



Celebrating **50** Years
HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ReDiscover **Gathered** Worship

Our Congregation Has Made a Difference

Each of us is unique in all of God's creation. In all the eons of history, there has never been anyone quite like you, nor will the world see the likes of you after you are gone. You are created in the image of God, endowed with many divine attributes, and set free to be, to build, to destroy, to love, to hate, to grow. The healthy spirit is the one who says: It matters that I have lived. I will make my mark in the world; this will be a better place for my having been here. Our every action affects other people and other people make up society and the values of society control and change the world. We are each important because our smallest actions have the potential to change the world.

- 9/73 - Pr. Don (Bernice) Henderschedt arrives, '73 - '77
- 11/73 - Thanksgiving service, MV model home, 12 attend
- 12/73 - 1st Sunday service at [MV Elementary](#), 171 attend
- 3/74 - Charter Sunday, HL is official! 79 sign the charter**
- 8/75 - [Groundbreaking](#), 1st unit
- 4/76 - 1st unit dedicated
- 8/77 - Pr. Darrel (Mary) Peterson - 2nd pastor, '77 - '86
- 9/80 - 1st of many gleaning trips, with area churches & LDS
- 1/81 - Began sharing building with Jewish congregations
- 4/81 - Hosted first of 30+ years of 9-Health Fairs
- 6/81 - Allen 203 organ dedicated
- 9/82 - Rich Ajer - Seminarian, we are his "Teaching Parish"
- 12/82 - Blizzard of '82 cancels all holiday services
- 2/83 - First (of many) Sweetheart Dinners, 80 attend
- 9/83 - Rob Ruff - 1st intern (Rob designed HL logo)
- 9/83 - Groundbreaking, 2nd unit, the Education Wing
- 5/84 - 2nd unit dedicated, 10th Anniversary
- 9/84 - Laurie Skow-Anderson 2nd intern
- 9/84 - Preschool begins its 40-year ministry**
- 9/85 - Karen Weissenbuehler 3rd intern
- 9/86 - Pat Holman 4th intern
- 1/87 - Pr. Charles (Wally) Harman - 3rd pastor, '87 - '89
- 1/88 - ELCA established (merger of LCA & ALC)
- 6/88 - Pr. George Lund - Assistant Pastor, '88 - '89
- 8/88 - Heidi Rodrick Schnaath ordained

2/91 - Pr. Roger (Mary) Rapp - 4th pastor, '91 - '97
6/92 - Rainbow Trail Camp hosts 1st VCS program
7/93 - Christmas in July - pantry renewal program starts
6/94 - Lori Lacher - 1st Youth Director
5/96 - Groundbreaking, 3rd unit
7/96 - Sonja Nelson - 2nd Youth Director
3/97 - 3rd unit dedicated
10/97 - First Confirmation in new sanctuary
1/99 - Holy Hammers, Habitat builds, starts
4/99 - James Hersch - first of 20+ annual visits
9/99 - Pr. Joseph (Marcia) Holub - 5th pastor, '99 – '06
9/00 - Julie Luttinen Miller (Julie Lu) - 3rd Youth Director.
10/01 - Dedication of baby grand piano
6/04 - Mission trip to Tanzania
8/04 - Julie Schranck - 1st Dir. Faith Formation
6/05 - Mission trip to Mexico
6/06 - Peer Ministry (Conf. Mentor program) begins
6/06 - Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
9/07 - Pr. Matthew (Nicole) Weber - 6th pastor, '07 - '20
1/08 - Support House for all Sinners & Saints mission
6/08 - Mission trip to Montana
8/10 - Trey Daum - 5th intern
9/10 - Holy Knit Wits begin meeting
8/11 - Holly Johnson - 6th intern
10/12 - Leslie Mordecai Mahroun ordained
8/13 - Daniel Carlson ordained
1/14 - Jen Pulscher - 4th Youth Director
10/17 - Amy Schmuck - 5th Youth Dir., 2nd Dir. Faith Formation
9/19 - Mack Patrick ordained
1/20 - Halo Girls Corps starts meeting
6/20 - On-line worship services start during COVID
1/22 - VRSM Core Value statements adopted
7/21 - Pr. Brittany (Matthew) Kooi - 7th pastor, '21 - present
6/22 - All Stars program starts
2/24 - Amy Schmuck ordained

DO YOU KNOW?

