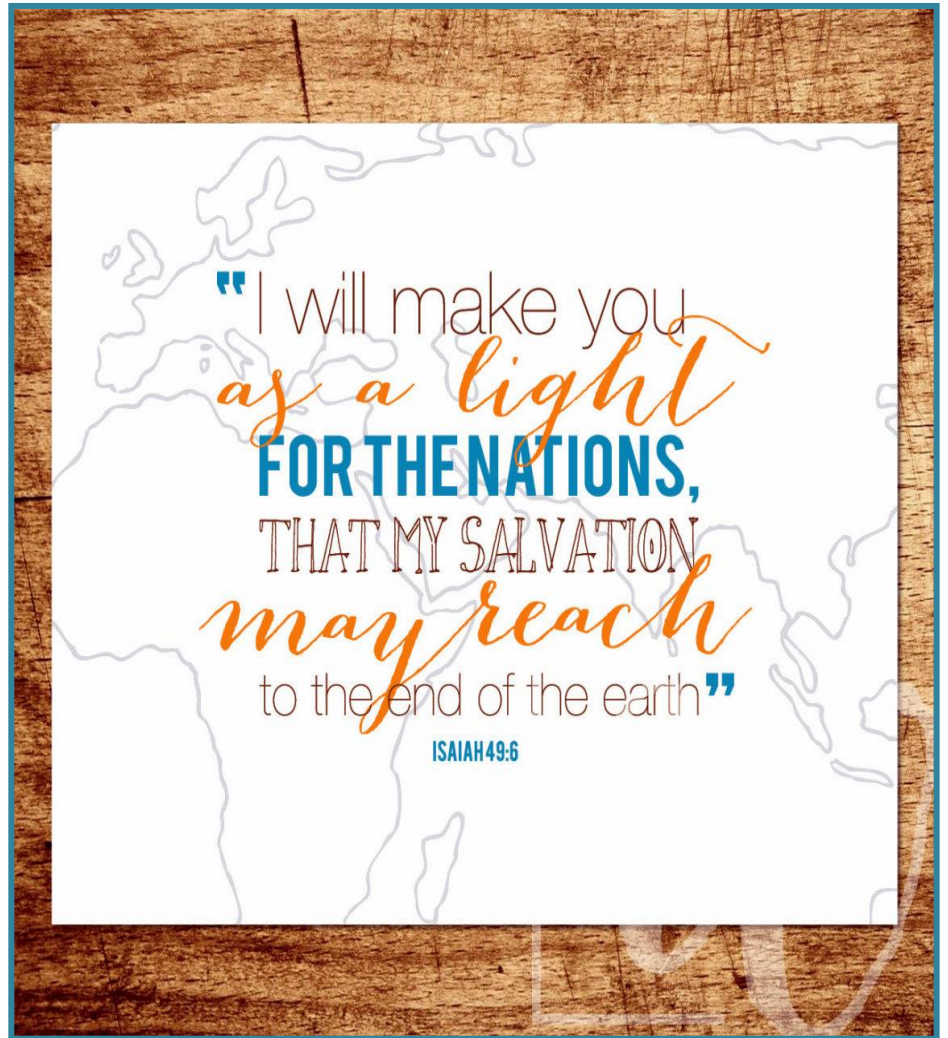


Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2017



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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

9:45 am - LINC Registration

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB Page 203

Hymns: 686, 856, (809, 550), 643

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 (Pew Bible, Page 712)
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Pew Bible, Page 1105)
St. John 1:29-42a (Pew Bible, Page 1028)

Special Music: Lauren Gray & Jennifer Massicotte (*Piano Duet*)
Gabrielle George (*11:00 Communion, Piano*)

Anthem: "In the Calm" by Scott Krippayne, Tony Wood (Lauren Gray, *soloist*)

