



## Sunday Gatherings 10:45am

Opening ourselves to the MYSTERY we call "God"

at the Gathering Centre, 1045 Wayne Dr. Newmarket, ON

home of: Holy Cross Lutheran Church [www.holycrosslutheran.ca](http://www.holycrosslutheran.ca)

Progressive in approach: Christlike in action!

### Everyone Is Welcome!

In response to the overwhelming love of God we stand in awe of the wideness of God's mercy. In faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, mindful of our Lutheran emphasis on grace, and rejoicing in the celebration of our shared baptismal journey, we welcome as members of our tended family, all those who have ever felt excluded by the Church because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental challenges, financial resources, or family status.

As followers of Christ, all members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church are compelled by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is all too often an unloving place. Therefore, rejoicing in God's abundant grace, we extend a special welcome to all. Whether you are gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; whatever your country of origin or ancestry; whether you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker; in Christ's love, we welcome you, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we can work together to usher in God's Reign of justice, peace, and mercy.



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## Parable of the Persistent Woman

October 20, 2019

### Welcome to Worship

Holy Cross is a welcoming, inclusive, Christian community that strives to live out our faith by being LOVE in the world. Everyone is welcome at Christ's table, so please join us for Holy Communion! Relax and open yourself to the power of God in our midst!

**Children in Worship:** The sound of children breathes life into our community, so we encourage parents to use the activity centre to help their children focus. But from time to time, even the best of children might need the Cry-Room which is available downstairs.

Our Ushers don't bite so feel free to ask questions!





## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Wayne Drive, Newmarket, Ontario

October 20, 2019

### Parable of the Persistent Woman

#### Progressive in Approach: Christlike in Action

As a compassionate, justice-seeking, progressive Christian community, we seek new ways of connecting with God, ourselves, and our neighbours.

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinaabe, the Huron-Wendat, and the Chippewas of Lake Simcoe and Lake Huron. This territory is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the lands and resources around the Great Lakes.

We do our best to be a welcoming, inclusive Christian Community that strives to live out our faith by being LOVE in the world.

We enjoy being challenged and nurtured through worship, educational opportunities, music, and laughter. We seek peace and justice by responding to the needs of our neighbours.

**Holy Communion:** Everyone is welcome at Christ's table! You don't need to be a Lutheran, or a Christian to enjoy the fellowship of sharing the gifts of creation! Distribution of the bread and wine is by continuous communion; simply come forward as you are directed by the ushers and receive the nourishment of communion with Christ.

**Children:** Church Paks are available for children under five. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship by practicing the art of listening. Activity Paks and Books are available for those children who need help in their efforts at being still. Simply ask one of our ushers.

# ProFuture Faith

The Prodigal Species Comes Home  
interactive video series featuring eco-theologian:

Self-Contained Sessions **Michael Dowd**

Come for ONE  
or come for ALL!



Join us over a **MORNING BREW 10am Thursdays**  
**October 17, 24, 31 & November 7 & 14**



**EARTH:** The first religions personified and deified the Earth, the Seas, Forests and Rivers. We may have been mistaken to lose sight of that reverence for and connection to the Earth because in our determination to master it, we have come close to making our only planet unsafe for human life. Rather than quietly accepting our inevitable extinction, we may now embrace a more ancient perspective that honours the Earth and Sky as a Mother and Father from which we receive the gifts of life.

Roger Lee Ray: *MEDITATIONS: Post-theistic Prayers for Progressive Congregations*



# Persistence

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at ♦ Please Stand if you are able

Prelude

Welcome

♦ Opening Hymn **#556 Morning Has Broken**

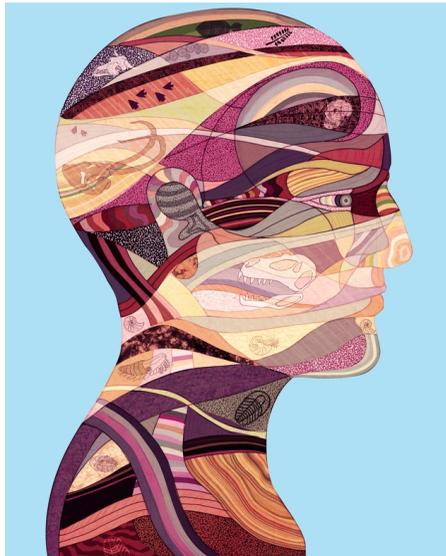
♦ Greeting

P: The power of Christ, who rises in every act of loving-kindness,  
the love of God, and the breath of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

