

2017



Dear Friends in Christ, and fellow redeemed:

Back in the '60s, comedian Mel Brooks portrayed the oldest man in the world in a comedy sketch with Carl Reiner. The ad lib routine at a party became the inspiration for the 2,000 Year Old Man sketch which has been recorded, videotaped and broadcast in any number of ways since 1961.

I have heard some of this routine, and have always enjoyed it. It is a great parody of the way things have changed. But it is not always funny when we look at the way things have changed over the past 2,000 years. That came home to me in a dramatic way, while reading the words of Acts 2 recently. In that chapter of Acts, which describes the events of Pentecost, and the growth of the church in the days after Pentecost, we see a marked contrast between "now and then".

Look at what Luke says about the early church (I have added some emphasis to draw your attention to some important words)

And they **devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.** And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes,** they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **praising God and having favour with all the people.** And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47 - ESV)

Sadly, things have changed over the years, both in the church as a whole, and even in our own congregation. If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that it often seems that we have lost the devotion and love for the Word of God. So many see their time in church as a chore or an inconvenience, or worse, as a waste of time.

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We have set aside the importance of coming to the Lord's altar to commune, and have tried to satisfy our hearts with the world's spiritual 'junk food'. We don't worship *day by day*; in fact, we have become less and less frequent in our worship attendance. The joy and gladness of our coming together often seems to be lacking—again, maybe because we see our spiritual life in the church as a chore or an obligation, not as a privilege granted us by our loving, heavenly Father.

Oh, yes, we have many faithful members who cannot begin to imagine their week without the opportunity to be in God's house. There are those who are extremely faithful in their reading and devotion to God's Word. What a joy it would be to see our entire congregation have that zeal. What a blessing it would be to see God's house filled with those eager to hear the whole truth of God—the truth of our sin and God's grace. What a great blessing that would be in this, our golden anniversary year!

Some things may have changed over 2,000 years, but may God grant that we can get back to that passion and excitement of the early church! These dear saints realized how great a blessing they had through faith in the living Lord Jesus Christ. They wanted to be in the Word and to share together in the life they had as the people of God! They were determined to pass this message on to their children—and to those all around them. There was nothing more important to them than their life in Christ. Even though they were often hated by those around them, the world could not keep them from their worship of the Lord they loved so much.

God can put the 'zing' back into our relationship with Him and with one another in the church. He wants us to know the joy of our salvation and the blessings that are ours through faith in Christ. I pray that St. Paul's words to the Colossians will also help us to grow to be more of what God calls us to be.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God.** (Colossians 1:9-10 - ESV)

God bless us all, and bless our church, to His glory!

In His loving service,

Pastor Bode

Computer Boundaries



Take it Home!
Sunday, January 22, 2017
11:45 am
Foothills Lutheran Church

With computers, tablets, and/or smart phones in every home and access to the internet easily available, Christian families are faced with questions of proper use, appropriate supervision and boundaries. Come for a discussion over lunch about technology use and work together to establish healthy computer boundaries in your family!

RSVP to: miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for children born in 2007 and their parents.

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Children & Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your work".
Psalm 119:81*

Thank you to all the children, Confirmands and youth who participated in our Children's Christmas Service, ***From Heaven Above***, and to the parents who practiced lines and music with their children and brought them to rehearsals! We give thanks to God for your presentation of the good news of Jesus' birth.

Sunday School resumed on January 8th after a Christmas break. We continue our walk through Salvation history as we focus on Joseph in Egypt, how His people were saved from famine through Joseph, and how God brought His people out of Egypt through Moses.

Parents! You are encouraged to attend Adult Bible Study while your children are in Sunday School. If you have children not yet Sunday School age, you are welcome to bring your little ones along to Adult study, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, where the book of Revelation is being studied.

