



Holy Spirit Happenings

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community



AUGUST 2020

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

One of the things I cherish about our ministry here at Holy Spirit is our commitment to being an intentional place of welcome. Part of this experience of welcome is the way we continue to strive to be a community that cares for and welcomes all in God's name.

Our commitment as a Reconciling In Christ congregation calls us to ensure that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities / expressions can find an affirming community of faith. We continue to seek ways that our physical building can express our welcome by completing our accessibility and inclusive washroom project, ensuring that people with mobility challenges can access and participate in our community safely. And we have begun to listen and learn from the experiences of our members and friends who identify as Indigenous, Black, and People of Color through commemorating Indigenous Peoples Day, Black History Month, and by supporting antiracism movements here in our city. And yet, given the wide diversities within the human family, we know that our ability to welcome will never fully match up with God's. So, we continue to work at expanding our readiness to welcome whomever God might send our way, striving to become ever more aware of the barriers that people may experience when we extend our welcome.

As part of that learning this year, I read the book *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by Rev. Lenny Duncan, an ELCA pastor now serving in Vancouver, Washington.

Pastor Duncan helped me to see the ways that even the most welcoming communities of faith can unwittingly reinforce messages of racial oppression and I found myself convicted by his life and work to address the ways racism has crept into my own life and world. We cannot perfectly root out all the racism within our denomination, within our congregation, or even within our individual hearts - we can continue to grow in our awareness of how we can continue to tear down the boundaries and "isms" that threaten to keep us apart. And that awareness can inspire us to take new actions. We can repent, we can spend time learning, and we can be moved to continue to reform our community to become a more welcoming place for not only Indigenous, Black, and People of Colors - but for us all.

As we continue to learn and grow as a family of faith, may we continue to proclaim that all God's children are holy, beloved, and welcomed by God who made each of us in all our diversities, and may our welcome enact that same Gospel message.

Peace, Pastor Lindsey

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Office Hours

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

Worship Times

10:00 am Sunday mornings
on our Youtube channel

HSLC Building Access

Even if you hold a key or access code, please refrain from entering the building.

If you need access to the building, call before you come. Masks are mandatory and you must sanitize your hands upon entering/leaving.

We want to do our part to keep everyone healthy.

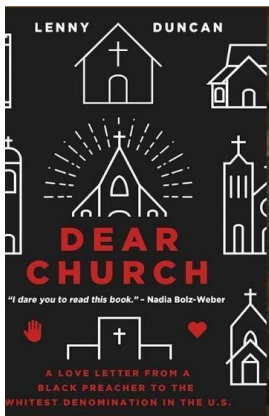
RETURNING TO WORSHIP

Yes! Holy Spirit will be returning to in person worship alongside of livestreaming online. We are very excited to try this new venture into worshipping together and hope to be able to start in September.

Worshipping in person will be a new experience, as we employ necessary changes according to guidelines from Alberta Health and our synod. Some key changes include: no community singing, no bulletins, no socializing, initially, in person worship will be offered to those who have been unable to worship online.

Improving our outreach for worship online will necessitate some unanticipated costs. If you would like to give an offering to support worship, you may indicate "worship support" in your offering.

Stay tuned for updates toward the end of August! Thank you for your amazing support along the way!



Summer Book Club

Wednesday Nights
August 5 onward, 7 - 8 pm
ZOOM # 999 441 264
Contact the office
to sign up for the study.
Copies still available.

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, August 2 - 9 Pentecost
10 am Service of the Word

Sunday, August 9 - 10 Pentecost
10 am Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, August 16 - 11 Pentecost
10 am Service of the Word

Sunday, August 23 - 12 Pentecost
10 am Service of the Word

Sunday, August 30 - 13 Pentecost
10 am Service of the Word

AUGUST 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
Book Club ZOOM 999 441 264

Council Meeting
Monday, August 10 at 7 pm

Many Hands Church Clean Up
Monday, August 17, 6 - 9 pm