♦ Reading Luke 18:1-8

♦ Prayer



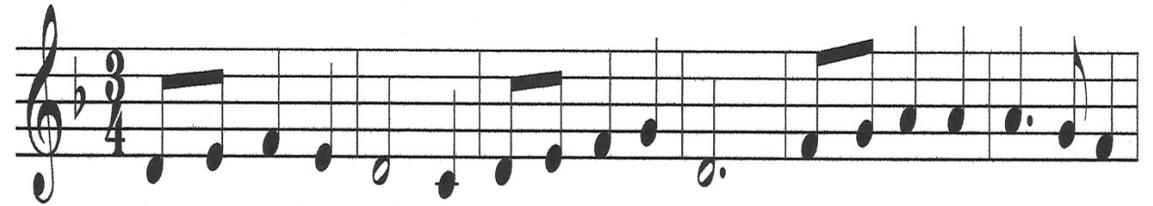
# Anthropocene

Anthropocene is the proposed geological epoch of geologic time defined as being dominated by human influence. Based on the reality of global evidence that atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other earth system process are now altered by human activity, the word combines the root “anthropo” meaning “human” with the root “cene” the standard suffix for “epoch” in geologic time.

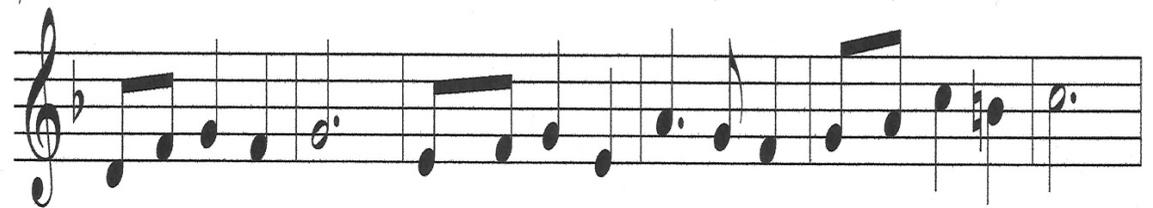
Song of Repose:

## Like a Pleading Widow

Text: Ruth Duck; Music: King's Weston



1. Like a plead-ing wi - dow, God, you press for right, cry - ing out for just - ice,  
2. Like a hound of heav - en You pur - sue us all. Tire - less in your seek - ing,  
3. "Oh, how long, my peo - ple, will you run a - way? When will you do just - ice?"

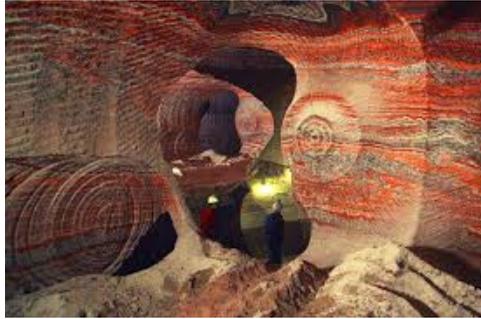


cal - ling day and night. Screened in flash - ing i - mage, beg - ging on the street,  
cease - less in your call. Though we draw a cir - cle meant to keep you out,  
Will you still de - lay?" God, we hear you speak - ing; help us turn a - round,



God, you nev - er leave us, ev' - ry day we meet.  
You, in love, en - com - pass way - ward fear and doubt.  
so that when you call us, just - ice may be found.

## ANTHROPOCENE: The Human Epoch



A cinematic meditation on humanity's massive reengineering of the planet. The 2019 film was four years in the making by the multiple-award winning team of Jennifer Baichwal, Nicholas de Pencier and Edward Burtynsky. Narrated by Alicia Vikander.

Video:

Song Verse: **#739 Touch the Earth Lightly verse 1**

Video:

Song Verse: **#739 Touch the Earth Lightly verse 2**

Video:

Song Verse: **#739 Touch the Earth Lightly verse 3**

Video:

Song Verse: **#739 Touch the Earth Lightly verse 4**

Gospel: Genesis 32:22-31

Reflection

Song of the Day **#735 Mothering God**



### ◆ Prayers of the Body

We pray for those in special need of the LOVE that we call God, trusting that each of us embodies this LOVE: **Laura Lawrence, the Montpool Family, Nayda Schultz, Phyllis & Terry Hutchings, and Susan Thompson's sister Judy and brother-in-law Dennis.**

*The MYSTERY that we call God is not some far off person in the sky. Our God is the Ground of our Being, the ONE in whom we live and move and have our being. God lives in with and through us. So, our prayers rise up among us so that we might become Christs to one another and move our prayers from words and worries into actions and change.*

***We will begin by offering prayers of gratitude, then our concerns for the Earth and the peoples of the world, and then our concerns for the people in our lives.***

***We do not pray to change the mind of a far off being but rather to open ourselves to the power of the ONE we call GOD who lives in us, with us, through us, and beyond us, so that we might be LOVE in the world.***

### ◆ Peace

P: The peace of the DIVINE, which surpasses all our understanding, is with you all.

