



Dear friends in Christ:

Summer's finally here. For many people, summer is their favourite time of year. Summer means a break from school—and that alone is the reason most students love summer. With school out, it is easier for families to take vacations, and that means some time of rest and relaxation and adventure.

Summer means different things to different people. There are those who love the warm weather—although I typically find that summer is too warm for my taste. Summer gives us the opportunity to get out and to enjoy the beauty of nature, whether in the mountains or at a beach or camping, or at a cabin. Summer is gardening time, but that also means it is time for fresh fruits and vegetables grown close to home.

Nat King Cole sang, “Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer; Those days of soda and pretzels and beer; Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer! Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer”. That is the way that many people feel when summer rolls around. It's time to sing a song of cheer.

Think of all the blessings that your summer can bring. Now, think of how God fits into your summer. When David thinks of all that God has done; when he thinks of the beauty of God's creation, he tells us: ***“Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.”*** (1 Chronicles 16:28–30, ESV)

God made this world for His glory, and He gives it to us for our enjoyment. In the midst of that enjoyment, we should eagerly, joyously, lovingly thank and praise Him. Yet we often get so tied up with the busyness of summer that we don't have time for the Lord of creation. We always notice that attendance slips a bit in the summer. Hopefully, you are finding a place to be fed by God, and to worship and praise Him when you are travelling. (Don't forget to bring a bulletin, so we can add the locales to our map!) I truly hope and pray that we remember that, along with our Sunday worship, we also have the Wednesday services. These are perfect for those who travel on the weekend, so that we can still gather together as His family. And, as you will see a little further in this newsletter, we have our summer sermon series, based on the requests from you, our members. We hope that this time in the Word will be encouraging and uplifting, as we remember the goodness of the God, who gives us the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.

One note: while we do have our Sun. and Wed. services, we will not be holding our evening Koinonia services during the summer. These services will resume in Sept.

Whether summer, winter, spring or fall, the blessings of God are new to us each morning. God is with us in all our days. His love surrounds us in all things. Luther, in the *Small Catechism* looks to God's provision for each new day, and says, “For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.” (SC, 1st Article) And Luther ends with something we should all remember: This is most certainly true!

Rejoicing in His days: *Pastor Bode*

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Children & Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Our last day before the start of summer break was on June 18th. On that day, children and teachers gathered for some group activities that helped to remind them of some of the lessons from the past year. Older children helped to shepherd younger children from station to station, and a good time was had by all. We give thanks to God for the faithful work of all of our teachers and helpers this past year.

We are looking for a few teachers for our Sunday School! If you love telling children about Jesus, their Saviour, and would be interested in team-teaching, please contact Deaconess Miriam.

Although the children are on a break for the summer, adults are not! Their Bible study time continues Sunday mornings at 9:00 am every Sunday morning. If you would like to attend Bible study, and have children of Sunday School age, please contact Deaconess Miriam, and we'll arrange a learning activity for your children during that time.

Regular Sunday School classes resume Sunday, September 10th! Watch your bulletins and e-mails for more information as we get closer to that date.

MOMS & TOTS

Summer brings a few changes to our schedule. On **Thursday, July 6th** we will meet at a local splash park for some fun with the children. Moms and Tots alumni are welcome to join in! Watch your e-mail or contact Deaconess Miriam for information about time and location. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am on **Thursday, August 3rd** for a devotion time and fellowship. Our regular schedule will resume in September.

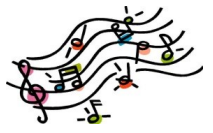


LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you are invited to join us for Bible study and snacks at 7:30 pm the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of July and August (July 6th and 20th, and August 3rd and 17th). We meet at Deaconess Miriam's home, 10122 Hidden Valley Dr NW. Please bring a small snack to share AND YOUR BIBLES!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

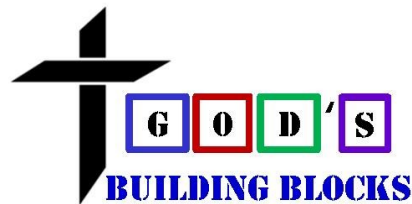
Children's choir has ended for the summer. The children were grateful for the opportunity to sing during worship in early June, and look forward to resuming rehearsals in the fall. New members age 4-10 are always welcome. Please watch for information as September approaches!



