



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

March 2026

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OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Thurs 9 am - 3 pm
Fridays 9 am - 1 pm

STAFF
Pastor: **Liz Bell**
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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

Mar 4, 7:30 pm - Lifelong Learning Comm.
Mar 10, 6:30 pm - Church Council
Mar 11, 3:00 pm - Community Engagement
Mar 17, 7:00 pm - Admin Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays throughout Lent, 6:30 pm - Travelling Lent
HSLC is joining with four other local Lutheran churches for a series of midweek services. See page 3 for more information.

March 4, 12:00 pm - Yesterday's Youth Bag Lunch
Yesterday's Youth, HSLC's young-at-heart senior's group, is meeting on March 4th for their monthly bag lunch get-together! All are welcome – bring your own lunch, coffee and dessert will be provided. This month we will be watching a segment from CBC's *The Assembly* featuring friend of HSLC Millie Schulz interviewing Canadian music legend Jan Arden, followed by a QnA with Millie themselves!

March 7, 3:00 pm - Carl Sorensen Celebration of Life
The memorial service for Carl Sorensen will be held at HSLC on March 7th and streamed on the HSLC YouTube channel for those who can not attend in person

March 12 & 26, 9:30 am - Bible Study
Our Bible study group is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Join us to prayerfully discuss the week's lectionary readings.

March 14, 21, & 28, 10:00 am-3:00 pm - ICANSA Tax Clinic
The ICAN Seniors Association is providing free tax services to indigenous peoples, newcomers, people with disabilities, seniors, youth, and anyone with a modest income. For more information visit icanseniors.com.

March 21, 5:00 pm - LCME Annual Banquet
Lutheran Campus Ministry–Edmonton is hosting its annual banquet at Our Savior Lutheran Church on March 21st! See page 4 for more information.

March 29 - Holy Week Begins

- Palm Sunday - March 29, Service at 10:00 am.
- Maundy Thursday - April 2, Potluck & Communion at 5:00 pm, Service & Procession follows.
- Good Friday - April 3, Tenebrae Service at 10:00 am.
- Easter Sunday - April 5, Service at 10:00 am.
- Easter Monday - Office Closed April 6.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



The days are getting longer! Can you feel it? We are so lucky to be living in Edmonton, one of the sunniest cities in Canada. As the daylight hours stretch out, there is a feeling of renewal in the air.

How good God is, to weave the rhythm of renewal right into the fabric of our existence, lest we forget. New life, renewed life is always on its way, around the corner, in the next season. We are built for death and resurrection, for Good Friday and for Easter.

As part of God's Church, we join Christians around the world for the season of Lent. Like Advent gets us ready of Christmas, Lent is a time to prepare for the feast and festival of Easter.

But unlike Advent, filled with Christmas trees, lights, special baking, and gifts, Lent is a bit more somber. It is more akin to Spring cleaning. We clear out the clutter in our homes, our hearts, and our world so we might create space to better sense God – God's love, God's will, God's guidance, God's presence.

The first step in clearing the clutter is to acknowledge the messiness exists. With courage we take an honest look at our lives.

Perhaps this Lent we take a look at how we make decisions about spending our time, energy, and money, asking probing questions, like: Where are the places I need help or healing? Where am I spending

most of my time, energy, and resources, and does that line up with my own values? What about how I am living my life right now is pleasing to God? What might need to change?

Lent is not for the faint of heart! And this list might be a bit much for one year. Possibly it is better to focus each year on one or a few of these questions (or other questions in your heart!). Perhaps you are being led by the Holy Spirit to take a look at your relationships. Are there relationships that need tending? Is there someone with whom you are being called to repair a relationship? Are there people who might need some attention and care? What is one small thing you can do today to make someone's day a little better?

Lent isn't as flashy as the Advent preparations for Christmas, but it is just as meaningful. Lenten work opens us up to God's rhythm of renewal and life; it attunes our hearts to God's love.

May you be blessed this Lent as you explore ways to clear the clutter and explore your relationship with God and with the world. May you know God's love in new and renewed ways and may that love flow to all those you encounter. Amen.

— **Pastor Liz Bell**

AGM RECAP

“Short and sweet” would be a good descriptor for this year’s Annual General Meeting. Once the 50-some people gathered had enjoyed a finger food lunch (thank you, Arvid!), the meeting commenced; under an hour later, the vote came to adjourn.

Council President Karen Oko opened the AGM with a clear picture of the agenda and a reminder about rules of conduct for the meeting (Holy Spirit uses Bourinot’s Rules of Order). Treasurer Belynda Kelleher reviewed the 2025 financial report, with the very good news that HSLC ended the year with a small surplus. After brief discussion of the new year’s budget, it, too, was passed.