All (adults and children) begin at **9:00 am** with an opening together in the sanctuary. We will sing, pray, and have an introduction to our day's lesson. Our lessons for January & February are:

Jan. 8	Joseph's Troubles	Genesis 39
Jan. 15	Joseph Feeds Egypt	Genesis 40-41
Jan. 22	Joseph Forgives	Gen.42-45;50:15-21
Jan. 29	The Birth of Moses	Exodus 1:1-2:10
Feb. 5	Moses & the Burning Bush	Exodus 2:11-4:31
Feb. 12	Moses & the Plagues	Exodus 5-10
Feb. 19	The Passover	Exodus 11-12
Feb. 26	Crossing the Red Sea	Ex. 13:17-15:21

Sunday School is part of our children's ministry supported by the congregation. However, we do receive an offering at each Sunday School opening to remind us that all we have is a gift from God. Each year, Sunday School offerings are designated to a mission serving children. Offering envelopes are available from Deaconess Miriam.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR OUR MARRIED COUPLES

What a joy it is to see the list of wedding anniversaries in each newsletter! We want to encourage you in your relationship with each other. We are considering offering a marriage enrichment course this year. If this would be of interest to you, please speak with one to the Pastors or with Deaconess Miriam.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you are invited to join us for Bible study and snacks at 7:30 pm the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Our current study focuses on the Fruit of the Spirit. On January 19 we will meet at Candice Vikse's home, 115 MacEwan Glen Close NW and on February 2 and 16 we will meet at Deaconess Miriam's home, 10122 Hidden Valley Dr NW. Please bring a small snack to share **and your bibles**.



MOMS & TOTS

Mothers of infants and toddlers...

Bring your young child (age newborn to 4 years old) to spend some time together with other moms in study (our current study is entitled "The Beauty of Contentment"), prayer and fellowship. We typically meet the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10:00 am in room 8, just off the Fireside Room. It's a great way to make connections. Mark these dates on your calendar, noting a bit of a change in January: January 26, February 2 and 16. See you there!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our family and friends concert was held Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Thank you to the parents who have worked with their children at home on the songs we have been learning. Rehearsals resumed the second and fourth Thursdays of the month on January 12. On January 26 we will be walking to Foothills Lutheran Manor to sing for the residents there. New voices are always welcome - speak with Deaconess Miriam for more information or to register.



SATURDAY KIDS BIBLE CLUB!

KIDS BIBLE CLUB continues to meet the second Saturday of the month, 9:30 -11:30 am. Our theme this year is ***"Water of Life"***, and our next lesson will focus on Jesus' baptism for us, and Jesus as living water for us. Children age 4 – 11 are invited to participate in a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and music. They'll learn key lessons of the Christian faith, make friends, and have some fun. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam to register your child. Consider bringing a friend or offer to volunteer!

SAVE THE DATE - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING IS UNDER WAY!

Planning for our annual Vacation Bible School is under way. Watch for more information over the next few months, but save July 17-21 or July 24-28 for your children to attend or for you to volunteer!

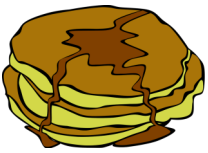
Youth

Happy New Year! Are you looking forward to all of our youth events coming up? We know you are and we are too! So let's see what the next couple months have in store for us:

Jan 20th- Family Games Night: THIS MEANS THE WHOLE FOOTHILLS FAMILY! So whether you are a youth, family member of a youth, young at heart, lover of games, or even a fan of the Cowboys we are inviting you to come and enjoy a night of games for all ages. Starting at the church at 7pm and rounding off at 10pm.

Feb 3rd- Study and Games night: It's a night of study in God's Word accompanied with your favourite Foothills Youth games...which may or may not include Apples to Apples, may or may not...

Feb 24th- Bowling: Yes, you pinheads (see what I did there?), we are going bowling. This will be more fun than average bowling so stay tuned for more details in the future about this night.



Feb 28th- Pancake Supper!- That's right! It's your favourite pancake themed event of the year! Our Confirmation students and youth will be cooking and serving our dear Foothills family the best pancakes they'll have had all day. There isn't a youth gathering this year, so proceeds will be sent to Lutheran Bible Translators for the Kuhn's translation project. Pancakes will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. So please come and support our youth. **(AND YOUTH COME AND HELP MAKE AWESOME PANCAKES. You'll be needed from 4 - 7 pm).**

March 10th- Lock-in: "Pastor Eric when is the retreat in March?" "We don't have a retreat in March, that was the Confirmation Retreat, we do one every other year." "Well...we should do something like that every year!" Well you wanted it, and now we are doing it. Starting at 7pm on the 10th and lasting til 11am on the 11th we will be doing a lock-in. Filled with games, study, movies, snacks, breakfast...oh and sleep! So bring your sleeping bags and your favourite movie snacks and get ready, because you asked for it.

