

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4 & 5, 2016



## Count the Cost

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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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9:30 am - Divine Service

Monday, 7:00 pm - Divine Service

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

**Hymns:** 856, 425, (802, 709) 738

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Pew Bible, Page 201)  
Philemon 1-21 (Pew Bible, Page 1160)  
St. Luke 14:25-35 (Pew Bible, Page 1012)

**Sermon:** St. Luke 14:25-35

## “COUNT THE COST”

**Anthem:** “You Gave Me Love” (by Archie P. Jordan and Claire Cloninger)  
solo by Claude Massicotte; accompanied by Jennifer Massicotte

**Serving in God’s House Today:** Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*),  
Pastors Konny Hahn & Lloyd Wentzlaff (*Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Claude Massicotte (*Sound Operator*)

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers we remember **Bob Peters** who has been admitted to palliative care at Innisfree House; **Stephan Welker** (father of Helga Drung) who is also in palliative care; others of our congregation who look to the Lord for healing, including **Paul VanderGriendt** and those going through **cancer treatments**. On this Labour day weekend we thank God for the gift of work, but also remember those who are unemployed or underemployed. We also ask our Lord to bless our fall ministries which resume in the coming weeks, including **Sunday School, Bible Classes, LINC, Youth programs and Confirmation instruction**.

**In case you have not already heard**, Pastor Astley’s service as Pastoral Leader for Alberta and British Columbia has come to an end as of September 1. If you want to know his take on this past year, you can read his contribution to the current Canadian Lutheran.

**2016-2017 Board Program Plans** are due **today Sunday, September 4**.

**Staff holidays..Richard Roth** is away this week and will return Monday, September 12.

## Coming Events...

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**Knotty Ladies Resumes** the knotting of comforters on **Wednesday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m.** They meet each Wednesday morning in the Confirmation Classroom to work on comforters for Canadian Lutheran World Relief and other local charities. We welcome newcomers to join our work and socializing. Little skill is required – simply tying knots – and it is easy to learn. Hope to see you there!

**Parish Planning Council Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m.** for all executive, financial officers and board directors. Two reminders: Your program plans are due in the church office TODAY; financial and board reports for the upcoming Voters' Assembly are due in the office by **Sunday, September 11.**

**Rally Sunday is coming** next **Sunday, September 11** with **Divine Services at 8:30 & 11:00 am** (with *Installation of Education Workers*); **Sunday School at 9:45 am** (with *Opening in the Sanctuary*); **Adult, Youth & Young Adult Bible Classes at 9:45 am.**

**Focus in Worship and in Adult Bible Class** Next **Sunday, September 11** we will begin a six week focus on the "Habits of Faithful Disciples." Next week we will talk about cultivating Christian relationships as we hear the parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep, both of which end with a community celebration. God calls us to be a community of faith. What are some things that help us be a community? What hinders community development?

**LINC Registration is coming...September 11 & 18 in the parlour** Join us for **10 Wednesdays, beginning September 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.** in a casual, friendly atmosphere. LINC means Living In the Nurture of Christ. Our Wednesdays include Family Mealtime (*freewill offering*), Bible Learning for ages kindergarten through adult and a wide variety of Response Activities. The adult learning time will focus on the Gospel of John using the movie of the same name to lead us in to discussion of the fourth Gospel. This study will begin Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm. Those who prefer to come just for the study are most welcome!

**Rally Day BBQ! Sunday, September 11** after late service we will meet out on the lawn to re-connect after our summer holidays! Email your RSVP for # of hotdogs for your family [henri@holycrosskitchener.org](mailto:henri@holycrosskitchener.org) ASAP! The previously advertised Saturday picnic is postponed to 2017.

**GriefShare** A new group will be starting on **Monday September 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm** and will continue for 13 weeks. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to attend. Please contact Anita Syens at [rasyens@hotmail.com](mailto:rasyens@hotmail.com), or the office for more information.

**Church Choir Resumes...this Thursday, September 15.** The Choir meets each Thursday evening **at 8:00 pm** in the sanctuary. All are encouraged to come and share your gifts as we sing praises to the Lord. Please see Jennifer Massicotte for more details.

**Ride for Refuge...is Saturday, October 1!!** We have our team registered as Holy Cross Lutheran Riders and now we need riders/walkers! This year's donations will go to help families of Grace Lutheran Church as they sponsor an Iranian Christian refugee family. You can sign up on the website [rideforrefuge.org](http://rideforrefuge.org). You can also support us by donating. Contact Anita Syens at [rasyens@hotmail.com](mailto:rasyens@hotmail.com).

**Thanksgiving Display—Bring Groceries!** Thanksgiving is on **Sunday, October 9** and you're asked to start bringing grocery items in for the harvest display. Please begin with non-perishable food items. Fresh fall vegetables can be brought the week of October 3.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

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**Sunday/Monday Attendance:** 183 & 34 Total 217 ('15 – 297)

**Memorial:** In memory of **DOREEN ISRAEL** to the Organ Fund from Helen Krueger, Sylvia Ingoldsby. To the Unified Church Budget from Patrick Cline. In memory of **ARNOLD & AGNES COLLINS** to the Unified Church Budget from Arnold & Cheri Drung & Family.

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, September 5 to Sunday, September 11, 2016**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Labour Day, <i>Church Office Closed</i><br><b>Holy Communion Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....  | 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....<br>Sunday School Teachers, <i>Panel Room</i> .....<br>Parish Planning Council, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....   | 9:00 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....<br>Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....<br>Board of Parish Education, <i>Parlour</i> .....<br>Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....  | 9:30 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>with Installation of Education Workers<br><b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....<br>LINC Registration, <i>Parlour</i> .....<br>Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> .....<br>Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i> .....<br>YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....<br>Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> .....<br><b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....<br>Rally Sunday BBQ, <i>Outside</i> ..... | 8:30 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>9:45 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m. |