SATURDAY KIDS BIBLE CLUB!

Has also ended for the summer, but we look forward to resuming our monthly gatherings in September. Stay tuned!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017!



Children age 4 (by July 17th) to 11 (leaving grade 5) will gather this summer for God's Building Blocks. Children will learn the building blocks which point them to faith in Jesus Christ, their Saviour, as they learn from the Bible, sing, make crafts, and play games together. We are still looking for a few more volunteers – if you have a week to spare July 17-21 or July 24-28, contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric!

FOR PARENTS ONLY...

The Board of Christian Education is planning a morning "For Parents Only". Part of parenting is creating an environment where your children will come to you with their questions, concerns, and fears. Are there questions that you are afraid your children will ask someday? How will you answer them? We want to offer you an opportunity to come together with other parents for a morning for an opportunity to share your questions and discuss them in a stress-free environment. Mark **Saturday morning, September 30th at 10:00 am** on your calendar. In order to get the discussion going we are asking you to submit some of your most-feared questions by **September 15th**. For parents of children of all ages. Childcare will be provided (watch for a sign-up sheet in September)!

DID YOU KNOW that you can receive regular updates on activities in the Alberta-British Columbia District? Subscribe to the ABC Connect and receive a weekly email update on District Activities, prayer requests, and links to resources. Subscribe at www.lccabc.ca.

A Peek Into Our Preschool

Thank you to everyone who saved their Campbell Soup labels which have been benefitting our preschool for the past 15 years. The ladies from our chapter of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League were faithful in trimming and counting these many labels. That program has now ended. The final submission of labels was made in December and the items ordered arrived a few weeks ago. With your help we received:

- More rubber balls (in 2 sizes) for use during gross motor play. We have a class set of both sizes.
- Ball net for storage
- New paintbrushes for use at our paint easel
- Glue sticks that are used for art including pages in individual student alphabet scrapbooks
- 2 boxes washable markers
- 1 box oil pastels
- ½ class set of bucket stilts

- Respectfully submitted by Betty Ann Chandler

15th Anniversary of Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool

We want to invite former and current students to drop by on the afternoon of Saturday, September 30. We are planning a magic show, decorate your own cupcake, craft corner, games, and other bits of fun for ages 3 – 19 (and their parents). Watch for more information as plans unfold.



Thank You – From Our Preschool

We are grateful that Amanda Roth was able to be one of the teaching assistants in our preschool this past year. She is expecting a new baby this summer and her role will change to that of preschool parent as her twin boys will be students in September.

We are also grateful to Marj Fiesel who was our play dough lady this year, supplying us with homemade play dough in various colors though out the year.

We want to thank Jutta Culhoun & Heather Sommers who subbed for Amy Chandler during the time before, during, and after her surgery. Also subbing during this time were Melissa Morcum, a former preschool parent, and Ellen Liu, a volunteer from our community, both of whom lived their faith in our classroom. God is indeed faithful in supplying our needs.

We were blessed by the many parent volunteers who helped in our classroom by spending time with the children and sanitized our toys each week as mandated by health regulations. Other parent volunteers helped outside the classroom like supplying additional playground gravel, laundering paint shirts and taking our empty juice boxes to the recycling depot among other things. Mr. Sunny, a U of C student in the faculty of Education, volunteered a few shifts gaining classroom experience.

We are thankful to be working with Big PLANS for Little Kids who provide a free speech/language and occupational therapy screening for our 4 year-old students and utilize provincial government funding to assist children with delays and those learning English as a second language.

Above all, we thank God for the opportunity to share His love and His Word this school year, with 69 children born in 7 different countries. 24 of these children had parents at the University of Calgary.

