



# HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

*Holy Spirit Lutheran Church*  
*A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community*

June 2026



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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

## OFFICE HOURS

**Mon - Thurs 9 am - 3 pm**

**Fridays 9 am - 1 pm**

## STAFF

Pastor: **Liz Bell**

Office Admin: **Lori Zeiner**

Admin Assistant: **Darian Neufeld**

## 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

June 2, 6:30 pm - Admin Committee  
June 3, 10:00 am - Communications Com.  
June 3, 3:00 pm - Community Engagement  
June 8, 6:30 pm - Church Council  
June 10, 11:00 am - Ministry Committee  
June 10, 6:30 pm - Worship Committee

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 3, 12:00 pm - Yesterday's Youth Lunch

Our young-at-heart senior's group will be meeting for the final bag lunch before the summer break! Bring your own bag lunch, coffee/tea and dessert are provided. No presentation this time – just food, fellowship, and fun!

### June 7, 2:00 pm - Service of Leave-Taking at Ascension LC

All are welcome to join Ascension Lutheran Church for their closing worship service. Bishop Trish Schmermund will be presiding. Refreshments will follow the service.

### June 14, 10:00 am - Service in the Park & Church Picnic

Our annual Church picnic will be in the same place as last year, Gold Bar Park Site #1 (10955 - 50 St). Bring a lawn chair, a beverage and your favorite camper game. Hotdogs and condiments will be provided, bring something to share. All are welcome!

**Note: No in-person service at HSLC on Sunday, June 14th.**

### June 28 - Grad & Newly Retired Celebration Sunday

This Sunday we will celebrate those who have graduated from school, and those who have newly retired! If you would like us to celebrate with you, send a picture with your name and some details about your program or job.

### July 6-10 - Vacation Bible School

Summer is here and Vacation Bible School is coming up fast! See page 5 for more details. Paper registration forms are available at HSLC, or visit [holyspiritlutheran.ca/events](https://holyspiritlutheran.ca/events) for info, volunteer registration, and the online registration form. Invite your friends!



## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP



Pentecost is here!

...a perfect opportunity to remember that the church was born not in certainty, but in courage! Not in comfort, but in community! The Spirit descended among ordinary people and sent them into a complicated world carrying extraordinary hope. Flames danced overhead, languages tumbled into understanding, and fear gave way to boldness. The church came alive.

This Pentecost, I write with deep gratitude for you.

Thank you for being communities where the Spirit is alive and well. In sanctuaries, fellowship halls, around kitchen tables and hospital beds, in Bible studies, outreach ministries, youth gatherings, refugee sponsorships, care homes, and quiet acts of mercy that rarely make headlines, the gospel is still becoming flesh among us.

Thank you for your faithfulness in a season when ministry is not simple. Many of you are navigating change, uncertainty, grief, financial pressures, and the shifting realities of church life in Canada today.

Yet even amid these challenges, you continue to pray, serve, sing, welcome, teach, and love. You continue to show up for one another and for your neighbours. That matters more than you know.

I give thanks for pastors, deacons, musicians, lay leaders, volunteers, council members, caretakers, and every person whose quiet faithfulness keeps the light burning. The church is not sustained by programs alone, but by people who trust that God is still creating something new among us.

As we move forward into God's unfolding future, may we remain open to holy surprise. May we have courage to speak truth, compassion to serve boldly, and imagination to follow where the Spirit leads next. The wind of Pentecost still blows through the church, rattling old doors, planting new dreams, and calling us beyond fear into hope.

A blessed Pentecost to you all.

In Christ,

— **Bishop Trish Schmermund** *Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCIC*

## COUNCIL UPDATE

We are so happy to welcome spring .... finally!! The trees seem to be starting to share their blooms and leaves and grass is getting greener. And with the new life of spring, we are seeing lots of life and activity in our church!