Sadly, Council says goodbye to Belynda Kelleher, Chris Schneider, and Paul Thomsen as they end their terms. Each of them has done so much both behind the scenes and on the front stage – each, as Karen noted, bringing special gifts.

Happily, we have four new members of Council! Thank you to Brent Andringa, Kaitlyn Alcontin, Kathy Kwasnitza, and Suzi Petersen for stepping into this important leadership role. Deep thanks as well to all the helping hands who made the AGM possible, from the tech team to the dishwashing crew, and to Lori Zeiner and Pastor Liz for everything you do.

— Sara Dorow

M2M UPDATE

As HSLC’s mortgage refinancing is finalized, we can appreciate just how much we took advantage of this rare opportunity to reduce the burden of interest years into the future. As donations are still coming in, **we will have raised over \$65,000 against the principle, saving us more than \$34,000 over the coming years!** Huge thanks to everyone’s contributions, financial and otherwise, that are helping HSLC perform all its ministries now and into the future.



This year’s Travelling Lent is underway with a series of midweek services in collaboration with four other area Lutheran churches. All are welcome to worship in community Wednesdays at 6:30 throughout Lent., Stay for snacks after the service.

- Feb. 25 — ~~Trinity Lutheran, 10014 81 Ave NW~~
- March 4 – Holy Spirit Lutheran
- March 11 – Lord of Life Lutheran, 2710 79 St NW
- March 18 – Mount Olivet Lutheran, 205 Fir St, Sherwood Park
- March 25 – Ansgar Danish Lutheran, 9554 108A Ave NW

TREASURER’S REPORT 2026

	Income	Expense	+/-
January	26,528	31,764	-5,236
Total	26,528	31,764	

Monthly Budget \$38,341

BUDGET ACCOUNT POSITION AS AT JANUARY 31, 2026

Budget Surplus as of Dec 31, 2025	\$2,718
Current Year Surplus (Deficit) as of Jan 31, 2026	(\$5,236)
Total Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,518)

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Holy Week

March 29 – Palm Sunday
10:00 AM Service

April 2 – Maundy Thursday
5:00 PM Potluck & Communion
Service & Procession follows

April 3 – Good Friday
10:00 AM Tenebrae Service
with HSLC Choir

All are welcome and All means All.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Easter Sunday

*The Lord is my
strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.*
– Psalm 118:14 (NIV)

April 5 – Easter Sunday
10:00 AM Service with HSLC Choir

April 6 – Easter Monday – Office Closed

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY BANQUET

Join Lutheran Campus Ministry–Edmonton for its Annual Banquet **on March 21 from 5–8 pm** and get a chance to celebrate ministry moments from the year and preview programming for 2026/2027! For those of you who have attended previously, note that the banquet is moving to a larger venue this year and will be hosted at Our Savior Lutheran Church (18345 62B Ave NW).

Pastor Elly McHan, LCM–E's Chaplain, wrote in her letter to Pastor Liz and Holy Spirit, "We are so thankful for Holy Spirit's commitment to and support of LCM-E; I would love to welcome a whole Holy Spirit table (or 2!) to the Annual Banquet!"

Tickets are \$40, or \$300 for a table of eight. For more information and to reserve your seats, visit lcm Edmonton.ca.



The poster features a central image of an Edmonton Oilers player in a blue and orange jersey with the number 97. To the right, the Oilers logo is positioned above the text "OILERS VS" and the Chicago Blackhawks logo. Below this, the text reads "FAITH AND FUN NIGHT" in white on a dark blue background, followed by "APRIL 2 THURSDAY 7:00 PM" in orange and white. At the bottom, it says "JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST EVER OILERS FAITH AND FUN OFFER AT ROGERS PLACE!" and "TICKETS STARTING AT \$119" in large orange font. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

OILERS FAITH AND FUN NIGHT

The Edmonton Oilers are offering discounted tickets for church members, along with their friends and families, to watch them take on the Chicago Blackhawks on April 2nd! To reserve tickets, visit am.ticketmaster.com/oilers/buy/quickbuy?id=MjUx.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent 2 10 am Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am HSLC Choir Practice	2 Lori out of office 9 am ESL Class 9 am Tai Chi (Adv) 10:30 am Tai Chi (Beginner)	3 9 am ICANSA 4 pm Food Depot 6:45 pm Kickboxing	4  Travelling Lent at HSLC 6:30 pm Service 9 am ICANSA 9 am ESL Class 12 pm Yesterday's Youth Lunch 7:30 pm Lifelong Learning Meeting	5 9 am ICANSA 6:30 pm Scouts 7:30 pm Al-Anon	6 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA Tai Chi	7 Celebration of Life for Carl Sorenson 3-4 pm 10 am Myeloma Support Society
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