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Holy Spirit Lutheran Church | A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community | Spring 2019

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Administration: Lori Zeiner

STAY IN TOUCH

Check out our website:

www.holyspiritlutheran.ca for

- Worship service times
- PDF copies of *Holy Spirit Connects*
- Sunday sermons (PDF and audio recordings available)
- Link to our Facebook page
- Twitter feed

Deadline for our Summer 2019

Newsletter: Friday, May 10

Deadline for the April Events

Page: Friday, March 8

Sunday Bulletin Submission

Deadline: Tuesday each week by 3:00 pm.

AGM Recap



On February 24, 2019, the AGM was held. Over 50 voting members attended the meeting and participated in the decision making to move us forward. The meeting began with a time of fellowship where we visited and shared a meal together, and spent some time dwelling in the Word. As we often see with technology, there was a glitch. However, it was quickly rectified by a short sojourn back to the sanctuary, where the meeting PowerPoint was projected for all to see. A walk through the year in pictures, showed the amazing variety of events in which our community engaged, and the number of people involved in making our church a place for everyone. The crucial decisions made at the AGM include moving forward with the Inclusive Bathroom renovation. We also welcomed one new member to council. We are grateful to everyone for their prayers and support in making Holy Spirit the Church we and others need.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 3 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

March 5 – Shrove Tuesday

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Pancake & Sausage Dinner (freewill offering)

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

11:15 am & 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service

March 10 – 1 Lent

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

March 13

6:45 pm - Midweek Lenten Service

March 17 – 2 Lent

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

March 20

6:45 Midweek Lenten Service

March 24 – 3 Lent

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

March 27

6:45 Midweek Lenten Service

March 31 – 4 Lent

10:00 am Service of Holy Communion

Note: Worship Services will remain at 10:00 am through to the fall (except Easter Sunday, April 21, 9:15 & 11:00 am worship)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

College & Careers Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (March 12 & 26)

Fitness Class

Mondays & Fridays from Noon – 1:00 pm

HSLC Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm (time change during Lent)

Morning Bible Study

2nd & 4th Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:00 am (March 14 & 28)

Pastor's Message

Grace and Peace to you!

Can we talk about stewardship? Recently, in my annual report I spoke to the ups and downs of stewardship at Holy Spirit, especially regarding the “growing and deeply concerning deficit” that we were all watching in 2018. It never hurts to learn about stewardship, because it’s a critical component of faith.

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to [God's] service, you could not give anything that was not in a sense [God's] own already.

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Lewis points out the first principle of why we give – because everything we have and experience is from God in the first place. Our giving then, is a response to God’s generosity and an affirmation of trust in God that this beautiful provision will continue. In our wealthy world (and yes, we live in very wealthy times!) sometimes we begin to rely upon ourselves instead of the

care of God. This leads us to give when we have an excess, or when there is a plea, and may lead us to be fearful that in the end we might not have enough. Yet, faith invites us to respond to God’s constant provision with our own consistent thanks!

When I was at seminary, our family went through some very lean years! Thankfully, we were blessed by the generosity of others in many ways. Sometimes we received rather large financial gifts, but one of the most helpful gifts we received was a commitment from someone to give us a small amount every month. Without fail, the check came in the mail and I can’t tell you how extremely grateful we were for their dependable generosity and commitment to ministry. This was one of the lessons we learned from as we grew in stewardship ourselves. Regularity is essential.

How much less stressful would it be if our giving patterns were evened out over the whole year? What might we each learn about God’s presence in our lives with a regular pattern of giving? What new

conversations would we have if we weren’t worried every month about finances? It’s true there are some practical factors that lead us to give more at certain times of the year, but I invite us all to prayerfully consider our stewardship, being especially mindful of God’s unwavering commitment to us.

Some helpful things to consider: review your own 2018 giving pattern; the possibility of using Preauthorized Remittance (“PAR,” ask Lori in the office for more information;) pre-written checks for the year kept at home so they are ready for Sundays; post-dated checks left with Holy Spirit that maintain your giving even when you may not be at church; using Canadahelps.org and sign up for monthly giving. We’d love to hear your own ideas too!

