HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

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

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OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Thurs 9 am - 3 pm
Fridays 9 am - 1 pm
Church Office Closed:
Remembrance Day, November 11

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

Nov 2 @ 2 pm - Community Engagement
Nov 3 @ 7 pm - Administration Committee (via Zoom, contact office for link)
Nov 4 @ 6:30 pm Council Meeting
Nov 10 @ 1 pm - Communications
Nov 12 @ 6:30 pm Lifelong Learning
Nov 16 @ 10 am - Ministry Committee
Nov 19 @1:30 pm - Worship Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4, 12:00 pm - Yesterday's Youth Bag Lunch
Come for fellowship and laughter. All are welcome! Bring a bag lunch, coffee/tea and treats provided. Following lunch will be a presentation from Rick Schulz 'The Marvelous Heart: Insights from Research.'

November 12 & 26, 9:30 - 11 am - Bible Study
We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month. A time to discuss the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings led by Pastor Darryl Roste. All are welcome!

November 11, 7 - 9 pm - Ponder That!
This month we will meet on Wednesday, Nov 11 to continue the series from Animate with short videos, a speaker and time for questions and discussion. On Wednesday, Nov 25, we will participate in the Traveling Advent at Lord of LIfe. Come join us!

November 25, 7:00 pm - Traveling Advent
Holy Spirit is joining up with three other Edmonton-area churches for a series of midweek Advent services. The first one will be at Lord of Life Lutheran (2710 - 29 St.), with coffee and treats following service.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How to Spot a Christian in the Wild

Jesus said to his disciples, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. " John 13:35

How can you spot a Christian in the wild? Are there reliable clues or signs to look for?

When you see a big cross on a building, for example, you can be sure that there is a good chance that it is a church or a Christian organization.

I hope that when a person sees the cross, that it is a sign that this is a place of welcome, warmth, and kindness. Or, perhaps, a place where you can find people who will stand up for what is good, just, and right, a people of courage who pay attention and help.

Digging deeper, I wonder what a curious observer would notice about how the people organized with the cross made decisions, how they talked to or about each other, or how they treated one another.What might the peoples' actions reveal about their values and priorities?

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church has a cross in our logo and sign; we have them all around. What would a curious observer notice about us? What about how we treat each other, make decisions, and spend our energy would strike the person as distinctively Christian? I'd like to think they would see a lot of love, good humor, forgiveness and care. I'd like to think they experienced something of God's love

It is like the song says, "You will know they are Christians by their love." This love is in response to God's love which is revealed so clearly through Jesus. Jesus' decisions and actions were driven by love.When given a choice, Jesus responds with kindness, compassion, and healing – even when he was exhausted and it cost him his reputation, peace, and ultimately, his life. Jesus did not back down from injustice or lies, he faced things head on without deception. Jesus is honest, trustworthy, and the kind of person who runs toward danger for the sake of others rather than away. Jesus is wise, intelligent, and strategic. Jesus knows the way of God's love is costly and has dangers, he knows his actions will lead to the cross – and he continues on with courage and integrity.

The cross reveals the distinctive love of Jesus and it also shows Christians who they are. They are healed, held, welcomed and loved by God. What makes a person Christian is Jesus. It is a pure gift of grace that they have faith at all.

Jesus-like behaviors might indicate that you have found a wild Christian, but what makes Christians distinctive are deeply held values rooted in the radical and expansive love of God for all people and for the earth.This love impacts how they spend their time, their energy, the choices they make, the votes they cast and their words and actions. Love both grounds and centers them. There are many people and groups who want to tell them what to be and do, but, as Christian people, who they are and how they are in the world always begins steeped in the love of God through Jesus with the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Behaviors are clues, but it is the heart that clearly reveals who a person is.

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May the love of God be revealed in the way you live your life and may you be blessed in the process.

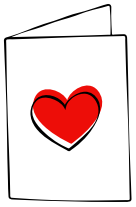
— Pastor Liz Bell

Ministry Committee

Enfolding Our Community

The Ministry Committee continues its mission as a "caring for each other" ministry, dedicated to lifting up our neighbors both near and far.
Currently, we are actively supporting the **parish pantry by assembling essential toiletry kits** to provide direct relief for the unhoused and those in need.
Looking ahead to the Christmas season, our annual **Giving Tree will Launch soon,** collecting much-needed goods for the **Bissell Centre** and providing holiday support for **two local families.**

Behind the scenes, we continue to send out caring cards to those navigating difficult times.
Additionally, this November, **we will begin a special outreach initiative** to connect with inactive members, checking in on them and warmly welcoming them back to their church home.
We're so excited to serve together with you this holiday season and beyond, thank you for everything you do to support this ministry.



