



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community
August 2026



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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9 am - 3 pm

Fridays 9 am - 1 pm

Church Office Closed:

Monday, August 3

STAFF

Pastor: **Liz Bell**

Office Admin: **Lori Zeiner**

WORSHIP TIME

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am

**In-person & live-streamed
on YouTube**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

HSLC is an affirming and inclusive community, sharing together the joy and work of God's Love



Upcoming Meetings

Aug 5 at 7 pm - Community Engagement

Aug 10 at 10 am - Ministry Committee

Aug 12 at 6:30 pm - Worship Committee

Aug 18 at 6:30 pm - Council Meeting

Aug 19 at 7 pm - Community Engagement

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 22 - Pride Parade

Holy Spirit is once again participating in the Pride Parade. It begins at Churchill Square at 1 pm and ends at the Fan Park. Sign up to walk with us (contact the office) or come watch and support the community.



Sunday, August 30 - Potluck with Chili Cook Off

Community Engagement is hosting a chili tasting competition on August 30 following worship. Rules will follow for the chili recipes. We ask that some chilies are gluten free so that all can participate. Those not bringing chili are welcome to bring: buns, cornbread, cheese, salad, etc. Sign up sheets in the narthex.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR THOSE WITH TALENTS TO SHARE AT OUR FALL CARNIVAL!

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT TO SHOWCASE?

- BALLOON ANIMALS
- BAG TOSS
- FISHING POND ATTENDANT
- PUPPETRY & PERFORMANCE
- OTHER TALENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE

HSLC NEEDS YOU!

CARNIVAL

SEPTEMBER 13TH

12-3 PM

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A 10X10 CANOPY TENT TO LEND OR WOULD LOVE TO SHOWCASE A TALENT.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO US AT EVENTS@HOLYSPIRITLUTHERAN.CA

Tiny Tart Economy

"And all those things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Luke 12: 13-21

I invite you to join me going back in time about thirty-seven years. Imagine with me a young girl around 11 years old staring intensely at the candy counter. An important decision has to be made. She just paid her paper route bill and had fresh earnings to spend. She considers, "What candy tastes good, will last the longest, and doesn't cost too much?" The answer, inevitably, was tiny tarts. They were delicious, didn't weigh much, which meant you got A LOT for a little amount of money, and they could realistically last until the next payday.

Picking out candy is one thing, a small thing really, yet I remember clearly how consuming the decision felt. Matters of money: spending, saving, and sharing gets complicated very quickly. In the reading from Luke, Jesus is asked to get involved in a family argument about inheritance. There are few things quite as explosive as mixing grief up with money – inheritance can be a blessing and sometimes a landmine.

Jesus skillfully avoids stepping into the family feud. Instead Jesus describes how foolish we can be by telling a story. In this story there is a very successful person. When faced with extra, the person doesn't slow down and enjoy the abundance. What they do is work harder and gather more in order to enjoy it later. Later never comes. After all this hard work the person dies before getting to relax and enjoy the fruits of the work.

"You fool!" God exclaims. Why do we put the best of who we are into storing up financial security? What good is that if we die without tasting the sweetness of living? So often we put off the good stuff – the "relax, eat, drink, be merry" stuff – for fear of not having enough.

Jesus shows us a better way. Not everything has a limited supply to be used up. Some things actually multiply when you spend them. A smile begets another smile that grows into a slightly better day. Kindness catches on and changes the tone of a conversation or even a community. Gratitude expressed makes room for others to be thankful and celebrate what is and celebrating what produces joy!



Be warned. Sharing these gifts of joy, kindness, solidarity, love and grace may lead you to share other things. You may wind up sharing your tiny tarts with a friend and finding that eating them with friends tastes so much better – even when the candy stash does not last as long!

You may find yourself living more with less. Generosity can become a way of life that will turn your life upside down. More sharing, more gratitude and more joy, and less worry about having enough.

- *How might you slow down and enjoy what is (not what should or could be)?*
- *When was a time you experienced joy or kindness grow?*

In this wild world full of important decisions and work, may you take time to enjoy the sweetness of living. Eat, drink, and be merry – life is meant to be lived in gratitude and joy for God's goodness.

- Pastor Liz

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

COUNCIL UPDATES

Our church council has taken a break for the month of July, but so much work still continues to happen at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church!

Our **Property Committee** especially has been particularly busy this summer looking at options to resolve issues with our roof as well as securing quotes to replace windows on the south side of our building. Both these items have taken time and thoughtful consideration. Thank you for the hard work you are all doing to keep our building operating as it should. We expect to have new windows in the fall! And will hear more about the roof as the committee looks further into the various alternatives.

Our **Community Engagement Committee** has been busy planning events for the summer and fall - The Pride Parade was so fun to walk in last year - and we invite you to join the parade with Holy Spirit on August 22 - just sign up! (sign-up sheet in the narthex).

And mark your calendars for the Carnival on September 13 for a really fun day!

Communications Committee are looking at new ways to reach out to the many new people who are moving into our community this year.

Administration Committee continue to work on staff, looking for a Communications and Administrative Assistant, and musician as Isaac moves on to Ontario.

We are really going to miss Isaac's warmth, his smiles, and his music. We wish you the very best and God's blessings as you settle into your new home.

And we are working to revise our Constitution. A heartfelt thank you to our members who have volunteered to provide feedback and recommendations. Following review by this group and council, we will present proposed revisions to the congregation in October.

Please reach out to any member of council with questions you have for us.

