

# The Baptism of Our Lord

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Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

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

9:45 am - LINC Registration

12:15 pm - Sunday School Staff Epiphany Party

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

**Order of Service:** (8:30) Service of Prayer and Preaching, Page 260  
(11:00) See Printed Order of Service

**Hymns:** (8:30) 394, 405, 739 (11:00) 593, 394, 405, 739

**Readings:** Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible, Page 703)  
Romans 6:1-11 (Pew Bible, Page 1094)  
St. Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible, Page 935)

**Anthems:** (11:00) Praise Singers

**Sermon:** “BEHOLD MY SERVANT” Isaiah 42:1-9

**Serving in God’s House Today:** Pastor Astley (*officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*8:30 organist*), Heather Schein (*11:00 pianist*), Nicole Relf (*8:30 Acolyte*), Noah Radunsky (*11 Acolyte*), Marty Stanfel (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte (*11:00 Sound Operator*)

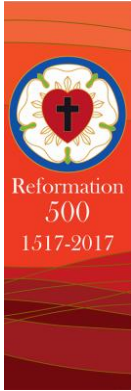
**Holy Baptism:** (11:00) Today at the late service we rejoice as **Addison Elizabeth Montforte** (*born October 14, 2016*) is welcomed into the family of God in the waters of Holy Baptism. Addison is the daughter of Jeremy and Jessica (*née Hutfloetz*) Montforte and her sponsors are Laura Hutfloetz and Nick Montforte. May God’s blessing be upon this child and her family now and always!

**Prayer Concerns:** In our prayers today we rejoice in our Baptism into Christ and ask God to keep us strong in our faith and not take His salvation for granted. We also pray for the missions of our church, especially our partner churches in Thailand and Cambodia who have recently endured challenging times for the leadership of these young church bodies. Closer to home, we remember **Donna Sauder, Gladys Miehm, Kurt Boese and Paul VanderGriendt** who have all been in hospital this week.

**Sunday School Staff Epiphany Party** will be held **today** after late service. Sunday School Staff, we will meet in the basement/kitchen immediately after late service and be done by 2:15 p.m. If you brought food, thank you, if you forgot, come anyway, we will share!!!

**Sign up for LINC Today!** (Living In the Nurture of Christ) Join us **Wednesdays 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** beginning **January 25** (*with a 1 week recess during March break*). No cooking for YOU!!! We do have areas where your help is needed. Register in the parlour **today, January 15 and 22** or email [henri@holycrosskitchener.org](mailto:henri@holycrosskitchener.org).

**Pastor Syens continues on Holidays.** He returns to the office on Wednesday, January 11. Janet Cumby returns to work from medical leave on Wednesday, January 18.



**Adult Bible Class** begins a new study of the book of Romans. 500 years ago Martin Luther studied and taught this book at the University of Wittenberg in Germany. His insights led to the beginning of the Reformation of the church which began in October 1517. While our study will not likely have such dramatic consequences, we look to this book to see again its central teaching, namely that we are put right with God by faith and not by works of the law. Instead of going through the book verse-by-verse, we will be focussing on central themes of the book so as to move at a pace that allows us to complete the study before the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation ☺.

## Coming Events...

**Parish Planning Council Meeting** will be held on *Wednesday January 11* at **7:30 p.m.**

**GriefShare** starts on *Monday January 16*, 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.

**Confirmation Classes & LINC** return on *Wednesday January 25, 2017*.

**Adult Information Classes** are again being offered and will begin *Sunday, January 29* 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.

## Please Note

**Organ Fund Update:** At the November Special Voters meeting unanimous approval was given to proceed with the installation of the new-to-us Casavant Pipe Organ here at Holy Cross. However, before we sign the contract we need to raise another \$1,810. As you consider new year giving options please give prayerful thought to a special gift to the organ fund. It is our hope to have the organ installed in plenty of time for the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation in the fall of 2017.

**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.

## Last Week at Holy Cross...

**New Year's Eve Attendance:** 100

('15 – 116)

**New Year's Eve Communion:** 80

('15 – 107)

**New Year's Day Attendance:** 142 ('16 – 270)

**New Year's Day Communion:** 122 ('16 – 239)

**Memorial:** In memory of **FRED SCHLEGEL** to the Organ Fund from Bruno & Jean Fergin, Lydia Weimer, Jack & Elaine Kahl, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. To the Ukraine Mission from Dan & Ede Marshall. In memory **ILENE LEMP** to the Organ Fund from Jack & Elaine Kahl, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff, Konny & Doris Hahn.

**Thankofferings:** In honour of choir leaders **JENNIFER MASSICOTTE** and **HEATHER SCHEIN** to the Organ Fund from Gerry & Annie Lantz.

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday January 9 to Sunday January 15, 2017**

<b>Wednesday</b>	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> .....	9:00 a.m.
	Parish Planning Council Meeting, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	9:30 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	YABS Bible Study, <i>Parlour</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> .....	8:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Small Group Bible Study, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Room</i> .....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	
	<b>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> .....	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
	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.
	<b>Holy Communion Service, Church</b> .....	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>