Family Time in Christ

Things could change by the time you receive this newsletter, but right now the ground is covered in white. The dead, dry grass is covered. The leafless trees look pretty, with their dusting of snow and frost. Everything looks clean and new.



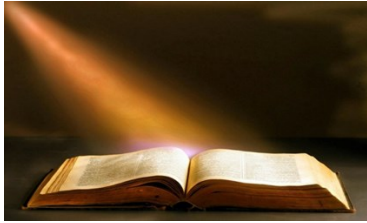
Take a winter walk with your children. Look around you, and talk about how things that looked old and dirty a month or two ago now look new and spotless. Look for signs of creation – the fresh snowflakes, the evergreen trees, animal tracks, etc. When you get home, read together 1 Corinthians 5:14-21. What does this have to say about us and being made new?

Talk about the dead, dry, filthiness of the sin that we are born with, and the struggles we have because of this (Romans 7:14-25). What struggles do you and your family members have? Take some time to share these struggles, and then pray together for God's forgiveness and help for the sake of Jesus. Share with your children that, because Jesus shed His blood for us, all who believe in Him are covered with His righteousness – made new and clean and spotless, just like the covering of snow makes the world look new and clean. Ask yourselves what that newness can look like this year, in terms of your life in Christ – in worship and His Word, in your family relationships, and in your life in your community. Think of ways that you can live out this newness as a family.

Blessings on the new creation that is yours in Christ!

Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Board of Christian Education & Young Peoples' Ministry

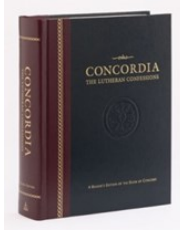


Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16 ESV

Would you like to know more about what Lutherans believe? We'll be having a study that will give you an introduction to the Book of Concord, which includes the Augsburg Confession, the creeds, and the catechisms. It will be led by Ron Voss, and there are two times to choose from: parts 1 and 2 will both be offered the morning of February 11, starting at 9:30, or in a two-week series on February 21 (part 1) and 28 (part 2) at 7:30 pm. We hope to provide some children's programming on February 11 – please let us know if you're interested in helping. If you'd like to attend either study, please sign up on the Board of Ed bulletin board.



In conjunction with the youth group, there will be a family games night on Friday, January 20, at 7 pm. Bring your favourite board or card game, a snack, a companion or two, and join us for an evening of fun and games.

We'll be hosting the second annual Lent Bible study for the leaders of Foothills on Mondays from March 6 to April 3, at 7 pm. The topic is TBA. Church leaders (Sunday school staff, and PPC members and the members of their boards) will receive an email with more information.

Shrove Tuesday will be February 28, and the youth will again be cooking and serving traditional pancakes. There isn't a youth gathering this year, so all donations (after the food costs are paid) will be sent to Lutheran Bible Translators for the Kuhn's translation project. Pancakes will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm. We hope you will join us!

Save the date! On May 5, at 6:30, we'll be hosting a speaker from Creation Ministries. The topics will be "I Can See Clearly Now: Making Sense of the Creation/Evolution Question" and "What about Dinosaurs?". We'll need a few volunteers to help with ushering and the merchandise – please contact a board member if you're interested in helping.

Our preschool ministry is in need of (a) classroom volunteer(s). If you're able to assist with this important work, please speak to Betty Ann!



The Preschool's 15th anniversary is coming up in 2017, and we'd like to celebrate with an event in June. We're looking for an event coordinator to take charge of the details; if you're interested, please talk to Betty Ann or Michelle.

Have you joined the (private) Facebook group for Foothills members who want to connect to Christian Ed via social media?



www.facebook.com/groups/flcchristianed/

We post announcements and event reminders to the group; if you use Facebook more than you read the bulletin, this group might be for you!

For other Christian Education news, see youth on page 4, library news on page 9, Sunday school and family ministry news on page 3, and Preschool news on page 6.

There is some sort of Christian education opportunity at Foothills nearly every day of the week; if you're looking to learn, we are here to facilitate. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly!

