



Holy Spirit Happenings

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community



JULY 2020

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Office Hours

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Mon - Thurs
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Fridays

Worship Times

10:00 am Sunday mornings
on our Youtube channel

Relaunch

Current plans for relaunching in-person worship are for September. There are many considerations to be planned to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we make plans. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office.



Take my yoke upon you.

Jesus

Dear HSLC family and friends,

It's not a city metaphor, so if you don't know, a "yoke" is an implement of work laid across the shoulders; it helps the farmer and the beast work together by making it easier for heavy loads to be pulled, and to make guidance of the animals easier for the farmer.

In this short phrase from Matthew, Jesus invites us to work with him, trading in the heavy and difficult work (that we often choose to shoulder alone) for new tasks guided by Christ. This is hard at times. Change is always hard. But, God is continually at the work of renewal in us and the world. These days we are being guided to take giant steps of learning about inequality, health, and justice. When it's uncomfortable, listen to Jesus who guides us, then when we pull, we pull together!

It's pretty amazing to realize we are actually in partnership with the Creator of all. Obviously what we do matters. As we undertake the ministry of inclusion, learn about racism and as we wash our hands more than ever, we are discovering new means of care. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Trish

#PANDEMIC #BLM #ECONOMY

Message from our Treasurer

I write to you in a time of challenge, fear, and uncertainty. Our lives have been turned upside down by the events of the last number of weeks and months. A closure of this magnitude has never occurred in the history of HSLC or any other church in this area. We are still unsure of how long this period of closure will last. COVID-19 will have a long-lasting and far-reaching effect on the economy. All churches will feel this impact and we are no exception.

As ministry has and will continue the best way possible, I cannot stress enough how important it will be to continue to make our offerings. Currently, there are numerous ways to give. A few options are outlined below:

1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Withdrawal (PAR)

- Registration forms are available through the church office.

2. Credit Card

- Call the office (780-434-4012) during office hours and speak to Lori.

One time donations or recurring donations can be set up using VISA or MasterCard.

3. Online through Canadahelps.org

- Search for this website to donate online: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/915>

4. Mail envelopes to the church

- You can mail envelopes directly to the church: 11223 - 51 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T6H 0L5

5. Drop envelopes off at church

- Cash or Cheques may be dropped off to the church during office hours. Monday - Friday 10:00am - Noon. Please call the office before leaving your envelope in the mailbox.

As at June 30, 2020, HSLC had a year to date surplus of \$1,167. Thank you to this faithful community for your continued donations during this unprecedented time! Your generosity and commitment to HSLC's ministries is greatly appreciated and helps to limit the financial stress on council and staff. During the closure we have been looking for ways to reduce expenditures, including reducing our janitorial service by half, and will continue to seek out opportunities to reduce costs.

As a council, we are honoured to acknowledge your ongoing participation and support, and want to express to you our deepest thanks in this regard.

Amy Cooper,
Treasurer & Financial Secretary

thank you

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

	Income	Expense	Difference
January	17,593	30,753	-13,160
February	21,696	31,636	-9,940
March	26,121	33,116	-6,995
April	67,890	29,719	38,172
May	24,746	28,877	-4,131
June	<u>24,370</u>	<u>27,149</u>	<u>-2,778</u>
Total	158,046	154,101	1,167

Note: Monthly budget amount is \$33,307





#ALLAREWELCOME

FAITH MATTERS



Wednesday Evening Zoom gatherings will explore key ingredients of faith. Standing the test of time, Prayer - July 8
Grace - July 15
Stewardship - July 22
Worship - July 29
have nourished the people of God for thousands of years and are part of a vibrant and meaningful faith life.

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
www.zoom.us #999 441 264

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Through July, join in on conversations around key ingredients of faith:

July 8 - Prayer:

We hear a lot about prayer, but sometimes wonder how we're supposed to pray and whether it works or not.

July 15 - Grace:

This hallmark of Lutheran theology is far more challenging than we dare to imagine and essential to not only understanding ourselves and others, but to a peace-filled world.

July 22 - Stewardship

If giving isn't about making a budget, then what is it? Actually it is a critical element of a vibrant and deep life of faith. Come find out more.

July 29 - Worship

So much has shifted in worship today and we are missing the way we used to gather. Will worship continue to play an important role in the Christian life?



Sign-up for our Summer Book Club

The book club will run Wednesday Nights 7pm-8pm starting Aug 5th. To order a copy of the book through HSLC or sign up for the study contact Lori at Church@holyspiritlutheran.ca

Mutual Ministry Team



If you have concerns or questions regarding our staff team, you are welcome to contact our Mutual Ministry Team to help guide you through understanding and resolution. Team members are: Harry W., Sandra T., Gail A., and Andrea M. Contact them through the office.



Food Bank Volunteers

Food security continues to be problematic for many people in our neighbourhoods and HSLC is working with the Edmont Food Bank to help! Every Tuesday afternoon we receive many hampers of food to be distributed to those in need, but we need more volunteers to assist with welcoming and distributing the food. Please call the office if you can help!

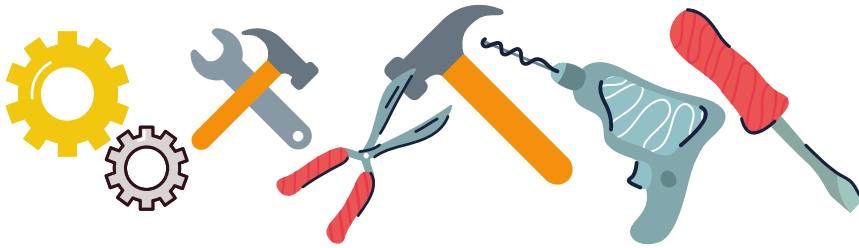


It's New - HSLC Property Committee!

One of our most valuable resources (other than you!) is our property! We're grateful to have this building for worship, learning, sharing and play - and we look forward to when we can gather again.

Recently, a property committee was formed to organize our property care, especially to give some TLC to some neglected problems that have developed over time. In addition, this group will plan for building maintenance and upkeep, inviting you to help with the work that needs to be done. Want more information or to join the committee? Give us a call!

No time for a committee? Watch for projects to which you can lend you time and energy!



JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER

Eternity for Today
Daily Devotional
Now Available

Call the office to pick up your copy or let us know and we can mail it to you.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Watch our Sunday Services on our Youtube channel.

Sunday, July 5 - 5 Pentecost
10 am Service of the Word

Sunday, July 12 - 6 Pentecost
10 am Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, July 19 - 7 Pentecost
10 am Service of the Word

Sunday, July 26 - 8 Pentecost
10 am Service of the Word

JULY EVENTS

Sundays 11 am - Noon
Holy Spirit ZOOM Chat
885 491 676

Tuesdays 2 pm - 3 pm Coffee Break
ZOOM Chat 700 729 450

Wednesdays 7 - 8 pm
Faith Matters ZOOM 999 441 264

Council Meetings
No July meeting - summer break
Monday, August 10 at 7 pm

Pastoral Care is available:
Please connect with us
either by phone or email.

Need help getting
connected to Zoom?
We can help! Call us!