There’s no doubt about it, you are generous givers toward a very busy ministry from this congregation! With God’s help and guidance, we are connecting with and proclaiming God’s acceptance to a wide circle of people. Thank you and thanks be to God!

In peace, **Pastor Trish**

Holy Spirit joins the Narrative Lectionary for Lent

The Bible is a library of writings from a long period of time containing many different genres of literature. However, running through it all is a story about how the Creator of the universe guided the people of God from their beginning, through slavery, war, exile, and return and then expanded that call to include people from every time and place through Jesus—all to spread God’s kingdom throughout the world.

As a congregation we come together each Sunday to worship, hear the word of God proclaimed through these sacred stories, and to be joined as one body through Holy Communion. In our congregation at Holy Spirit Lutheran we have historically used the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) to guide our reading of the Bible each week. The RCL roots go back hundreds of years, however its current publication dates back to 1994. The lectionary works on a three-year cycle of Scripture readings assigned each Sunday - usually Old Testament, Psalm, Letter, and Gospel. While the RCL is very common in liturgical denominations, it is not universal. There are many churches and denominations who do not use a lectionary; instead they may use

the Narrative Lectionary, or the pastoral staff may select Bible readings themselves.

In a response to the call of pastors for their people to hear the story of God in a more linear fashion, the Narrative Lectionary was developed by Luther Seminary professors Rolf Jacobson and Craig Koester in partnership with congregations across North America in 2010. In comparison to some other lectionaries, the Narrative Lectionary narrows the number of readings per Sunday to one main “preaching” or focus text, instead of three to four passages. Each Sunday also is assigned an “accompanying text,” or a short additional reading.

The Church Year helped to shape the flow of the Narrative Lectionary. Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) readings move through the story of God’s dealings with Israel and culminate in Advent with the prophets who speak of longing and hope. Readings from the gospels fit the movement from Christmas and Epiphany to the Transfiguration, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter. Selections from the book of Acts and Paul’s letters trace the outward movement of the resurrection message, culminating on Pentecost with readings

focusing on the Spirit. As the lectionary was formed texts were selected that lead well to the proclamation of what God is doing among us. The stories tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life. Stories from the gospels differ each year, avoiding repetition and highlighting what is distinctive about each gospel’s telling of the story of Jesus.

This year Holy Spirit will experiment using the Narrative Lectionary throughout the season of Lent. Each Sunday we will read one longer central narrative together in worship and the pastors will preach on that passage. Some Sundays, this central reading will be done in the form of a ‘readers theater’ - while on other Sundays the passage will simply be read by multiple voices during our time of worship. If you have an interest in being a part of reader’s theater this Lenten season, please speak with the office or the pastoral staff.

We look forward to sharing this experience with you and welcome your feedback during this Lenten experiment together.

Pastor Lindsey & the Worship Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

	Income	Expenditures	Difference
January	\$ 20,500	\$ 31,967	(\$ 11,467)
Sum (deficit)	\$ 20,500	\$ 31,967	(\$ 11,467)

Note: Monthly Budget amount is \$32,297

HSLC COUNCIL

President: Toby S.

Vice-President: Tanya G.

Treasurer: Amy C

Secretary: Wendy I.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE LEADERS

Administration Committee

Amy C. | Dan L.

Communication Committee

Kim G.

Community Engagement Committee

Wendy I.

Lifelong Learning Committee

Tanya G.

Ministry Committee

Janet A.



Yesterday's Youth Upcoming Events

STILL GOING STRONG

AFTER 33 YEARS

Catered Lunch

Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 Noon
(\$15 at the door). Entertainment following lunch: Karaoke Sing Along. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

Cards and Games

Wednesday, March 20 at 12:00 Noon.
Bring your own bag lunch and \$3 for coffee, tea and dessert. Come for fun, laughter, games, and fellowship. All are welcome.

Mid-Week Lenten Service:

Caring for Creation

Christians who care about climate change can bear witness by ensuring they tread lightly on the earth by reducing their consumption and adopting a sustainable lifestyle. But acting on climate change goes beyond what we can do as individuals or as a church to reduce our carbon footprints. It goes right to the heart of our faith and spiritual calling and challenges us to be a prophetic voice for climate justice.