A beautiful evening of Wine, Cheese and Chocolate, Easter and Mother's Day, upcoming Many Hands Cleanup, Hygiene Kit drive, and worshiping and celebrating outdoors for our Picnic are just a few of the past and future activities that bring joy and life to our church and community. And a huge Thank You to the many volunteers that make all these events happen!

Congregational Council are thrilled to welcome 4 new members: Kathy Kwasnitsa, Kaitlyn Alcontin, Suzi Petersen, Brent Andringa. We have started a busy new year that includes aligning our 2012 Constitution to the Model Constitution prepared by

the National Church (ELCIC), and updating our Governance Manual, both based on background preparation and review that was done over the past year. This was some of the work done at Council Retreat in early May. Stay tuned for your chance to provide feedback on the Constitution changes!

Council have also reviewed and provided approvals for the Roof Inspection and Accessibility Audit. We are looking forward to hearing the results of the reports and recommendations from the Property and Admin Committees to help with our roof and help with accessibility.

Please ask me or any council member any questions you may have.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

— **Karen Oko** on behalf of Congregational Council



## A TASTE OF MAY RECAP

Members, friends, and family gathered on the evening of Saturday, May 2 for a silent auction fundraiser for HSLC's building fund. Sixty tickets were sold, 65 Silent Auction items were donated by the congregation, and over \$2000 was raised to support the building fund. We enjoyed wine, a great selection of cheese/crackers, and Purdy's chocolates. We were treated as well to live piano music by Jared and Isaac. What a great occasion for fellowship and community building!

Thanks to the Community Engagement Committee members Paul T., Paul H., Pastor Kathie S., Kathy K., Pathma D., Jerome B., Suzie P., and Margie N., for a very successful evening.

— Mary W.

### Words of praise for the fun Wine, Cheese & Chocolate event on May 2nd

This was a great first year function with about 60-70 people in attendance! There were members from HSLC plus their guests who had been invited and others who saw the event notice.

A good selection of wines was available to sample and sharpen your taste buds! A fabulous 'Around the World' array of cheeses plus a wide variety of snacks were enjoyed! And the chocolates were pretty darn good too!

The silent auction featured a variety of unique and interesting donated items, approximately 60-70! The atmosphere was wonderful with a very nice variety of background piano music!

This event made an outstanding evening and in my mind, is a definite 'do-over' for 2027! Plus the proceeds from the event went to the HSLC building fund! What could be better!

Thank you to all who organized and made this event great!

— Don W.



# FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

COME WITH YOUR FELLOW CONGREGANTS AND JOIN OTHER FAITH-BASED GROUPS TO CHEER ON THE ELKS AND MAKE MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!

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FRIDAY, JULY 17 | 7 PM

**\$20**  
ADULT TICKET

**\$15**  
YOUTH TICKET  
(AGES 17 & UNDER)

THE FIRST 100 TICKET HOLDERS WILL RECEIVE  
**POST-GAME FIELD ACCESS**

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS:  
PLEASE CONTACT CODY NEUMANN AT  
587-414-0599 OR CODY.NEUMANN@GOELKS.COM



# Vacation Bible School

July 6-10

9 am - Noon

**Ages:** Preschool to Grade 6

**Where:** Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
11223 - 51 Ave, Edmonton

Come on a Creation Care Quest with us! This five-day program contains skits, games, crafts, snacks, songs, and intentional activities for children to enjoy while exploring the world we live in. We will reflect on the Creation story in the Bible, learn ways to care for the Earth, and hear how people in different parts of the world care for creation.