<i>QUESTION</i>	<i>ANSWER</i>
1. How many pastors have served HL through the years? Can you name them? Who served the longest?	8. Don Henderschedt, Darrel Peterson, Chuck Harman, George Lund, Roger Rapp, Joe Holub, Matthew Weber, Brittany Kooi. Longest serving – Matthew Weber.
2. When did HL hold its first service? Where and what was celebrated?	November 1973, celebrated Thanksgiving eve in a MV model home. 12 attend.
3. HL hosted how many seminarian/interns through the years? Can you name them?	7. Rich Ajer, Rob Ruff, Laurie Skow-Anderson, Karen Weissenbuehler, Pat Holman, Trey Daum, Holly Johnson.
4. How many former or current members of HL have entered the ministry	5. <u>Revs.</u> – Leslie Mordecai Mahroun, Daniel Carlson, Mack Patrick, Heidi Rodrick Schnaath and <u>Deacon</u> –Amy Schmuck
5. Did you know HL funded construction of a church in Africa? Where & when?	We fully funded the construction of an open-air church building in Arusha, Tanzania in 2004. Many HL adults and youth members travelled to Tanzania that year.
6. How many choir directors have we had over the years? Can you name them?	4. Jo Mordecai, Lee Mueller, Nathan Jones, Pam Engel
7. How many people have served as church secretary/administrator since 1974? Who served the longest?	8. Longest serving - Sharon Lewis.
8. How many people have served as organists/pianists through the years?	7. Sharon Bell, Linda Puente, Sherrie Neese, Nancy Collins, Mary K. Horton, Michelle Kneipper, Pam Engel.
9. Who was our first pastor and mission developer?	Rev. Donald Henderschedt & his wife Bernice.
10. On what dates did we dedicate our 1 st , 2 nd 3 rd building units?	April 1976, May 1984, March 1997
11. When did James Hersch make the first of many annual visits to Holy Love?	April 1999
12. Why is December 1982 significant in the life of HL?	A 27" Christmas Eve day blizzard completely paralyzed the metro area and we were forced to cancel all holiday services.
14. When did we hold our first, of many, sweetheart dinners and how many attended?	February 1983 with 40 couples attending. 1 st of eight such dinners.
15. Which one of our Interns is now a Bishop in the ELCA?	Laurie Skow-Anderson, Bishop of the NW Synod
16. Which intern designed the HL logo we still use today?	Rob Ruff, in 1983

17. In what year did the HL preschool first open its doors?	1984
18. How many students have attended the HL preschool?	Over 6,000!
19. When did we obtain our present organ?	June 1981, an Allen organ costing just under \$30,000.
20. Who was our first Youth Director and when?	Lori Lacher, 1994
21. Who was the Youth Director largely responsible for the mission trip to Tanzania?	Julie Luttimen Miller. Members participated in 3 other mission trips over the years.
22. When did we first begin supporting Habitat for Humanity builds, support that continues to this day.	January 1999, as members of Holy Hammers
23. When was the ELCA established?	1988, the merger of the Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church.
24. Who was our first Dir. Of Faith Formation.? 2 nd ?	1 st Julie Schrank, in 2004. 2 nd Amy Schmuck in 2017
25. When did on-line services begin and why?	2020, because of the COVID pandemic.
26. In its heyday, roughly how many children attended Sunday school?	Well over 200, from the late 70's through most of the 80's
27. What year represented the highest number of baptized members in HL's history?	1988 when the annual report noted 943 baptized members and 557 confirmed.
28. How many Bishops have there been in the Rocky Mountain Synod? Can you name them?	4 since 1988. Rev. Frank Heglund (Called President prior to designation as Bishop), Rev. Wayne Weissenbuehler, Rev. Alan Bjornberg. Rev. Jim Gonia.
29. Who constructed the church offices, narthex, youth room, pulpit, sanctuary risers, the present cross in the sanctuary?	Church members! We used "sweat equity" to save money, during construction of the 3 rd (worship) unit in 1996-1997.
30. A former pastor once noted - "In the 80's it was like ministering to a parade." Who noted this and how many members transferred in and out from '79 to '86?	Pr. Darrel Peterson made the comment and according to annual reports between '79 and '86 - 1,212 members transferred in while 886 transferred out! Aurora & HL were really growing.
31. How many other congregations named Holy Love are in the ELCA?	None. We are unique, the only Holy Love in the ELCA.