The Board of Ed is:

Co-Chairs: Trevor and Michelle Heumann

Staff Members: Pastor David Bode, Pastor Eric Moffett, Deaconess Miriam Winstanley, Preschool Director Betty Ann Chandler

Board Members: Bonnie Heumann, Pat Rosenau, Harrison Sparrow, Sydney Stene, Tobi Stene, Ron Voss

- Submitted by Michelle Heumann

A Peek Into Our Preschool

Because few of our church members are on the lower level of our building Monday – Friday, many probably do not realize how those from our surrounding community are impacted by God’s love through our preschool ministry. Families come through our doors 2 – 5 times per week. I will share the story of one child this past month.

During our December Christian Studies time, the children learned the song, “God Loved Us and Sent His Son”. God had made a promise to Adam and Eve long ago. It made Him sad that because of sin, Adam and Eve could not live with Him forever. He made Adam and Eve a promise that He would send someone to fix what sin had broken. We had learned the month before, as part of our study of Noah, that God always keeps His promises. At Christmas, God kept His promise to Adam and Eve. He sent Jesus, His Son. Only God could fix what sin had broken. We talked about Christmas being Jesus birthday (i.e. the celebration of Jesus’ birth). During chapel a couple weeks later, Pastor Eric asked the children if they knew who God sent to be born at Christmas. One un-churched child responded confidently, “Jesus”. The next week, at the afternoon class’s Christmas concert, I asked the children a similar question. The same un-churched child was the first to respond (beating out children who came from Christian homes). This child had indeed learned that Jesus was born because of God’s great love for us. As the year progresses, more about how Jesus fixes God’s broken world will unfold.



Un-churched children probably only hear about Jesus for the first time at preschool. Because the children attend several times per week, there is opportunity to reinforce what is learned. As a former Sunday School & VBS teacher, I was excited when I could share the gospel with an un-churched visitor, but I was well aware that I may

only have this one opportunity. Through our preschool ministry, the children hear more than once each Biblical account as I present it in varying ways over the course of a week or two, building in application to our lives today. The children are in my class for 10 months instead of one Sunday morning. It is exciting to have a “ring-side seat” to see God at work in a child’s life over the course of a year, as a child who may never have known anything about Jesus before, realizes how much God truly loves him and promises to be with him always, no matter where he goes after he leaves our doors. That may be kindergarten in Varsity Acres or it may be across an ocean as the child and his family returns to their home country. As we begin a new year, please keep our preschool ministry and the children and families who hear the good news of Jesus here in your prayers. Pray that God would bless the work that is done in our building during the week as well as on Sundays.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Ann Chandler

Preschool Registration

Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool will begin to accept registrations for the September 2017 – June 2018 school year next month.

- Returning students, who will be attending for their second year, may register starting February 6.
- Siblings of former students and members of Foothills Lutheran Church may register beginning February 12.
- On February 21, registrations open to the public.

Registration packages may be obtained on the table outside our preschool room (room 5 on the walkout level) or by printing them from our website at www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com. Once forms are completed, they may be submitted to our preschool principal/teacher along with the registration fee and one month’s tuition deposit to hold the child’s spot until classes begin in September. Betty Ann (i.e. Mrs. Chandler) would be happy to answer any questions or set up a time to visit the classroom if you wish.

Board of Fellowship

Past Events

Family Christmas Pot-Blessing, December 11th

The Pot-Blessing meal following the Children's Christmas service was well attended and enjoyed by young and old. Macaroni and meat balls were a hit.

Continuing Events

Coffee Teams

We are blessed to have ten Coffee Teams who continue to provide coffee, tea and a welcome on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all of you who have donated baking.



I am so excited to welcome Diane Voss, Kristy and Kellen Rosenau and Kareen and Merv Borgeson to the coffee teams. If you are interested in creating a new team or want to join an existing team, contact Belinda Perrin or Heather Sommers.

