



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

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

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OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Thurs 9 am - 3 pm
Fridays 9 am - 1 pm
Church Office Closed:
Canada Day, Wednesday, July 1

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



As a congregation, we participated in the ELCIC Day of Action on May 31 with several activities.

- Thank you to Quinn M who gave a very informative presentation on the houseless issue in our city.
- Donated hygiene items were assembled into over 50 kits that were taken to Boyle Street.
- Petra S was on hand to talk about advocacy issues and her group Moms Stop the Harm.



- The weather didn't cooperate with outside clean up but many inside jobs were accomplished.
- Thanks to Paul T for the bbq hotdogs and all who participated in this Day of Action!



HSLC Church Picnic 2026 - June 14

It was a great day for our annual Service & Picnic in the Park.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Nuts, Bolts, & Binders

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

-1 Thessalonians 5:11

Can you believe it? We are six months into 2026 and the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (HSLC) Council has been hard at work tending to the nuts and bolts and, even, binders!

For this month's pastor page, I want to take a moment to celebrate the creative, detailed and big picture work our ministry leaders in council and on committees are doing.

Let's give thanks for the programs and events, the worship services, the caring outreach, property maintenance, and the meetings to plan, prepare, and oversee. HSLC is full of smart, dedicated, passionate, caring, and faithful people!

One of the things I appreciate about HSLC is the diverse operational sensibilities that inform how best to organize and run things. We have people from healthcare, government, business, education, finance, military, non-profit, marketing, and many other sectors – all of which approach operations in sometimes drastically different ways. But at church, we bring in all those sensibilities, skills, and practices to the table so we might figure out together God's will and how to faithfully respond.

The best kind of meetings are ones where we leave with an idea or plan that no one person could have designed by themselves - at HSLC we have the best kinds of meetings often!

In 2026, the council and staff have been working hard alongside the Administration Committee to tend to the nuts and bolts, the everyday practices and structures, that inform the council and congregation. This has been done primarily through an unofficial and informal process of listening and responding to the needs and ideas of council members with the aim of being a more informed council. Some of the improvements include a re-organization of BOX, a digital file system with reports, forms, minutes, etc., that council members and other leaders have access to for their particular work. An example of re-organization is copying all the policies into one folder. On the suggestion of a council member, these policies are now printed and in a physical binder for easier access.



Committees have renewed their commitment to submit minutes for the rest of the council to read each month, a new form for bringing an issue to council was created (and has been used to good effect), committees are strategically being featured in our newsletters, and the finance report format is getting a makeover.

While not new to 2026, I do want to highlight the success of council members serving as worship hosts on Sundays!! Council members know the building better as they open and close it on Sundays, they know the announcements better because they share them with the rest of us during the Community Life part of worship, and you know them better because when hosting you are introduced to them again and again – putting their names with their faces.

It is a sign of health that HSLC is tending to nuts, bolts, and binders. You have to be in a good place to take the space, time, and energy to look at ways to move beyond “that’s how we’ve always done it” or “if it isn’t broke, why fix it” to proactively asking “how might we do this better?”

You know that HSLC has some big things to consider like fixing the roof and windows, and I hope you pray and consider ways to help with that. In the meantime, let's celebrate that even in the middle of the big things, we have the ability and vitality to consider and improve the small things!

In you, I see a people who actively work to encourage and build each other up. Keep up the good work!!

— **Pastor Liz Bell**

COUNCIL UPDATES

Constitution

Our current constitution from 2012 is being aligned to the new "Model Constitution and Bylaws" and we want your help! Stay tuned for opportunities to provide input to our new constitution!

Windows and Roof

In addition to our leaky roof, we have windows that are in dire need of replacing. Windows in the daycare are high priority for safety and good renter relations. The Property Committee has received quotes to replace windows and the report on the status of our roof. Options are being considered.

Mortgage

HSLC's mortgage is now with CIBC and an incredible \$65,600 was raised to pay down the principal! \$85,000 remains - however payments are more than previously due to increase in interest rate but will be paid off much sooner than the amortization period of 10 years.

Treasurer's Update

TREASURER'S REPORT 2026

	Income	Expense	+/-
January	26,528	31,764	-5,236
February	29,118	32,661	-3,543
March	33,359	35,507	-2,148
April	36,175	33,739	2,436
May	<u>25,350</u>	<u>27,209</u>	<u>-1,859</u>
Total	150,530	160,880	-10,350

Monthly Budget \$38,341

BUDGET ACCOUNT POSITION

AS AT MAY 31, 2026

Budget Surplus as of Dec 31, 2025	\$2,718
Current Year Surplus (Deficit) as of May 31, 2026	(\$10,350)
Total Surplus (Deficit)	(\$7,632)

Staffing

Darian's last day at HSLC was Tuesday, June 23. He has brought life to our office and to our social media and his wisdom and experience in the digital world have been very effective over the past 10 months. While we are sad to see him go, we are very happy he will be moving to a full time role.

Next Monday, June 29, we welcome our new Summer Student Eden to take on various projects and tasks supporting HSLC!

Farewell

With deeply conflicted feelings, I have resigned as the administrative assistant at Holy Spirit. I have been offered a position at the MCC Thrift store just down 51st Avenue, and I can't argue with full-time work in service of another excellent mission-driven organization.

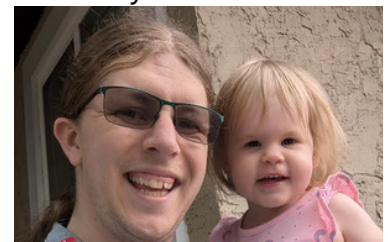
I have only been working here since August of last year; best measured in months, this isn't exactly a storied tenure. However, in this short time HSLC has come to feel like home. I was welcomed in with open arms, my perspectives valued and my skills recognized. I've felt that HSLC has encouraged and enabled me to be the best of myself in service of a good and hopeful mission.

To everyone that takes part in this community, thank you so much. Your commitment to practical action and proactive affirmation is inspiring, Christlike, and sorely needed in a time defined by instability and polarization. There are so many volunteers tirelessly putting in vital work who always deserve more recognition. I want to especially thank the team in the office. Lori and Liz are competent, creative, thoughtful leaders that have been a pleasure to work alongside. HSLC, you are lucky to have them!













I hope to stay involved with Holy Spirit in some capacity going forward. For now, if you see me at MCC Thrift, please come say hi! I'll miss working with and for you, but I'll always treasure this Church community.

All the best!

—Darian Neufeld



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
General Office Hours 9 am - 3 pm Monday - Thursday 9 am - 1 pm Fridays Call: 780-434-4012 email: church@holyspiritlutheran.ca			  Whitehorse Worship Arts Liz Away Canada Day Office Closed	2	3	4
Pentecost 6 10 am Service of the Word						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Vacation Bible School '26 9 am - 12 pm						
		 4 pm Food Depot 7 pm Admin Mtg	 7:30 pm Al-Anon			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pentecost 7 VBS Sunday 10 am Service of Holy Communion 						
	Lori on Vacation 9 am ESL Class 9:30 ICANSA	9 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 4 pm Food Depot	9 am ICANSA 9 am ESL Class	9 am ICANSA 7:30 pm Al-Anon	9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA Tai Chi	
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
Pentecost 9 10 am Service of Holy Communion Mulhurst Resource Pastor Liz Away at Camp						
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Save the Date: Community Carnival - Sunday September 13