**Register today and Invite your friends!**

Youth/adult volunteers needed

For more information and to register  
Scan below OR visit [HolySpiritLutheran.ca/events](https://HolySpiritLutheran.ca/events)  
Paper registration forms available in the office

Questions? Call 780-434-4012  
Or Email Church@HolySpiritLutheran.ca



## SERENITY PRESENTATION FOR YESTERDAY'S YOUTH

Serenity Funeral Services did a presentation for ~20 Yesterday's Youth attendees on Wednesday, May 6th. The presentation by Heather Harper focused on three areas:

1. The history of Serenity Funeral Services as a non-profit organization with Edmonton area churches as members. Today, over 100 metropolitan churches are members of Serenity with two locations in Edmonton plus offices in Fort Saskatchewan, Spruce Grove, Leduc, and Wetaskiwin.
2. Service arrangements for a funeral include many details. Serenity directors assist the family members through this process. Serenity has a brochure and dedicated personnel to outline information required by government bodies, obituary information and funeral arrangements.
3. Help with Prearranged funeral services that will protect the surviving family from making arrangements during their time of loss. This provides surviving family members with their loved one's arrangements, saving the family's time and ensuring details of the arrangements are what our loved one wanted. The prearrangements can begin with discussions with a Serenity director.

Following the presentation, a question and answer period turned into an interesting and informative dialogue amongst those present with some additional personal referrals from HSLC members. If anyone has any questions or would like some additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me through the church office.



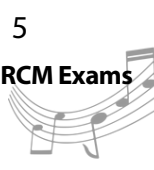
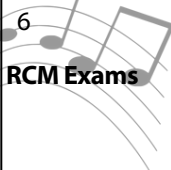
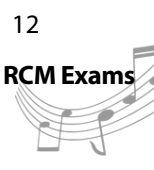
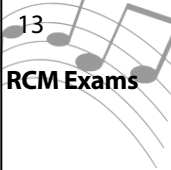

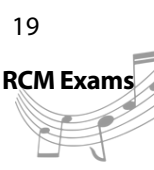
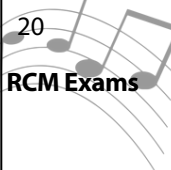




— Don W.



SERENITY  
FUNERAL SERVICE

# June 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 2 pm FD Drop Off 4 pm Food Depot 6:30 pm Admin Committee Mtg</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>9 am ICANSA 9 am ESL Class 10 am Comm. Committee Mtg 12 pm Yesterday's Youth Lunch 3 pm Community Engagement Mtg</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 1 pm Funeral for Otto Weltzein 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>RCM Exams</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>RCM Exams</p> <p>10 am Myeloma Support Society</p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>Pentecost 2</b> 10 am Service of Holy Communion</p> <p><b>Service of Leave-Taking</b> 2 pm Ascension LC 5 pm Music Recital</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg 7 pm ENU Lendrum Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 2 pm FD Drop Off 4 pm Food Depot</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 9 am ESL Class 11 am Ministry Committee Mtg 6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>RCM Exams</p> <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA Tai Chi</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>RCM Exams</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>Pentecost 3</b> 10 am Service in the Park &amp; Church Picnic No service @ HSLC</p>	 <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 2 pm FD Drop Off 4 pm Food Depot</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 9 am ESL Class</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>RCM Exams</p> <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA Tai Chi</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>RCM Exams</p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>Pentecost 4</b> 10 am Service of Holy Communion</p> <p><b>Father's Day</b></p>  <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 2 pm FD Drop Off 4 pm Food Depot</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>9 am ICANSA 9 am ESL Class</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Summer Days</i></p> <p>9 am ICANSA 6:30 pm Scouts 7:30 pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA Tai Chi</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 am Ostomy Support Group</p>
<p>28</p> <p><b>Pentecost 5</b> <b>Grad &amp; Newly Retired Sunday</b> 10 am Service of the Word</p> 	<p>29</p> <p><b>Whitehorse Worship Arts</b> Pastor Liz Away</p>  <p>9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 2 pm FD Drop Off 4 pm Food Depot</p>	<p><b>General Office Hours</b> 9 am - 3 pm Monday - Thursday 9 am - 1 pm Fridays</p> <p>780-434-4012 church@holyspiritlutheran.ca</p> 