January 15 – Ingrid Kubke and Robert Kubke

January 22 - Anni and Brad Adams, Elfrieda Stewart, Jan Geggie, Marilyn Harrison

January 29 – Voters Meeting (Brenda Bode and Heather Sommers)

February 5 – Belinda and Dave Perrin and Brenda Bode

February 12 – Love Pot Blessing, Heather Sommers, Warren Kee, Matthew Pfaff, Merv and Kareen Borgeson

February 19 - Mark Kihn, Darlene Gaber, Alice Churney, Diane Voss

February 26 - Elise Glans, Vi and Otto Dusterhoft, Anne Marie Kothari

Upcoming Events

Perogy Bee, February 4, 2017



Bring your pot of cooked potatoes and join Darlene to learn how to make dozens of perogies on Saturday, February 4th starting at 9 am. For more information or to register, contact Kelly Dueck at (403) 208-0854 or kel.frog@shaw.ca.

Love Pot Blessing, February 12, 2017

Valentine's Day is traditionally when you show that special person how much you love them. Bring a dish to share and write on our Love Board something you do or would like to do to show God's love for others. Mine is donating baby items to the food bank.



FLC 50th Anniversary, April 2017

Our congregation is blessed to be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2017. The 50 servant events are starting in January. Do you have an idea for an event? Would you like to organize one? Contact the Human Care Ministry or Fellowship if you are interested.

Save the Date cards have been put into your mailbox and tickets for the anniversary dinner are available in the Narthex following Sunday services. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ten and under.

Blessings,

Heather Sommers - Chair, Board of Fellowship

Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Canada



We will be meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 (4th Monday of the month) at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch. Fellowship from 12:00 – 12:30 followed by a Business Meeting from 12:30 – 1:15. We will be discussing visiting shut ins during February. Hostesses Diane Voss and Monica Billings.

1:15 Topic Study on Martin Luther.

The February Meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 27.

Board of Whole Life Stewardship

New Envelopes!

New Year... new annual budget... new envelopes... time for a chat about the third “*T*”... ***Treasure!***

On the matter of ***Treasure***, I continue to draw your attention to the following Scripture...

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:8

A number of considerations here...

⇒ Your weekly offerings of ***Treasure*** are a matter between you and the Lord. You will decide your offerings commitment. The Lord knows your financial situation better than you yourself! And if there are serious hardships or other considerations you are facing... in particular, loss of a job or salary cutbacks in these unsettling times in Alberta, unexpected but essential expenses, fixed income considerations... He understands! On the contrary, if the Lord has spared you of these hardships... He knows that as well. So the ‘*decision of your heart*’ is a matter between you and God.

⇒ Our offerings should not be *reluctant* or given under feelings of *compulsion*; rather in the spirit of a *cheerful giver*. That word ‘*compulsion*’... the ‘pledge card’ always screamed that in my mind, so you don’t get that under my ‘watch’! I am certain you would agree with me that *reluctance*... an unwillingness to do something – in this case to give ***Treasure*** to the Lord – cannot co-exist with the nature of a ‘*cheerful giver*’. If you find it difficult to be a cheerful giver, take it to the Lord in prayer.

You are all aware of the enthusiasm I’ve shared with you over the past 3 years regarding the other two “*T*’s”... ***Time and Talent***.

My report to you in the last issue of *FootPrint* conveyed an encouraging synopsis about the significance you place upon your Christian family experience and the Means of Grace you receive at Foothills Lutheran Church. Others are making the same commitments of Time and Talent without having returned the Survey. These results remind me of another message from Scripture related to ***Treasure***...

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6: 19-20

I don’t believe this Scripture is saying we must avoid material possessions. Rather, the issue is whether or not we make these *things* our ‘treasure’ or ‘priority’. Is your relationship with Christ, in part through your membership of Foothills Lutheran Church, your treasure and priority? ***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*** If we have our priorities right as regarding commitments of Time and Talent towards His Work at Foothills Lutheran, God-pleasing decisions regarding ***Treasure*** will take care of themselves.

One more point.... “*His Work*”. Our Christian outreach programs, worship service and educational environment all cost. It costs to ‘run’ the church. I’m sure you agree we want all of this to continue. Your gift of ***Treasure***, in large part, is your gift to support all that Foothills Lutheran Church offers you and all others seeking His guidance.