C: **And also with you**

*We greet each other with a sign of God's peace. Early Christians used a kiss to symbolize the peace. Hugs and handshakes are also appropriate. As we greet one another with a sign of the peace we say:*  
***“Peace be with you.”***

Offering

◆ Offertory:

***Doxology for Humanity***

Text: Kurt Struckmeyer: Music: OLD HUNDREDT

**Praise life that makes us change and grow  
Praise love that makes compassion flow  
Praise peace that ends all strife and fear  
Praise hands that work for justice here**

**Praise faith that keeps us ever strong  
Praise hope that triumphs over wrong  
Praise dreams that make our spirits rise  
Praise voices raised in joyful cries**

◆ Prayer

A: Let us offer ourselves to the ONE who is our SOURCE.

**C: Basking in the glory of creation's autumn splendour,  
we gather together these offerings of gratitude, trusting  
that our gifts will begin the work we are called to as a  
community.**

**Together, we seek the transformation of ourselves so  
that we might become agents of the grace the world  
needs.**

**We pray in the assurance that LOVE lives and breathes  
in, with, through, and beyond us, now and always.  
Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P: MYSTERY is with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Breathe deeply of the SPIRIT.

**C: We feel the Spirit in and around us.**

P: Let us give thanks to the ONE in whom we live and move and  
have our being.

**C: We offer our living, loving, and being  
as our thanks and praise to God.**

Astounded by Earth's beauty, nurtured by her land and seas, we long to give thanks to ONE who is the SOURCE of this magnificent planet which harbours us with such grace.

Generations before us have seen in Earth's grandeur the power of the MYSTERY we call "God." In the Earth's wonders, our ancestors learned to trust that the SOURCE of ALL is LOVE.

All too often, we have forgotten the inextricable connections between all the many and varied life-forms that thrive upon the Earth.

So, let us remember the delicate intricacies with which our mysterious MAKER has shaped the land, the seas, and the skies, so that creatures of all sorts can thrive upon the Earth.

As leaves burst forth in colours of such beauty that our eyes well up with tears of joy, let us open ourselves to hear the groaning of the Earth and remember the delight that our MAKER has for each living organism.

Let our astonishment and reverence ring out, as together we proclaim in song the glory of the LOVE that lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us.

Kristopher E. Lindquist



*Text inspired by traditional Trisagion.*

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In partnership with the Earth, wheat and the fruit of the vine are harvested so that we might bring to this table bread and wine to remind us of the stories handed down to us about a Way of Being upon the Earth that seeks harmony through justice. Hear in this place, through these gifts from the Earth we remember this Way of Being as it was embodied in the life of our teacher Jesus.

In Jesus we see the LOVE that IS God living and breathing in a person who travelled the land teaching his vision of peace through justice. In solidarity with those who sought justice, Jesus steadfastly resisted violence. Convinced that violence only creates more violence, Jesus embodied LOVE in ways that exemplified courage in the face of violence trusting that not even death can conquer LOVE.

On the night before Jesus was killed, the fear of death shook the faith of his friends. So, Jesus gathered together his would-be followers for a meal. At that meal Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:

“Take and eat this bread, all of you.

This bread is me. Given for you.

Do this to remember me.”

When the meal was over, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to his friends saying,

“This cup is my life poured out as a new promise for you and for all people.

Drink this to remember me.”

So, we take these gifts of the Earth, this bread and wine and in the eating and drinking we re-member the LOVE that found glorious expression in the life and death of Jesus, the LOVE that we call CHRIST, the LOVE that even death could not destroy. The LOVE that is risen in CHRIST. The LOVE that finds expression wherever and whenever Jesus’ vision of peace through justice rises up among us. May LOVE rise here and now as we remember the MYSTERY of our faith:

**C: CHRIST dies. CHRIST rises in us.  
CHRIST comes again, again, and again.**

As we eat and drink together, we are intricately connected to the Earth and to all those who hunger and thirst upon the Earth. Let our eating and drinking fortify our resolve to follow the Way of Jesus, practicing justice so that all may know the peace that we are called to by the LOVE that IS God. Amen.