STAFF THROUGH THE YEARS

1973 - 2024

Former & Current pastors - *Ministers of Word & Sacrament*, Rev.:

1. Donald (Bernice) Henderschedt (Mission Developer)
2. Darrel (Mary) Peterson
3. Charles (Wally) Harman
4. George (Alice) Lund
5. Roger (Mary) Rapp
6. Joseph (Marcia) Holub
7. Matthew (Nicole) Weber
8. Brittany (Matthew) Kooi

Interns, Seminary Students - *Ministers of Word & Sacrament*, Rev.:

1. Rich Ajer
2. Rob Ruff
3. Laurie Skow-Anderson
4. Karen Weissenbuehler
5. Pat Holman
6. Trey Daum
7. Holly Johnson

Interim Pastors *Ministers of Word & Sacrament*, Rev.:

1. Luther Gruver (*Between Darrel Peterson & Charles Harman*)
2. Diedre Baldwin (*Between Charles Harman & Roger Rapp*)
3. Luther Johnson (*Between Roger Rapp & Joseph Holub*)
4. Richard Schwenkmeyer (*Between Joseph Holub & Matthew Weber*)
5. Kari Requaim (*Between Matthew Weber and Brittany Kooi*)

Members who have been ordained:

1. Rev. Heidi Rodrick Schnaath - *Minister of Word & Sacrament*
2. Rev. Leslie Mordecai Mahroun - *Minister of Word & Sacrament*
3. Rev. Daniel Carlson - *Minister of Word & Sacrament*
4. Rev. Mack Patrick - *Minister of Word & Sacrament*
5. Deacon Amy Schmuck - *Minister of Word & Service*

German Theological Student pastors, Rev.:

1. Wilhelm Meng
2. Meinhardt Von Gierke
3. Thomas Mueller

Youth & Faith Formation Directors:

1. Lori Lacher - Youth
2. Sonja Nelson - Youth
3. Julie Luttinen – Youth
4. Julie Schranck – Faith Formation
5. Jen Pulscher – Youth & Faith Formation
6. Amy Schmuck – Youth & Faith Formation

Preschool Directors:

1. Jill Donahlek
2. Linda Garland,
3. Sue Johnston
4. Deb Spoutz
5. Mary Stephenson
6. Stephanie Staab

Parish Secretaries/Office Administrators:

1. Sharon Lewis
2. Rhonda Merritt
3. Marian Egeberg
4. Beth Johnson
5. Lori Rieger
6. Judy Fletcher
7. Keely Teynor
8. Hannah Kennedy (Staff Support)

Choir Directors:

1. Jo Mordecai
2. Lee Mueller
3. Nathan Jones
4. Pam Engel

Organists/Pianists

1. Sharon Bell
2. Linda Puente
3. Sherrie Neese
4. Nancy Collins
5. Mary K. Horton
6. Michelle Kneipper
7. Pam Engel



Here's to 50 more years of Holy Love!



In a divided and disconnected world, we fervently believe that our shared humanity is grounded in Christ's unconditional love. God's infinite grace and mercy drives us to replace anger, judgment, and loneliness with love, forgiveness, and belonging.



HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN AND RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP
PRESENT



Programs

The possibilities are endless!

Event Schedule:

- 11:00 am: History Presentation in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 am: Sunday School Puppet Show in the Council Room
- 12:00 pm: Preschool Presentation in the Preschool Room
- 1:00 pm: Live music in the Sanctuary

Throughout the event, explore the Youth Room for congregational pictures, the Patio for free coffee, tea, and pastries, and our east parking lot for a bounce house and cookie decorating activity