I ask you to prayerfully consider these thoughts as you commence the use of those ‘***New Envelopes!***’

Philip Lemke
Director, Board of Stewardship

Board of Human Care Ministries

The year ahead will bring many busy hands for the upcoming anniversary. In particular we will be busy as a church family taking part in the servant events planned for each week of 2017 to celebrate what God has done for us as a church family, and to help share the Good News of our Saviour to others in the community.

Please continue to be mindful of the opportunities for the sharing of your treasures to the Food Bank, Mustard Seed, Inn from the Cold, and the FLC Benevolence Fund. Also, with your hands and thoughts, continue to pray for members in our congregation: those who are attending post-secondary studies, homebound members, our youth, those that are ill, our grieving families, and our staff.



With God's help, we want to continue to support our church family, whether that be through a warm meal, a visit, transportation, helping with an errand or housekeeping, etc. Please ask someone on the Board of HCM. You can do this in confidence on the prayer card located in the pews, by speaking with a staff or board member, or an email or phone call.

This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. 1 John 5:14-15

A Blessed and Happy New Year to all.

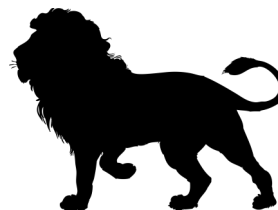
In the Library

You may have noticed in the bulletin recently an announcement of the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Quest Course starting on January 31, on "Narnia for Adults: Introduction to the Chronicles of Narnia. From the CLS website: Although C.S. Lewis wrote *The Chronicles of Narnia* for children, the series is better understood by adults. This Quest course explores the Narnia books from a grown-up perspective, covering the series as a whole as well as each of the seven novels within it. It will be taught by Dr. Joel Heck, an internationally recognized specialist on C.S. Lewis. Dr. Heck is a veteran professor of theology at Concordia University Texas and will be serving CLS as a visiting professor during our winter semester." As a background to this course, or if mention of it has piqued your interest in C.S. Lewis, you may want to have a look at the whole Narnia series that's in our Church Library and available for borrowing. The books are intriguing reading for adults, and could be a good choice as a family read-aloud series too.

C.S. Lewis, a British professor at Oxford, wrote many books and articles on the Christian faith, as well as fiction for children and adults too. He was a close friend and colleague of J.R.R. Tolkien (author of *The Lord of the Rings*) at Oxford. Although Lewis died in 1963, many of his books are still in print and are widely read and discussed. And of course, many people may be familiar with some of the filmed adaptations of the Narnia books.

All seven books in the Narnia series are in the church library : *The Magician's Nephew*; *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*; *The Horse and His Boy*; *Prince Caspian*; *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*; *The Silver Chair*; and *The Last Battle*.

- Dianne Frayne





Wow....we are celebrating our 50th anniversary in the year that we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Just as our country has events planned all year to celebrate, we too at Foothills Lutheran Church have 50 events planned to celebrate. We want to thank God for his goodness and share God's love with others by doing 50 outreach/volunteer projects. We would like every member to challenge themselves to participate in every week's event in whatever way possible. We will help provide ideas for how you can actively participate, support or pray for these events. Below is a brief outline for the first 8 weeks. Watch your bulletin weekly for specifics and suggestions. Let's share our Saviour's love in word and in deed!

January 1–14 - Random Acts of Kindness

Do at least one thing each day that is unexpected and unrequested. (e.g. give up a great parking spot, bake cookies for a neighbour, etc)



January 15 – Blanket Drive

We will collect blankets/sleeping bags for the homeless. Bins have been set up for the blankets and they will be delivered Jan 15th



January 23 – Shift at the Food Bank

A shift has been booked at the Food Bank 5:45 – 8:00. If you want to carpool, be at the church at 4:45. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and be sure to include your e-mail address so the mandatory orientation video can be emailed to you.

January 26 – Children's choir will sing at Foothills Lutheran Manor

All of February

Members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League visit shut-ins during February and are encouraging others to do so, too. See the Pastors or Deaconess Miriam for a list of our homebound members.



February 4 – Blood Donor Drive

On Saturday Feb 4, at 11:00am at Canadian Blood Services (737 – 13 Ave SW). If you want to carpool, be at the church at 10:15 am. First time donors need to go to www.blood.ca to do the eligibility quiz.