Join us at Holy Spirit this Lenten season as we discuss our role as people of faith in caring for creation in the midst of climate change. Each week we will gather to worship and explore issues facing our community today: sustainability, environmental change, energy use and how we might grow in our response.

Wednesdays from 6:45 pm – 7:15 pm

March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

Tuesday, March 5

Hosted by our youth

Following the 10:00 am service



Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6

Service at 11:15 am and 7:00 pm

Holy Spirit's Family Milestones



Funerals

a funeral service was held for

Inez P.

on December 10, 2018

(Hainstock's Funeral Home)

a memorial service was held for

William (Willie) G.

on December 16, 2018

(Allard Hall, MacEwan University)

Lydia L.

passed away at the age of 92 on

December 19, 2018

A funeral was held for

E. Neil B.

on January 4, 2019

A funeral was held for

Marie W.

on January 21, 2019

Friends of Lutheran Campus Ministry - Edmonton Annual Banquet



Featuring:

Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen

*William Hordern Chair of
Theology & Dean of Studies,
Lutheran Theological Seminary,
Saskatoon*

Saturday, March 16th, 2019

5:30 p.m. - Reception; 6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Trinity Lutheran Church

10014-81st Avenue, Edmonton

RSVP by March 11th - call (780) 492-4513 or email: rfreimer@ualberta.ca

Dinner is free, but donations are accepted and receipts issued.
Lutheran Campus Ministry - Edmonton is a subsidiary of the Synod of Alberta & the Territories.



STANDARD FIRST AID CPR LEVEL C WITH CHILD CARE FIRST AID

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (11223 - 51 Avenue)

Friday, April 5 - Saturday, April 6

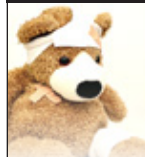
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$100/person includes lunch

Register:

www.goldenhourhealthandsafety.com/events/standard-first-aid-with-child-care

or call the church office at 780.434.4012



MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					10:00 am ESL Book Club 12:00 Noon Fitness 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance Group Class	10:00 am Myeloma Support Meeting
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TRANSFIGURATION 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Gym Rental 5:00 pm Ballroom Lesson	12:00 Noon Fitness 8:00 pm AA Group Meeting	SHROVE TUESDAY 10:00 am ESL Class 4:00 pm Food Depot 5:30 pm Pancake Dinner	ASH WEDNESDAY 11:15 am Ash Wednesday Service 12:00 Noon Yesterday's Youth Catered Lunch 7:00 pm Evening Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 pm Administration Committee Meeting	10:00 am ESL Book Club 12:00 Noon Fitness 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance Group class	1:00 pm Worship Band Practice
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1 LENT 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion & Rite of Healing	12:00 Noon Fitness 6:00 pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm AA Group Meeting	10:00 am ESL Class 4:00 pm Food Depot 4:30 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm College & Careers 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	6:45 pm Midweek Lent Service 7:30 pm HSLC Choir Practice	9:30 am Morning Bible Study 7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting	10:00 am ESL Book Club 12:00 Noon Fitness 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance Group class	12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Gym Rental
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2 LENT 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion 11:30 pm Ministry Committee Meeting	12:00 Noon Fitness 8:00 pm AA Group Meeting	10:00 am ESL Class 4:00 pm Food Depot 4:30 pm Confirmation Class	12:00 Noon Yesterday's Youth Cards & Games 6:45 pm Midweek Lent Service 7:30 pm HSLC Choir Practice	9:30 am – Noon Cluster Meeting 6:00 pm Al-Anon District Meeting 7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting	12:00 Noon Fitness 7:00 pm Ballroom Dance Group Class	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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4 LENT 10:00 am Service of Holy Communion	11223 - 51 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 0L5 Phone: 780-434-4012 Email: church@holyspiritlutheran.ca Website: www.holyspiritlutheran.ca Facebook: Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Twitter: @HSLutheran Instagram: @HSLutheran					

MISSION STATEMENT: Holy Spirit Lutheran Church provides a welcoming and nurturing environment for anyone who chooses to join us in our walk with Jesus. In this walk, we praise God, we cherish community, we strive for justice, and we learn about our faith, our world, and each other. In our shared and individual lives, we are witnesses of God's saving grace, love, and forgiveness through our actions, attitudes, and relationships with others.