard all who travel** in this holiday time.

Our Clothing & Mitten Tree collection ends today! 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.

Those Who Make Offerings to the Lord’s work: Just a reminder that contributions included for 2015 are those received by **Thursday, December 31**. All contributions received after this date will be credited to 2016.

Coming Events...

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 a meal. 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.

New Year's Eve Communion Service is held here **Thursday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.** Set time aside to gather one more time around God's Word and Christ's Table before the old year passes.

Sunday School Staff Epiphany party will be held **Sunday, January 10** after late service.

LINC returns on January 20: Come to these friendly evenings with Dinner, Bible Learning for all ages (including Confirmation classes) and Response Activities from **5:30 to 8 p.m.** Even our Lenten worship services are included in the mix! We'll meet for 11 **Wednesdays, January 20 to April 13**, with no LINC in March Break or Holy Week. Register for LINC in the parlour on January 3 and 10.

Please Note...

2016 Contribution Envelopes are in your pigeonholes or beside the Welcome Centre. Pick them up and use them in the New Year. For those who did not receive an envelope packet and wish to have one, contact the church office (742-5812), or email to: debbie@holycrosskitchener.org.

Count Team members needed to assist with counting our offerings on Monday mornings. If you can spend a couple hours to support our financial volunteers please contact Anna Schmidt (519-893-1840).

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) provides support and relief for many projects around the world. One of the areas that they focus on is Ethiopia where they assist with numerous projects ranging from irrigation for farming, building the skills of local people, and fighting hunger. Emily Pritchard has been selected by Lutheran Church Canada to be their representative to visit some of these project sites in Ethiopia and experience firsthand the positive impacts of these projects on the local people. The Board of Missions and Board of Young Peoples of Holy Cross support this nomination of Emily by LCC and \$1,000 is required to be raised to cover the outstanding costs for the trip. If you would like to support this endeavour please mark on your envelopes an amount identified with "CLWR Global Encounters–Ethiopia". Any funds raised beyond the \$1000 will be sent to CLWR for projects in Ethiopia.

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

Buttons, any shape, size or colour	Ribbon (fabric or gift)
Cookie Cutters, any shape, can be rusty	Fabric scraps, any size!
Old Candles (can be without a wick)	Old door/lock keys, any size!
Any other craft type item you want to share!	Drop off box by the back door.

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...

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Sunday School Christmas service last week! Children, teachers, musicians and our directors Val & Christine, you were a huge blessing to our Holy Cross Family!

Please make sure you have received your child(ren)'s 2016 offering envelopes from respective teachers. We begin using them next week!

Nursery – Grade 7 will have opening in the Sanctuary and then we will go to the basement together for a movie or library/activity time.

Youth will join the YABS discussion today. See you in the Triple Bible Class.

YABS will be led by Oleg. We will discuss Science vs Scientism.

Adult Bible Class looks at Philippians 3:12-31 "Pressing toward the Goal."

Weekly Calendar

Monday December 28, 2015 to Sunday January 3, 2016

Monday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Monday - Tuesday	Youth Lock In, <i>Everywhere</i>	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	St. John's Kitchen Lunch, <i>St. John's Kitchen</i>	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Buschert Funeral Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
Friday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Sunday	The Second Sunday after Christmas	
	Holy Communion 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 room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.

Memorial: In memory of **MARJORIE WILES** and **VALERIE BAKER** to the Unified Church Budget from Rev. Roger Winger. In memory of **DEPARTED LOVED ONES** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Doreen Groff. In memory of **GORDON & DOROTHY WEBER** and **MAUREEN WEBER** to the Unified Church Budget from Peter Weber. In memory of **ROSS HEIMPEL** to Board of Missions from Arnold & Cheri Drung and family. In memory of **ESTHER BUSCHERT** to the Sunday School from Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff.

All Praise to You, Eternal Lord

TUNE: O WALY, WALY

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1. All praise to You, E - ter - nal Lord, Clothed in a
 2. Once all the skies be - fore You bowed. A vir - gin's
 3. You came a - lone in dark - est night To make us
 4. Lord Je - sus Christ, long prom - ised One, For all You

robe of flesh and blood. You chose a man - ger for Your
 arms con - tain You now. Your might - y Word brought earth to
 chil - dren of the light. In You we rise, a ho - ly
 are and all You've done, Let thank - ful hearts fill all our

throne Though end - less worlds are Yours a - lone.
 life. Now shep - herds kneel to hear You cry.
 race, That all may know Your bound - less grace.
 days With songs of love and cease - less praise.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 11th c.; German hymn, 14th c.; tr. by
 Martin Luther; tr. by Ken Bible and anonymous
 MUSIC: English Folk Melody

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