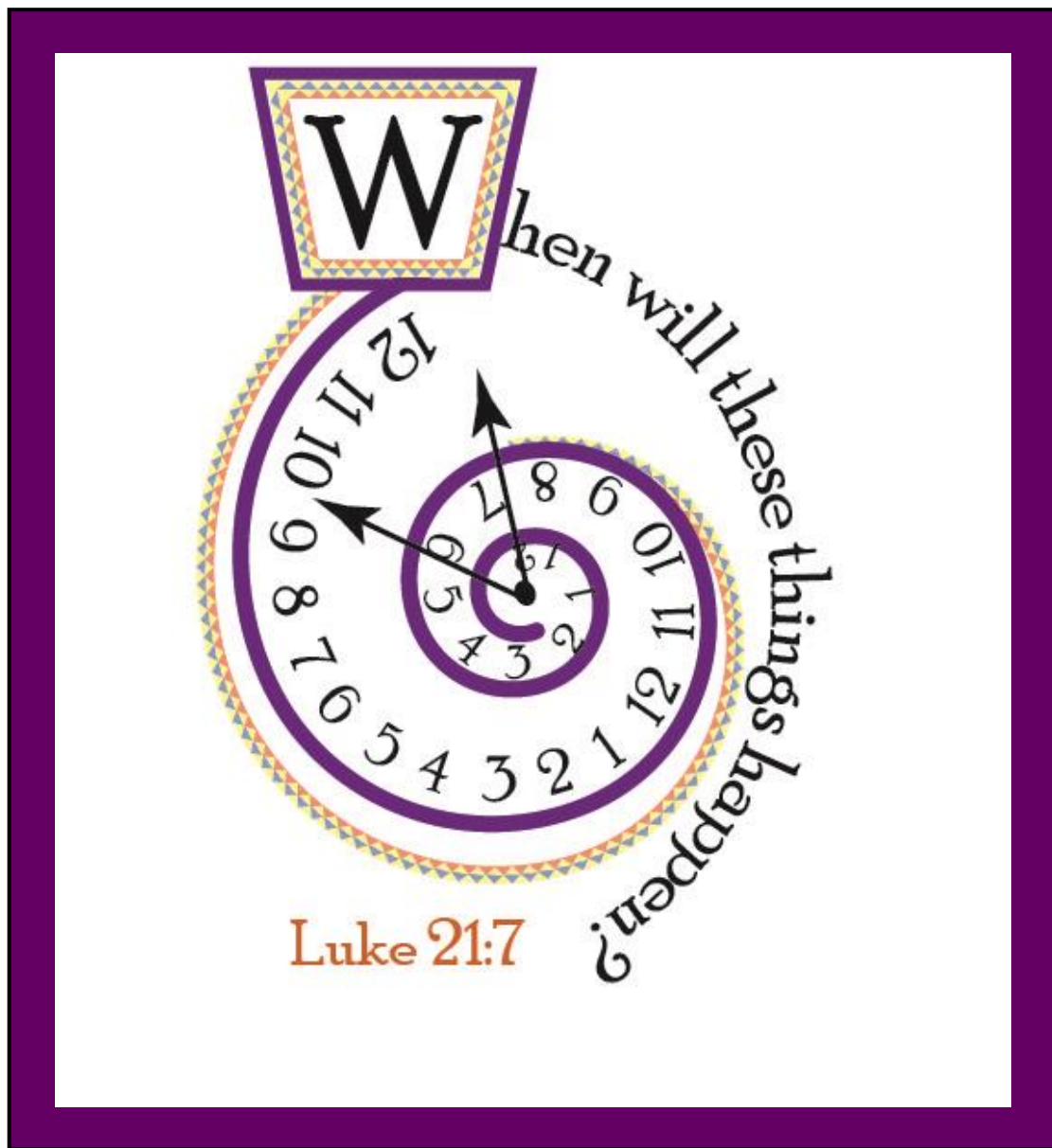


The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

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

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

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

Hymns: (8:30) 671, 728, 895

Readings: Malachi 4:1-6 (Pew Bible, Page 930)
2 Thessalonians 3:1-13 (Pew Bible, Page 1150)
St. Luke 21:5-28 (Pew Bible, Page 1020)

Anthem: (11:00) *"Christ In Me"* by Jeremy Camp & Bernie Herms
Sung by Andrew Dolson, Graham Duench, Philip Massicotte

Special Music: Graham Duench (trombone)

Sermon: **"THE WINNING TEAM!"** St. Luke 21:5-28

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Astley (*officiant*), Pastor Syens (*preacher*), Anne Forler (*8:30 organist*)
Jennifer Massicotte (*11:00 pianist*), Sam Clay (*8:30 Acolyte*), Isaiah Bridgemohan (*11:00 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember and give thanks for those who have served our country and sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We also pray for **Laura Moher and family** as they mourn the passing of Laura's father, Russell Townsend in Grimsby, ON. We also remember **Bob Peters** and **Culleen Kurt** who are in palliative care at Innisfree House. We ask God's healing hand to be with **President Paul Zabel** of the East District who has suffered a setback in his recovery from retinal surgery and who had additional surgery this past week.