Preschool Registration for Fall Classes

Registrations for the fall are currently being accepted for the afternoon class. There are also 2 spots available for Monday & Friday mornings. Registration packages are available on our website (www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com) and on the table outside our classroom. If you would like more information about our program, Betty Ann would be happy to speak to you.

Board of Fellowship

Past Events

May Mother, Daughter, Friend Pot-Blessing Dinner – May 15

Along with the LWML, a special dinner was held on the Monday after Mother's Day. The evening was made memorable with a skit about Katie Luther and the children singing Psalm 98. Luther inspired table decorations added to the festivities. It was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with ladies aged 3 to 100. Special thanks to Brenda Bode and Marilyn Harrison.

Father's Day – June 18th

Chocolate cigars were handed out to the fathers in the congregation to celebrate their importance in the family.

Continuing Events

Coffee Teams



One of the greatest parts of fellowship is the coffee teams who continue to provide coffee, tea and a welcome on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining a team, please contact Belinda Perrin at (403) 239-9100 or Belindaperrin@gmail.com

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Murray and Joyce Kee for their many years of service on a fellowship team, as they are now stepping down. Their loving, smiling and caring ways with which they served will truly be missed. They have been faithful participants since the fellowship teams inception, serving with Tim and Tracy Roth. Murray and Joyce always had a smile, a joke, a listening ear or a hug for anyone who needed it. The great news is that they we can still worship and fellowship with them each Sunday. Please take time to thank them for their dedication and time as fellowship hosts.

Darlene Gaber is now married and residing in the booming metropolis of Duchess, Alberta. We wish her well. Duchess will be a brighter place with her living there. We will miss her cheerful spirit and contribution to the team of Mark Kihn, Diane and Ron Voss, and Alice Churney. We would like to thank and welcome Liane Voss-Roper who has been silently helping for a few months on the above team. We are blessed by your contribution!

We are excited to have three couples join our fellowship teams! Walter and Lois Zwick, Herb and Jane Gurski and Jay and Kim Anderson have been added to teams. We are grateful for their enthusiasm to join us and to serve the

Lord's church in this way. I have promised them all that they could drop into the kitchen and observe any of our teams in action on Sunday mornings. You all do an amazing job and serve with such joyful hearts!

July 2 Ingrid Kubke, Robert Kubke
July 9 Shirley and Carl Berdahl, Ellen Wagner, Cheryl Lemke

July 16 STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

July 23 Anni and Brad Adams, Elfrieda Stewart, Jan Geggie, Marilyn Harrison
July 30 Heather Sommers, Warren Kee, Matt Pfaff, Kareen and Merv Borgeson

Aug 6 Tim and Tracy Roth, Lois and Walter Zwick, Jay and Kim Anderson
Aug 13 Elise Glans, Vi and Otto Dusterhoft, Anne Marie Kothari
Aug 20 Tom and Joan Copeland; Carol and Lloyd Sandau
Aug 27 Mark Kihn, Alice Churney, Diane Voss and Liane Voss-Roper

Sept 3 Ingrid and Robert Kubke
Sept 10 Brenda Bode, Dave and Belinda Perrin, Herb and Jane Gurski
Sept 17 Lucy Oberhammer, Kellen and Kristy Rosenau
Sept 24 Voter's Meeting - Brenda Bode & Heather Sommers

Upcoming Events

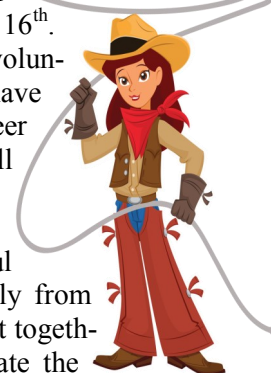
Stampede Breakfast, July 16

May God shine on FLC's 17th annual stampede breakfast to be held on July 16th. Many members of our congregation volunteer and host this breakfast. Leaders have come forward for each of the volunteer teams, check to see if volunteers are still required for that morning.

Our Stampede Breakfast is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family from far and near. We enjoy a great breakfast together, visit with one another, and celebrate the word of God outside. More information is available from the Stampede Breakfast committee which includes Anni Adams, Belinda Perrin, Heather Sommers, Brenda Bode, Pastor Bode and Tim Roth.

