



# Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## The Last Sunday in the Church Year

8:30 & 11:00 am - Holy Communion Services

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

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

**Hymns:** 525, 709, (802, 761), 643

**Readings:** Malachi 3:13-18 (Pew Bible, Page 930)  
Colossians 1:13-20 (Pew Bible, Page 1142)  
St. Luke 23:27-43 (Pew Bible, Page 1024)

**Anthem:** "Just A Little While" by E.M. Bartlett Sung by the Church Choir

**Special Music:** Gabrielle George (*piano*), Brass Group (*Bob Paetz, Jonathan Astley - French Horn, Jack Kahl - Trumpet, Claude Massicotte - Tuba*)

**Sermon:** "IF YOU ARE THE KING..." St. Luke 23:27-43

**Serving in God's House Today:** Pastor Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Syens (*Officiant*), Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Earl Famme & Jerry Golschesky (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Madison Neustaedter (*8:30 Acolyte*), Nicole Relf (*11:00 Acolyte*), Marty Stanfel (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Chris Bohl (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we remember **Bob and Jean Schmitt and Richard and Camilla Roth** as they mourn the death of Wallie Gafur, brother to Jean and Camilla. We also remember **Bob Peters & Culleen Kurt** and their families as they receive palliative care at Innisfree House and we continue to ask God's healing hand to be upon **Paul VanderGriendt** who continues to make slow but steady progress as he recovers from being struck by a car in March of this year. Please also continue to pray for our **District President, Rev. Paul Zabel** as he recovers from a second round of surgery to repair a detached retina.

**Advent Devotional Booklets** are now 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.

## Today's Education Hour

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**Sunday School Opening in GYM** today and next week for JK – Grade 7.

**Time Together Families** meet today at 10:00 a.m. in the Basement with Ashley Black.

**Adult Bible Class** - Pastor Syens continues his 5 week study on the book of 1 Peter.

## Coming Events...

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**Special Voter's Meeting** this coming **Tuesday November 22 at 7:00 pm** to present the recommendations/motions from the Organ Committee. Reports are available at the Welcome centre.

**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).

**'This House'...**An evening of Worship and Fellowship is **Friday, November 25** from **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** here at Holy Cross. We spend time in Bible study, music, coffee and snacks, games and activities. Everyone is Welcome!

**Sunday School Clothing Tree** will be available for donations / decorations in the Narthex beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, **November 27.**

**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 and set out at 1:30 for our visits. We will return to 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](mailto:marjoriesnyder@rogers.com)



## Reflections of Christmas: A Neighbourhood Concert & Carol Sing!



Join us for a free afternoon of music, carols, readings, and stories to celebrate this wonderful time of year on **Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m.** Hear some of your Christmas favourites presented for brass quintet and organ and some arrangements made famous by the Canadian Brass. Some familiar faces in the presenters are: Jonathan Astley, Mitch Kehn and Jennifer Massicotte from our church family! Join us afterwards for hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and Christmas baking! The concert is informal and feel free to bring children. A freewill offering will go **to support the church organ fund** as well as the musicians.

## Save the date for our Children's Christmas Worship Service: Sunday School



children will once again have the opportunity to lead a special worship service on **Sunday, December 18, 10 a.m.** We'll prepare for this well-loved tradition with two Saturday practices: **December 10** and **December 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Mark these dates on the calendar now.

**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 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Refreshments to follow.

## Please Note

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**Christmas Poinsettias:** Just a reminder that last year our members helped to purchase artificial poinsettias to decorate the church at Christmas. So there will be no need for us to have a sign up for them this year. We encourage our members who did sign up in past years to donate to your favourite mission this Christmas instead.

**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](mailto:krysti@holycrosskitchener.org)

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

<b>Sunday Attendance:</b>	115 & 193	Total 308	('15 – 351)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Pupils: 39 Staff: 12	Total 41	('15 – 58)
<b>Adult Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 60 Staff: 2	Total 62	('15 – 58)
<b>Youth Bible Class:</b>	Pupils: 9 Staff: 1	Total 10	('15 – 9)
<b>YABS:</b>	Pupils: 6 Staff: 1	Total 7	('15 – 5)

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, November 21 to Sunday, November 27, 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	ESL English Conversation, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i> .....	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i> .....	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
	Junior Confirmation, <i>Panel Room</i> .....	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>
	Senior Confirmation, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>
	Board of Church Properties, <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>1:30 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>	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	'This House', <i>Parlour</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Centre, Parlour</i> .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The First Sunday in Advent</b>	
	<b>Divine Service</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	Sunday School, <i>Basement</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i> .....	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>
	<b>Divine Service with Reception of New Members</b> , <i>Church</i> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	Surviving the Holidays Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>