With gratitude, Your Ministry Committee Team

HSLC Sunday School

Practices will begin Sunday, November 15 for *'A Colombian Christmas'* presented by our Holy Spirit Sunday School. Join us during worship on Sunday, December 6. Bring cookies to share after the service. Support our Colombian Christmas stewardship project. More detail will be shared soon.

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	25,313	33,798	-8,485
July	33,854	40,892	-7,038
August	38,338	28,367	9,971
September	24,781	20,273	4,509
Total	**272,816**	**284,298**	**-11,482**

Monthly Budget $38,341

BUDGET ACCOUNT POSITION
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Budget Surplus as of Dec 31, 2025	$2,718
Current Year Surplus (Deficit) as of September 30, 2026	($11,482)
Total Surplus (Deficit)	**($8,764)**

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee has been busy organizing a coffee fundraiser.
Purchase ethically sourced, locally roasted bags of coffee after services on November 1 & 8. Also available at the Christmas Market and until supply runs out.
Proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

Community Engagement Committee

The Community Engagement Committee has been in a flury of excitement as they get ready for our Annual Christmas Market.
Buy a Raffle Ticket for 6 Amazing Baskets (values between $134 - $388) after worship on November 1 & 8, and at the market. Draws to take place at the close of the Market November 14 at 2:45 pm.

B**akers Needed** - Sign up sheets are in the narthex for volunteers to donate baking for the bakesale table as well as set up and clean up duties.

ELCIC Choir Festival 2026

Our HSLC Choir directed by Jared Samborski and accompanied by Kathryn Elford, once again participated in the Edmonton ELCIC Choir Festival on October 25 held at Hosanna Lutheran Church.

-photo credit David Aaron

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Sunday** 10 am Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am HSLC Choir Practice 1:30 pm Confirmation 7 pm Pickleball	2 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA 2 pm Community Engagement Mtg 7 pm Malmo Choir Practice	3 9:30 am Tai Chi 4 pm Food Depot 7 pm Unleesh Kickboxing 7 pm Admin Mtg	4 9:30 ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 12 pm Yesterday's Youth Lunch 1 pm ESL Class 6:30 pm Council Mtg	5 9:30 am ICANSA 6:30 pm Scouts 7:30 pm AL-ANON	6 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA	7 MYELOMA CANADA 10 am Myeloma Support Group
8 **Pentecost 24** 10 am Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am HSLC Choir Practice 7 pm Pickleball	9 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA 6:30 pm Beavers 7 pm Malmo Choir Practice	10 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 1 pm Communications Meeting 4 pm Food Depot 7 pm Unleesh Kickboxing	11 **Remembrance Day** Office Closed 7 pm Ponder That!	12 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Lifelong Learning Mtg 6:30 pm Scouts 7:30 pm AL-ANON	13 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA	14 10 am Christmas Market
15 **Pentecost 25** 10 am Service of Holy Communion Campus MInistry Sunday 11:30 am HSLC Choir practice 7 pm Pickleball	16 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA 10 am Ministry Mtg 6:30 pm Beavers 7 pm Malmo Choir Practice	17 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Unleesh Kickboxing	18 9:30 ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi	19 9:30 am ICANSA 1:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg 6:30 pm Scouts 7:30 pm AL-ANON	20 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA	21
22 **Christ the King** 10 am Service of Holy Communion & Sacrament of Holy Baptism 11:30 am HSLC Choir practice 7 pm Pickleball	23 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA 6:30 pm Beavers 7 pm Malmo Choir Practice	24 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 4 pm Food Depot	25 9:30 ICANSA 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Traveling Advent @ Lord of Life Lutheran	26 9:30 am ICANSA 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Scouts 7:30 pm AL-ANON	27 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA	28 10 am Ostomy Support Group
29 **Advent 1** 10 am Service of Holy Communion 11:30 am HSLC Choir practice 5 pm Dinner Church @ St George Anglican 7 pm Pickleball	30 9 am ESL Class 9:30 am ICANSA 6:30 pm Beavers 7 pm Malmo Choir Practice					

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