Operation Christmas Child - Please make sure to **return your green & red box TODAY**, so they can be shipped in time for Christmas. Thanks to Lauren Weber for coordinating!

Thank you to every child who stayed & sang (or held up the words) last Sunday at Late service. It gave us great joy to have you participating!

Time Together meets at 10:00 in the basement with Beth. We wrap up @ 10:40 and invite Parents with Children up to {& including} Grade 2 to join us.

JK through Grade 7 students - prepare for battle! David & Goliath is today's lesson!

Adult Bible Class - Join Pastor Syens as he begins a 5 week study on the book of 1 Peter.

Coming Events...

Sunday School Staff... please come to *this Tuesday's meeting at 7:00 p.m.* – we'll begin with the Board of Parish Ed & then continue by discussing the Children's Christmas Worship service.

Small Group Bible Study meets **Fridays at 7:00 pm** here at Holy Cross. This group is studying the book of John with Rev. Gary Weber. All are welcome! Any questions contact Gary at (519-747-1741).

Youth- Last Sunday to sign up for next week's retreat! - November 18-20th in Fisherville Get your permission forms and make sure there is still room in the van. Speak to Krysti no later than today.

Special Voter's Meeting will be held on **Tuesday November 22 at 7:00 pm** to present the recommendations/motion from the Organ Committee. Reports are available at the Welcome centre.

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays – Sunday, November 27 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. here at Holy Cross. 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.

Caroling to Shut-ins: Come join us as we sing carols to our shut-ins on **Sunday, December 4.** 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 e-mail: marjoriesnyder@rogers.com

WICK is traveling back in time to Christmas 1914! Please join us on a guided lantern lit walking tour of the beautiful Doon Village, a carol concert and devotional. The event takes place on **Saturday December 10 at 7 p.m.** at the Waterloo Region Museum. Tickets are available now for only \$15 in the parlour!

Please Note

Our ESL (English as a Second Language) Program is in its 4th year. Praise the Lord! Do you enjoy meeting new people and helping them? We need your help at our English Conversation Circle, on Monday mornings from 10:30 to 12 noon, or at the English Café on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact Georgina Green or Donna Sauder. If you know someone we could help, please tell them about us. We would appreciate your prayers for our ESL Community Outreach Program.

Free on a Friday Night? Sign Up to Chaperone our Youth! No experience required, but must have completed all required Abuse Prevention. What will you do? Just come and hang out with us! Talk to Krysti if you are interested in leading a devotion, game or activity. We love trying new things! Sign up is on the youth board or email krysti@holycrosskitchener.org

Last Week at Holy Cross...

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| Sunday Attendance: | 125 & 244 | Total 369 | ('15 – 312) |
| Sunday Communion Attd: | 109 & 171 | Total 280 | ('15 – 276) |
| Sunday School: | Pupils: 45 Staff: 14 | Total 59 | ('15 – 47) |
| Adult Bible Class: | Pupils: 68 Staff: 3 | Total 71 | ('15 – 67) |
| Youth Bible Class: | Pupils: 14 Staff: 1 | Total 15 | ('15 – 10) |
| YABS: | Pupils: 3 Staff: 0 | Total 3 | ('15 – 5) |

Memorial: In memory of **WALTER WENTZLAFF** and wife, **MARJORIE TOOLSIE** to the Unified Church Budget from Gola Toolsie. In memory of **EWAN GALLACHER** to the Unified Church Budget from Doug & Joanne Grischow. To Griefshare from Marlene Lemon.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 14 to Sunday, November 20, 2016

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| Monday | ESL English Conversation, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Sunday School Staff Meeting, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Board of Stewardship, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | 9:00 a.m. |
| | LINC, <i>Everywhere</i> | 5:30 p.m. |
| | Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> | 6:15 p.m. |
| | Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | 6:15 p.m. |
| | Board of Young Peoples, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Board of Worship, <i>Youth Centre</i> | 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Women's Renewal Committee, <i>Panel Room</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Church Choir, <i>Church</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday | Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | The Last Sunday of the Church Year | |
| | Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> | 8:30 a.m. |
| | Sunday School, <i>Basement</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 , <i>Church</i> | 11:00 a.m. |