Do you have any suggestions, questions or concerns? Contact Heather Sommers at (403) 230-2487

YAHOO!



50 for Fifty Servant Events



Yeah! It's summertime and it feels so good! On behalf of the Human Care Ministries team and the 50 for Fifty team, we wish you all a joyous summer! May God grant you safety, rest, enjoyment and enlightenment. May He guide your footsteps and your heart wherever the summer takes you.

The 50 for Fifty outreach programs have been designed with summer in mind!

FOOD BANK DRIVE: The FOOD BANK has supplied us with bags to take home and fill up throughout the summer. A food bank deposit box is located below the 50 for Fifty bulletin board so you may deposit your bag/bags whenever the church is open.

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST: We are blessed to have Anni Adams leading the annual Stampede Breakfast Committee. We have wonderful volunteers who have come forward to lead the various teams. Signing up to help on a team (on the 50 for Fifty bulletin board) helps to reduce the time the leaders spend recruiting. This event feeds both the body and the soul. Our prayer is that we all participate as hosts of this event by inviting friends, relatives and neighbors, and by reaching out to the visitors who join us. **YAHOO!**

VBS: During the weeks of July 17-21 and July 24-28 many dedicated staff and volunteers will be working hard to make sure the children in VBS have a Christ centered experience. We know there will be games, crafts, love, laughter, food and, most importantly, God's word. For those who aren't involved in a hands on way, please help by praying that the Holy Spirit will be with our volunteers, workers and the children. Let us pray that they may all have a joyous and safe time learning about our Lord!

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: We are setting aside the busiest two weeks of summer for random acts of kindness. Have fun finding spontaneous ways to be kind or helpful to complete strangers, no matter where summer finds you!

BACK PACKS FOR SCHOOL: As a church we are striving to fill 50 back packs for children in need of them. We appreciate that this is a big goal! To make this as easy and as cost effective as possible, and to ensure each back pack has what is needed in it, we will purchase supplies in bulk. A table will be set up in the Narthex during the summer to give you an opportunity to shop and donate the supplies.

Colossians 3:12 *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Parish Planning Council

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We are still in need of a Board chair for the Board of Evangelism. Please contact Ralf Hinterleitner if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Summer Sermon Series

As in the past years, we asked you to tell us what you would like to hear in a sermon, as we seek to apply the wonderful, powerful, living Word of God to the questions of our lives. We had some interesting responses, and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

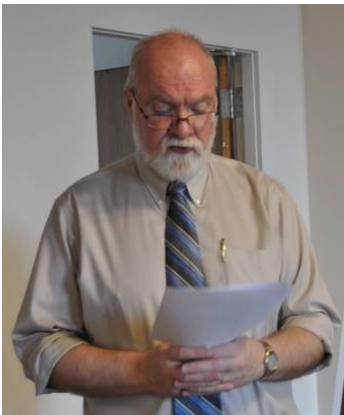
As we hear that Word applied to our questions, may we be encouraged again in the fact that the Word of the Lord is the “one thing needful”, the very source of our hope, our life and our strength for each day.

The following is the schedule for this series, including the request that was made and the text and theme that will be the basis of that sermon.

Request	Theme and Text	Date
As governments move further and further from God’s law and direction, when do we stand up and speak?	Romans 13:1-4; Titus 3:1 What is a Good Citizen?	July 2, 2017
What does my soul look like in heaven? Will we recognize people? What is heaven like? What will we do? (Garden, work, teach?)	1 Corinthians 15:35-41 Better Than Ever!	July 9, 2017
Friendship Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 Planting With Purpose	July 16, 2017
Does God’s grace and love override some things, such as a believer choosing assisted suicide?	Romans 8:17-27 Groans that Give Way to Glory	July 23, 2017
What part does Baptism play in our receiving the Holy Spirit? What happens to stillborn babies?	Acts 2:38-39 Born of Water and the Spirit	July 30, 2017
What Lutherans believe about Fasting	Acts 13:1-4 It Won’t Kill You (It might even be good for you!)	Aug. 6, 2017
Big Words in the bible	A Bible Study on words we (should) know	Aug. 13, 2017
Help me understand the Trinity	Isaiah 46:9 He’s An Awesome God!	Aug. 20, 2017
Where did the devil come from? What was he like at creation?	Ezekiel 28:11-19 Pride Does Go Before a Fall	Aug. 27, 2017
What Scripture and Luther say about the role of parents especially when it comes to the education of their children.	Deuteronomy 6:6-9 Teach Your Children Well	Sept 10, 2017 (Christian Ed Sunday)