◆ Abba Prayer - a translation from the Aramaic prayer that Jesus taught

**Loving Presence, luminous in all creation,  
hallowed be your name. Thy Kin-dom come.  
May we reflect on Earth the yielding perfection of the heavens.  
Help us to receive an illumined measure from the Earth this day.  
Forgive us when we trespass against others,  
human and other-than-human,  
as we forgive others who trespass against us.  
Keep us on the path of wisdom when we are tempted  
to take the selfish path.  
May it be your rule we follow, your power we exercise,  
and our radiance that allures.  
May this be the truth that guides our lives,  
the ground from which our future will grow until we meet again.  
Amen.**

◆ At the Breaking of the Bread: **Round and Round the Table of God**

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Round and round the ta-ble of God, Round and round the ta-ble of God,



Ga - ther the peo-ples, ga - ther the crea-tures, Ga-ther, O Earth, round the ta-ble of God!

Verse



Here is food of life, here is drink to heal,



Here is Sub-stance, here is Es-sence, Here is Pres-ence Di - vine.

*Repeat Refrain*

## Distribution by continuous Communion.

**You may choose to take the wine from the Common Cup or the individual glasses. For those who are accustomed to intinction:**

*in compliance with public health recommendations, we do not offer intinction and so we would encourage you to use the individual glasses.*

**Grape-Juice Option:** *is served in the individual glasses – white juice*

**Everyone is welcome to participate in Communion!**

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### Sung During Communion: **We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky**



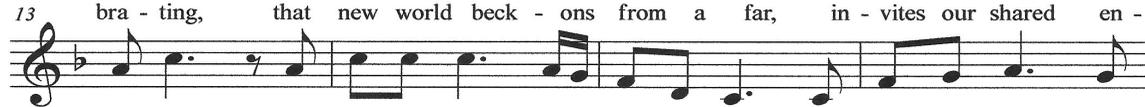
1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flow'rs  
 2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and wea-ry, wait for  
 3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-



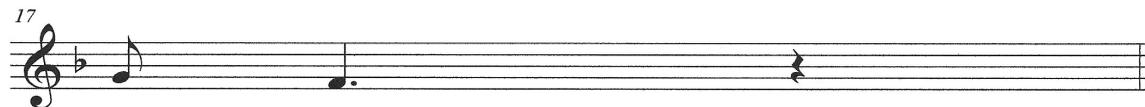
grow-ing, for we are part of all that is with-in life's ri-ver  
 mor-ning, when chil-dren have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their  
 a-ting a fu-ture free from want or fear, life's good-ness cel-e



flow-ing. With o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-  
 warn-ing, God calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in com-mon  
 bra-ting, that new world beck-ons from a far, in-vites our shared en-



a-tion, that all may have a-bun-dant life in ev-'ry earth-ly  
 la-bour, that all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their  
 deav-our, that all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-



na-tion.  
 neigh-bour.  
 ev-er.

### ◆ Following Communion: **Earth Does Not Belong to US**

Kristopher E. Lindquist



1..The Earth does not be-long to us, But we be-long to Earth,  
 2..The Web of Life con-nects us all, Each strand its vi-tal role,



This ra-diant Sphere of green and blue, Our home and place of birth.  
 For what af-fects a sin-gle one, Af-fects the Liv-ing Whole.

*Text inspired by quote attributed to Chief Seattle, 1786-1866 CE.*

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### ◆ Benediction

### Announcements

### ◆ Sending Song

### **I Hear Creation Groaning**

*Text: Rusty Edwards; MUSIC: Passion Chorale*

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### Pleas for the Earth:

“The bells of mindfulness are calling out to us, trying to wake us up, reminding us to look deeply at our impact on the planet.” Thich Nhat Hanh

“We are talking only to ourselves. We are not talking to the rivers, we are not listening to the wind and stars. We have broken the great conversation. By breaking that conversation we have shattered the universe.”