Sermon: "CALLED, CAST DOWN, CHOSEN" Isaiah 49:1-7

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Astley (*Preacher*), Pastor Syens (*Officiant*), Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*)
Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff (*8:30 Communion Assistant*), Rev. Joe Das,
Rev. Dieter Kays (*11:00 Communion Assistants*), Jonathan Das (*8:30 Acolyte*),
William Lavender (*11:00 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*),
Claude Massicotte (*11:00 Sound Operator*)

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember those of our congregational family who look to the Lord for healing including **Kurt Boese** (In Freeport for rehab) and **Paul VanderGriendt** who is preparing to move to an apartment in Toronto later this month as he continues his recovery after being hit by a car last March. We also remember our **Synod's mission work in Nicaragua** as several mission teams, including some from the K/W area presently serving the people of our sister churches.

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 22** or email henri@holycrosskitchener.org.

Officers and Board Directors, your reports are due to the church office so that the report can be prepared for the Voter's Assembly on **Sunday, January 29 at 12:30 p.m.** The deadline is **today!**

Pastor Astley will be out of the office from Monday to Friday this week, taking a few days off. We welcome Janet Cumby back to work this coming Wednesday.

Today's Education Hour

Time Together - we welcome Families of children up to age 3 at 10:00 to the Basement where Michelle Tracz will be leading. Please sign in & out!

Youth meet in the Youth Centre with Marjorie Sutherland to discuss the New Testament.

YABS this morning will discuss about Christian perspective on the environment.

Sunday School - watch for an email inviting your family to Pizza Lunch & fun time in the weeks to come. We realise you may have more than 1 child at Holy Cross so you can come the day that works best for you, or every time we host the grade levels that your children are a part of.



Adult Bible Class Adult Bible Class will continue its Reformation 500 study of the Book of Romans. It was while teaching on Romans that Luther began to understand the Gospel of forgiveness, life and salvation. However in order to receive the Gospel one needs to hear the Law and that is where we will spend our time today as we look at Romans 1:18-3:20. Grab a coffee and join the conversation!

Coming Events...

GriefShare starts tomorrow, **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 we believe, please join us.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

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| Sunday Attendance: | 90 & 231 | Total 321 | ('15 - 251) |
| Sunday School: | Pupils: 40 Staff: 13 | Total 53 | ('15 - 50) |
| Adult Bible Class: | Pupils: 46 Staff: 1 | Total 47 | ('15 - 45) |
| Youth Bible Class: | Pupils: 7 Staff: 2 | Total 9 | ('15 - 10) |
| YABS: | Pupils: 4 Staff: 1 | Total 5 | ('15 - 4) |

Organ Fund Status:

Received Last Week: \$2,480.00 **Current Fund Balance:** \$70,658.42

Memorial: In memory of **FRED SCHLEGEL** to the Organ Fund from Ross & Sandy Dolson, Michael, Andrea, Andrew & Brendan Dolson, Arnold & Cheri Drung and family, Sue Heimpel, John & Wilma Rickert, Bob & Jean Schmitt, Steve & Delila Keczem, Virginia Schmidt. In memory of **ROY & ESTHER FLEISCHAUER** to the Welfare Fund from Bruce & Norene Brubacher. In memory of their mother **AUDREY BLOCH** to the Organ Fund from David & Chris Bloch. In memory of **LARRY ROEDER** to the Organ Fund from Clair & Ruby Glebe.

Weekly Calendar

Monday January 16 to Sunday January 22, 2017

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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. |
| | Board of Parish Education, <i>Panel Room</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Knotty Quilters, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Board of Young Peoples, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Women's Renewal Committee, <i>Panel Room</i> | 7:00 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. |
| | 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. |
| | Youth Event, <i>Skyzone 150 Gateway Park Drive</i> | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | The Third Sunday after the Epiphany | |
| | Divine Service , <i>Church</i> | 8:30 a.m. |
| | 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. |
| | Divine Service , <i>Church</i> | 11:00 a.m. |

"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*