

# The Baptism of Our Lord

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**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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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

9:30 am - LINC Registration

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

12:15 pm - Sunday School Epiphany party

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

**Order of Service:** Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB page 260

**Hymns:** 605, 405, 722

**Readings:** Isaiah 43:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 704)  
Romans 6:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 1094)  
St. Luke 3:15-22 (Pew Bible, Page 994)

**Anthem:** "No Other Name But Jesus" by *Chris Christian, Gary McSpadden, Billy Smiley*  
(Claude Massicotte ~ soloist; Jennifer Massicotte ~ accompanist)

**Sermon:** "KINDER SURPRISE" St. Luke 3:15-22

**Special Music:** Jack Kahl & Claude Massicotte

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Roland Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*),  
Max Wentzlaff (*8:30 Acolyte*), Justus Schafer (*11:00 Acolyte*), Jerry  
Golschesky (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Mike Koch (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

**Prayer Concerns:** We pray for those struggling with illness especially for **Doris Hill** and **Wally Gafur** Jean Schmitt's brother. We thank the Lord for a successful operation for **Murray Herz** as he recovers from shoulder replacement surgery. We pray for all **students and teachers** as they return to school this new year that God would give them patience and wisdom; for **Pastor Astley** as he teaches at Concordia Seminary in Edmonton; for **Emily Pritchard** as she prepares to travel to Ethiopia with CLWR; for all who are **refugees** that they would find a safe place to call home and that they could come to faith in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour; for wisdom for all **leaders** especially those who serve us here in Canada and for peace in our world.

**Sunday School Staff Epiphany party** will be held **today** after late service.

**Sign up for LINC Today!** (Living In the Nurture of Christ) Join us **Wednesdays 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** from **January 20 – April 13** {with a 2 week recess during March break and Holy Week}. No cooking for YOU!!! We do have areas where your help is needed. Register in the parlour today or email [henri@holycrosskitchener.org](mailto:henri@holycrosskitchener.org). 43 people are already planning to attend... join us!"

**Krysti Beckett is on Holidays** and will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 26.

## Coming Events...

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**GriefShare** starts this **Monday January 11**, 6:30-8:30 and runs for 13 weeks. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around others who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you at this difficult time in your life. If now doesn't feel like the right time for you, you are welcome to join anytime. For more information, please contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574.

**Youth This Week:** Ice Skating at Historic St. Paul's in Kitchener this **Friday, January 15**. Meet at 6:30pm with your skates and walk to the rink, then return to HSP for hot chocolate. Dress warm and bring friends!

**Adult Information Classes** are again being offered and will begin **Sunday, January 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm** and continue for 9 weeks. If you are interested in joining our church or simply looking to review what it is we believe, please join us.

**Movie & Pizza Night** is coming on **Friday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.** here at the church. Family, friends, Youth and Young Adults are all welcome to enjoy dinner and then a movie. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 27.

## Please Note...

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**Christmas Cantata CD's and books** If you still have these at home please return them to Jennifer Massicotte's mailbox outside the church office.

**Leaving a Lasting Legacy** *Proverbs 3:9 – 'Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops'* Have you ever considered how you might leave a **lasting legacy** to the honour and glory of our Lord. God has blessed many in our church body and in response we are looking for ways to glorify God by giving back to him what he has provided us in abundance. For ideas on how you can leave a **lasting legacy** you can pick up the yellow brochure entitled "**LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY**" at the magazine rack by the pigeon holes.

## Today's Education Hour...

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**Nursery through Grade 6/7** will learn about the "Visit of the Wise Men" from Matthew 2.

**Youth** will be discovering more details about 1Corinthians with Nicole & Michelle.

**YABS** meet in the Triple Bible Classroom. Bring a friend!

**Adults** will be looking at Philippians chapter 4.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>New Year's Eve Attendance:</b>	116		('14 – 108)
<b>Communion Attendance:</b>	107		('14 – 95)
<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	78 & 192	Total 270	('15 – 304)
<b>Communion Attd:</b>	66 & 173	Total 239	('15 – 207)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: n/a Staff: 1	Total n/a	('15 – 38)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 6 Staff: 2	Total 8	('15 – 7)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 7 Staff: 2	Total 9	('15 – 7)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 29 Staff: 13	Total 42	('15 – 43)

**Memorial:** In memory of **FREDRICH HEISE** to Lutherwood from Doreen Groff. In memory of **ROY & ESTHER FLEISCHAUER** to the Welfare Fund from Bruce & Norene Brubacher. In memory of **ESTHER BUSCHERT** to the Unified Church Budget from Virginia Schmidt, Don & Norine Fielding, Harold & Norma Blake, Bob & Jean Schmitt, David Westfall. In memory of **ROSS HEIMPEL** to the Sunday School from Marlene Lemon, Virginia Schmidt. Bill & Sandra Chappell. To Young Peoples Ministry from Colin & Denise Newport, Marg Klages. To Canadian Lutheran World Relief from Martha Schaus. To the Unified Church Budget from Jack & Elaine Kahl. In memory of **ELSIE SCHLAUCH** to Missions from Marg Klages.

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, January 11 to Sunday, January 17, 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	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>
	Parish Planning Council, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Circuit Youth Event, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth room</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	<b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	Adult Instruction Class, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>