Thomas Berry

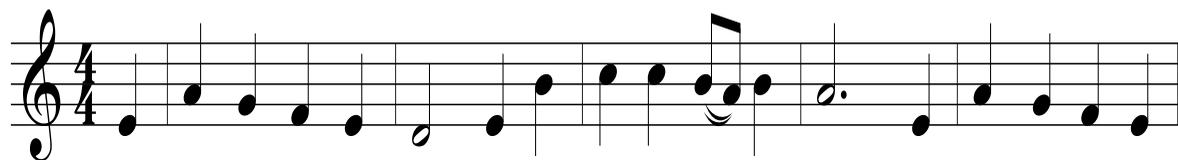
“And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell and I understood more than I saw, for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things in the spirit and the shape of all shapes as they must all live together as one being.”

Black Elk

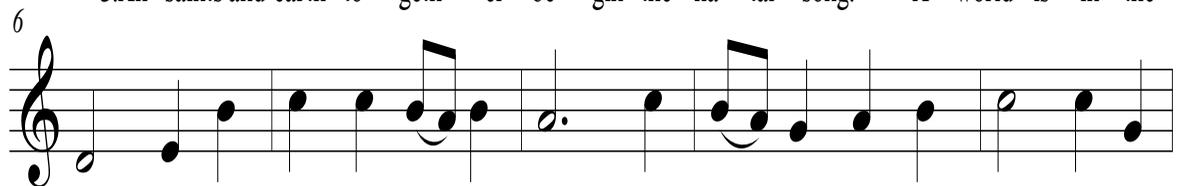
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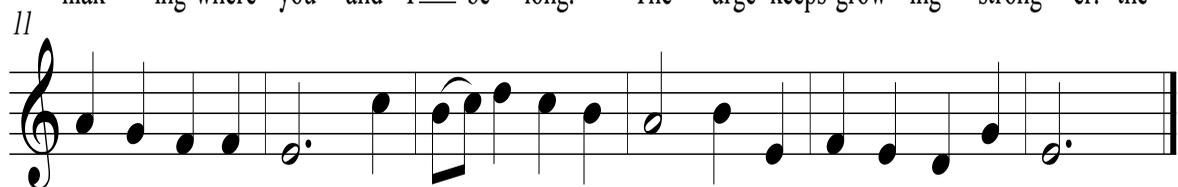
Passion Chorale



1. I hear cre - a - tion groan - ing for what it can - not see; A cry of an - cient  
 2. The clock is tick - ing slow - ly: when will this fu - ture live? We, too, ache for to -  
 3. All saints and earth to - geth - er be - gin the na - tal song. A world is in the



long - ing for dreams to be \_ set free. How long by pa - tient wait - ing can  
 mor - row and pray for some re - lief. Sharp pangs re - mind of prom - ise as  
 mak - ing where you and I \_ be - long. The urge keeps grow - ing strong - er: the



na - ture bear the pain of la \_ bor cul - mi - na - ting in E - den born a - gain?  
 if to let us know the hour of God is near - ing when new from old will grow.  
 birth - ing has be - gun. Our fo - cus will sus - tain us. The best is yet to come.

◆ **Dismissal:**

**A:** Go in peace! Be LOVE in the world!

**C:** *Thanks be to God!*

## The GRIZZLIES

### Tuesday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm

**2018:** Inuit youth in a small community gain a powerful sense of pride and purpose through the sport of lacrosse, in this true-story account of tenacity, renewal, and inspiring resilience. The remote Arctic town of Kugluktuk was making headlines, but for a tragic reason: the tiny Inuit community had one of the highest teen suicide rates in the world. More than a movie about the power of sport, it's also about the power of hope, even in the face of extreme adversity.

**WARNING:** this film portrays suicide and may not be suitable for everyone.

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# Mary Magdalene

## Apostle to the Apostles

### Sundays @ 9:15am

### October 6, 20, 27

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Scholars have revealed so much about Mary the First Apostle. We will begin our discovery of this enigmatic leader of the Followers of the Way in the Gospel text that bears her name. From the Gospel of Mary we will explore the stories told about her in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and trace her legacy down through the Christian tradition and beyond. Join us Oct. 6, 20, & 27 @ **9:15am** Coffee & Tea will be waiting for you! @ **Gathering Centre - 1035 Wayne Dr. Newmarket**

# MOVIE NIGHT

## Maudie

Tuesday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm



2017: a biographical drama of the life of Canadian folk artist Maud Lewis, who lived and painted in Nova Scotia. Sally Hawkins is vivid and endearing as Maudie and Ethan Hawke manages to make an insecure and occasionally violent man deeply sympathetic. This Canadian and Irish co-production explores the woman and the love story behind the art.