February 19 – Stamps for Canadian Bible Society

Collection of used stamps will start in December and will be delivered Feb 19th

February 25 – Coldest Night of the Year (national fundraiser for the Mustard Seed)

Participate in the fundraiser walk (we will set up a team) or volunteer as a support person. See <https://canada.cnoy.org/location/calgary>



50th Anniversary

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED in planning for the 50th Anniversary Celebration? Join us on Monday, January 30th at 7:00 pm at the church to plan for the celebration. See you there.

TICKETS FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER on April 1st at the Varsity Community Center will be available in the narthex after service on January 15, 22 and 29th. Tickets will be available in early March again. If you require tickets outside of these times, please contact Heather Sommers, directly. Adults are \$25 and children ten and under are \$10. Looking forward to seeing you there.

FLC T-SHIRTS FOR SALE! We now have t-shirts with our church name on them. These will be a great way to show that we are part of a Christian group while doing our servant events throughout the year (and beyond). They can also be used any other time we want to be identified as a FLC members (baseball team, Stampede breakfast, VBS, etc). They come in various sizes for \$15 each or two for \$25 and are available in the narthex after service or from the office during the week.

CHECK OUT THOSE OLD PHOTO ALBUMS as the 50th anniversary committee is still seeking baptism, confirmation, wedding, event photos to scan and make into a video for the April 1st dinner. Please contact Heather Sommers or Phil Lemke with pictures or scanned copies.

SAVE THE DATE



Foothills Lutheran Church

50th Anniversary

April 1, 2017 – Dinner

- 5:00pm Cocktails (cash bar)
- 6:00pm Dinner

Varsity Community Centre
4303 Varsity Dr NW,
Calgary AB T3A 0Z7

Tickets

- Adults: \$25 per person
- Children 10 and under: \$10

April 2, 2017 – Service

- 3:30pm Anniversary service followed by cake and coffee

Noteworthy

PASTOR ERIC WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE February 5-9 for the National Association of College and University Chaplains Annual Conference.

UPCOMING VOTER'S MEETING:

January 29 following a light lunch after service. Mark it on your calendars and plan to attend. Annual Reports are available on the Welcome Desk.

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE COFFEE HOUR go towards the Calgary Circuit Refugee Sponsorship Initiative. This is one small way we can help others in their need. Thank you for your support.

ADULT GAMES NIGHT: Come to the fellowship hall on Friday, February 10th at 7:00pm for an adult games night. Bring your favourite games and a snack to share and extend the invitation to others.

PEROGY BEE: Saturday, February 4th at 9am. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. See Kelly Dueck for more information.

AT THIS TIME WE WELCOME BACK all Life-Light members to join us in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17th to begin the last nine classes on the Book of Romans. See you then, *Eldon and Marian Ohlinger*.

Missions of the Month

January: Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre



Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre January is traditionally "Life Month". The efforts to counsel / support those seeking an alternative to abortion is part of those life efforts. We have supported this work in the past through the Formula4Life Baby Bottle campaign in the past. Your gift helps those who seek to preserve life and help those in distress due to an unexpected pregnancy.

February: Lutheran Hour Ministries



Bringing Christ to the Nations - and the Nations to the Church has been the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries for many years. Through ministry programs such as The Lutheran Hour, International Ministries, Men's NetWork, MISSION U and others, Lutheran Hour Ministries is calling our communities, our country and our world back to God. Your gift to this mission of the month helps bring a message of rescue, restoration and renewal in Jesus Christ to millions of people who desperately need to hear it.

Bringing Them to Jesus Worship with the Little Ones

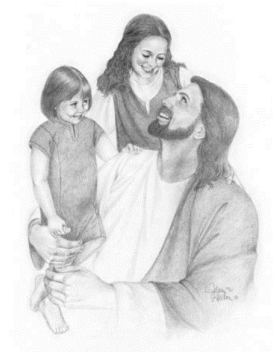
Take it Home!