In Christ,

- Karen Oko on behalf of Congregational Council

Church Executive

President

Karen Oko

Vice President

Sara Dorow

Secretary

Arvid Pederson

Financial Secretary

Kaitlyn Alcontin

Treasurer (non-council position)

Belynda Kelleher

Committees

Communications Committee

*Brent Andringa, Suzi Petersen

Lifelong Learning Committee

*Kathryn Elford, Carola Unsworth

Stewardship Committee

*Kaitlyn Alcontin

Ministry Committee

*Kathy Kwasnitza

Worship Committee

*Margie Nunweiler, Carola Unsworth

Community Engagement Committee

*Suzi Petersen, Margie Nunweiler,
Kathy Kwasnitza

Administration Committee

*Sara Dorow, Arvid Pederson

Property Committee

*Arvid Pederson

(*indicates committee council liaison)

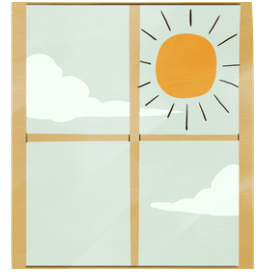


STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Generosity creates generosity. Our congregation is a great example of this! We have over 50 volunteers who make Sunday mornings happen, to mow the grass and shovel the snow, to do all kinds of things that help keep the church going. We also raised \$65,600 to pay down the mortgage when it was renewed in March! Those numbers are amazing!

We have an ongoing need to care for our property and building. Creating a Building Fund to ensure we have the funds available for the major projects needed to keep our building maintained - currently new windows and of course, the roof! The roof will be a multi-stage process to get fully repaired and our diligent Property Committee is working to determine the steps for that. The first step is to replace the shingles on the sloped section of the roof in the spring; this has a price tag of approximately \$30,000. The windows need to be replaced ASAP; this has a price tag of approximately \$24,000. We are doing an Adopt a Window campaign to help us pay off these windows.

Each window is approximately \$1600, but any and all amounts are greatly appreciated to pay for this work. We will have stained glass window posters posted at the church to help us see our progress. There will be further fundraisers for the Building Fund in the coming



months so keep your eyes peeled! Any designated offerings should be made to the Building Fund so that they can be used for any of these renovation needs as they come up.

In other Stewardship news we are also looking for committee members who are able to help out with fundraisers and upcoming Stewardship Sundays - which may focus on accessibility, environmental stewardship and other areas in which we may want to build our stewardship. Our committee meets once every 4-6 weeks via zoom. Please contact the office if you would like to join one of our next meetings.

- Kaitlyn Alcontin, Stewardship Committee

TREASURER'S UPDATE

TREASURER'S REPORT 2026

	Income	Expense	+/-
January	26,528	31,853	-5,325
February	29,118	32,661	-3,543
March	33,359	35,507	-2,148
April	36,175	33,739	2,436
May	25,350	27,209	-1,859
June	<u>25,313</u>	<u>33,798</u>	<u>-8,484</u>
Total	175,843	194,767	-18,924

Monthly Budget \$38,341

BUDGET ACCOUNT POSITION

AS AT JUNE 30, 2026

Budget Surplus as of Dec 31, 2025	\$2,718
Current Year Surplus (Deficit) as of May 31, 2026	(\$18,924)
Total Surplus (Deficit)	(\$16,206)

ACCESSIBILITY TEAM

HSLC Survey - Hearing Loss

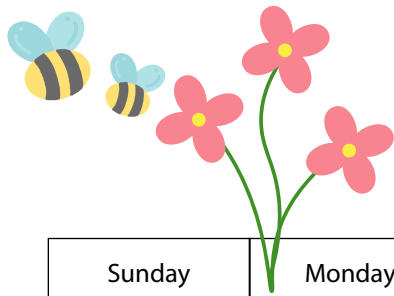
We need your input and ideas!

The Accessibility Team is working with the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association to improve access for people with hearing loss at HSLC.

If you have hearing loss, please complete our survey by August 15.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code below.





August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Pentecost 10 10 am Service of the Word	 Heritage Day Office Closed	4 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 4 pm Food Depot	5 9 am ESL 9:30 am ICANSA 1 pm ESL 7 pm Community Engagement Mtg	6 9:30 am ICANSA 7:30 pm Al-Anon	7 9 am ESL 9 am RCM Written Exams	1 8 9 am RCM Written Exams
9 Pentecost 11 10 am Service of Holy Communion	10 9 am ESL 9:30 ICANSA 10 am Ministry Committee Mtg	11 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 4 pm Food Depot	12 9 am ESL 9:30 am ICANSA 1 pm ESL 6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg	13 9:30 am ICANSA 7:30 pm Al-Anon	14 9 am ESL 9:30 am Tai Chi	15 9 am RCM String Exams
16 Pentecost 12 10 am Service of the Word	17 9 am ESL 9:30 ICANSA	18 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 4 pm Food Depot 6:30 pm Council Meeting	19 9 am ESL 9:30 am ICANSA 1 pm ESL 7 pm Community Engagement Mtg	20 9:30 am ICANSA 7:30 pm Al-Anon	21 Last day for Summer Student 9 am ESL 9:30 am Tai Chi	 1 pm Pride Parade (Churchill Square)
23 Pentecost 13 10 am Service of Holy Communion	24 9 am ESL 9:30 ICANSA	25 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 4 pm Food Depot	26 9 am ESL 9:30 am ICANSA 1 pm ESL	27 9:30 am ICANSA 7:30 pm Al-Anon	28 9 am ESL 9:30 am Tai Chi	29  10 am ICANSA Garage Sale
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