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### We record the sermons for those who cannot be with us:

There are many reasons why people cannot be with us. Some are shut-ins, others are working, some folks are visiting families, some have moved out of the area, others live far away, and some folks are testing the waters. Whatever the reason, we are an inclusive community that shares! If you know someone who might want to tune in or if you'd like to share something that touched you, our videos are posted at [www.holycrossholycrosslutheran.ca](http://www.holycrossholycrosslutheran.ca) videos and transcripts of sermons are posted at [www.pastordawn.com](http://www.pastordawn.com)



dignity for all  
the campaign for a poverty free canada

**CHEW ON THIS!**  
Bags will be  
distributed at Holy  
Cross in October!

# CHEW! ON THIS!

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## CHEW! ON THIS!

Over 5 million people in Canada live in poverty. 1 in 8 families struggle to put food on the table. *Chew on This!* is a non-partisan cross-country campaign coordinated by Dignity for All, but made possible through local organizers from coast to coast to coast. Our goal is to raise awareness about poverty in Canada by engaging with people on the street, in schools, at places of worship, and on Parliament Hill and adding their voices to our call for federal leadership in ending poverty in Canada.

**Stay tuned for details of Holy Cross' participation in  
The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:**

## October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Financial Report - General Fund Jan. - September 30 2019**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2019 BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL Jan-Sept</b>	<b>BUDGET Jan-Sept</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Regular Sunday Offerings	\$125,339.09	\$76,978.77		
BLOG Participants		\$9,500		
<b>Total OFFERINGS</b>	\$125,339.09	<b>\$86,478.77</b>	\$94,004.28	<b>-\$7,525.51</b>
Solar Panel Income	\$9,000.00	\$5,901.11	\$6,750.00	<b>-\$848.89</b>
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$1,627.83	\$0	\$1,627.83
Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,788.00	\$0.00	\$1,788.00
Budgeted Expense	\$0.00	\$2,982.10	\$0.00	\$2,982.10
Rentals: Church Facility	\$1,000.00	\$760.00	\$749.97	\$10.03
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$12,900.00	\$9,675.00	\$9,675.00	
BEYOND Welcome Program Grant	\$5,000.00	\$5,819.00	\$5,000.00	\$819.00
Outreach Ministry (Pastor's speaking fees)	\$1,000.00	\$1,650.00	\$749.97	\$900.03
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Sub-Total General Fund</b>	\$279,578.18	<b>\$116,681.81</b>	\$116,929.22	<b>-\$247.41</b>
Designated Offerings				
Pikangikum Clean Water Project		\$372.00		
<b>TOTAL Income</b>		<b>\$117,053.81</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES to Sept. 30 2019</b>	\$170,677.63	<b>\$122,478.09</b>	\$128,005.94	\$5,527.85
Pikangikum Clean Water Project		\$372.00		
<b>NET Income as of Sept. 30 2019</b>		<b>\$5,280.44</b>		

**October Offerings to the General Fund**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Variances</b>
<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>\$670.00</b>	<b>\$2,088.98</b>	<b>-\$1,418.98</b>
<b>Blog Participants</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>\$2,605.00</b>	<b>\$2,088.98</b>	<b>\$516.02</b>
<b>Total October</b>	<b>\$3,275.00</b>	<b>\$4,177.96</b>	<b>-\$902.96</b>

<b>Coming up at the Gathering Centre</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Pastor Dawn's Day OFF</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>COUNCIL Finance Meeting</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
	<b>MOVIE NIGHT - Grizzlies</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>CHOIR – Everyone Welcome</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Encore Choir Rental	<b>7-9pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Adult Education: Mary</b>	<b>9:15am</b>
	<b>Worship: Reformation Sunday</b>	<b>10:45am</b>

<b>MINISTERS</b>	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Next Sunday Oct. 27</b>
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Anne Keith	Pat Lovell
<b>Lector</b>	Anne Keith	Pat Lovell
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sharon Smyth Sharon Willan Pat Lovell	Petra Vollmerhausen Anne Keith Rose Orfanakos
<b>Greeter</b>	Sharon Smyth	Rose Orfanakos
<b>Ushers</b>	Neil Nauman Rose Orfanakos	Neil Nauman ?
<b>COFFEE HOST</b>	Anne Keith	Madeline Montpool
<b>Counters</b>	Rose Orfanakos Neil Nauman	Sylvia McCutcheon Neil Nauman
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sharon Smyth	Sharon Smyth
<b>Cleaning</b>	Doug Hoskin Cherilyn Spraakman	Doug Hoskin Cherilyn Spraakman