Sunday, February 12, 2017 - 9:15am


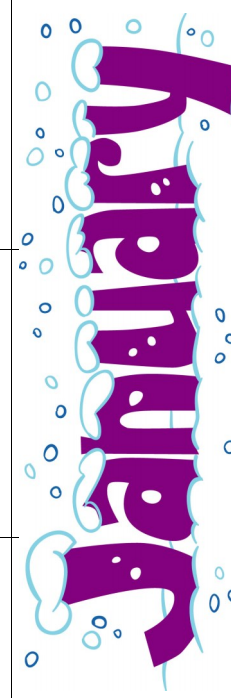
Parenting in the pew is not an easy task, but when you bring your children to worship, you are giving them a special gift and laying a firm foundation. Find encouragement and tips for worshipping with young children. Join us for the Christian Education Opening at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary, and then we'll move to a more comfortable spot. Bring your little ones!

RSVP to miriam@foothillslutheran.com

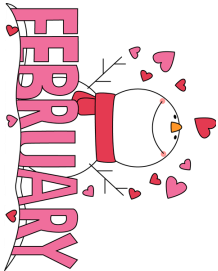



Designed for children born in 2016 and their parents.



January 2017 at FLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 Worship with Communion <div>50 for 50 Random Acts of Kindness Jan. 1-14</div>	2	3	4 6:30 pm - Worship 7:30 pm - Choir	5 10 am - Moms & Tots 7 pm - Front to Back @ Bodes' 7 pm - LifeLight 7:30 - Ladies' Bible Study @ Miriam's	6 7 pm - Youth	7 
8 9 am Education Hour 10:15 am - Worship 11:45 am - LWML Epiphany Luncheon	9 7 pm - PPC Meeting	10 6:00 pm - Elders Mtg	11 1 pm - Silver Saints 6:30 pm - Worship Communion	12 6 pm - Children's Choir 7 pm - Front to Back	13	14 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast & Study 9:30 am - Saturday Kid's Bible Club
15 9 am Education Hour 10:15 Worship with Communion 6:30 pm - Koinonia 50 for 50 Blanket Drive End	16	17 10 am - LifeLight	18 6:30 pm - Worship 7:30 pm - Choir	19 7 pm - Front to Back @ Bodes' 7:30 - Ladies' Bible Study @ Candice's	20 7 pm - Family Games Night	21
22 9 am Education Hour 10:15 Worship with Communion 12:00 Faith@Home Computer Boundaries	23 12 noon - LWML 50 for 50 Food Bank Shift 5:45pm	24 10 am - LifeLight	25 1 pm - Silver Saints 6:30 pm - Worship Communion 7:30 pm - Choir	26 10 am - Moms & Tots 6 pm - Children's Choir 50 for 50 Sing@Manor 7 pm - Front to Back	27	28
29 9 am Education Hour 10:15 am - Worship Communion VOTER'S MEETING	30 7 pm - 50 Anniversary Committee Mtg	31 10 am - LifeLight				

February 2017 at FLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		50 for 50 - Visit Home-bound members - throughout month of February	1 6:30 pm - Worship Communion 7:30 pm - Choir	2 10 am - Moms & Tots 7pm - Front to Back @ Bodes' 7:30 pm - Ladies Bible Study	3  7 pm - Youth Study Night	4 9 am Perogy Bee 50 for 50 Blood Donor Drive 11am
5 9 am Education Hour 10:15 Worship with Communion 6:30 pm - Koinonia	6	7 10 am - Lifelight 6 pm - Elders Meeting	8 1:00 pm - Silver Saints 6:30 - Worship 7:30 pm - Choir	9 6 pm - Children's Choir 7 pm - Front to Back @ Bodes	10 7:00 pm - Adult Games Night	11 9:30 am - Book of Concord Study 9:30 am Saturday Kid's Bible Club
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19 50 for 50 Stamps Collected 9 am Education Hour 10:15 Worship with Communion 6:30 pm - Koinonia	20 Family Day 	21 10 am - Lifelight 7:30 pm Book of Concord Part 1	22 1:00 pm - Silver Saints 6:30 - Worship 7:30 pm - Choir	23 6 pm - Children's Choir	24  7 pm - Youth Bowling	25 50 for 50 Coldest Night of the Year - Mustard Seed Fund-raiser
26 9 am Education Hour 10:15 Worship	27 12:00 pm - LWMLC 7:00 pm - PPC Mtg	28 Shrove Tuesday 10 am - Lifelight Pancake Supper 7:30 pm Book of Concord Part 2				