We try to match the topics with the lessons for the day—something very hard to do this year. That may mean your request is being addressed while you are on holidays, and we apologize. You can get the text of the sermons from the website: www.foothillslutheran.com

As we look to God’s Word, may it bring blessings to us, and encourage us for all we do in His name!



**Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet
May 15, 2017**



**Silver Saints Wind-Up
June 21, 2017
At Lloyd and Carol Sandau's**

Noteworthy

AS YOU TRAVEL THIS SUMMER we encourage you to attend a Lutheran church wherever you happen to be and ask that you bring back the bulletin from that church. Place the bulletin in the office mailbox and we will track that location on a wall-sized map of North America. The map is posted on the bulletin board outside of the library under the heading "This is My Father's World".

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:

The summer months are an excellent time to stock up on some items for your shoebox. T-shirts, balls, skipping ropes and small toys are all available during July and August and school supplies are often on sale in August.

SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT: The annual ABC Slo-pitch Tournament is happening in Golden, BC on August 12 and 13. We have registered a team for the tournament, and would love to have you come out and play with us! Or if you just want a beautiful weekend in the mountains and take in some ball that is great too! Please contact Pastor Eric if you are interested as we will be starting our practices soon! And if you can't make the tournament but would love to join our practices to play some ball please also let Pastor Eric know!

NEEDED: PPC SECRETARY. We are looking for someone who is willing to take meeting minutes at the Parish Planning Council and Voters' meetings. Our next meetings are scheduled for September. Please contact Ralf Hinterleitner if interested.

OUR NEXT VOTERS' MEETING is scheduled for September 24. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend.

THANK YOU to Elnora Haas for planting of the church's front flower beds again this year. Elnora and her late husband George took care of them for many years. Thank you also to Rick Bennetts and Ken Greenfield for helping also with preparation and watering.

-submitted by Mark Kihn.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please make sure to phone the office prior to coming by the church to ensure that someone will be here to let you in. Pastor Bode, Pastor Eric and Deaconess Miriam are out of the office at various times as their work requires (and hopefully will take some well-deserved time off, too).

Family Time in Christ

We are into the season of bright, sunny days. Summer is here! Take some time this summer not just to enjoy the sun, but to consider what it can teach us about our wonderful, loving God.

Take some sunny-day walks, and spend some time talking with your children about the sun.

- Light was created on the first day, but when did God create the sun? Why? Read Genesis 1:14-19 and talk about how God is a God of order. What in this passage tells us this? If you have a *Lutheran Study Bible*, check out the study note for verse 14 and marvel at His planning.
- See how bright you can make a room by opening curtains and letting the sun shine in. Turn on the lights too! Isaiah 60:19 tells us that there will be a day when we won't need the sun, because God's radiance will be the only light. Imagine the brightness of the centre of the sun, and then think about how bright God's radiance will be when we see it.

*The sun shall be no more your
light by day, nor for brightness
shall the moon give you light;
But the Lord will be your ever-
lasting light, and your God will
be your glory. Isaiah 60:19*

- Watch a sunrise and see how the shadows shorten and are chased away by the sun. God's light chases away the shadows of the sun. Psalm 18:28 tells us that God turns darkness into light.
- At night, shine a flashlight on a dark wall. Use your hands to make shadow puppets. Now we have the sun by day and the moon by night. In heaven there will never be a night. Nothing will block God's light. See what Revelation 22:5 has to say about this!

Have a sunny, and Son-filled summer!