



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

One of the great events that has been part of the 50 for Fifty was our *Prayer Vigil*. From the end of service on Good Friday, until Easter morning, we were blessed in the members who took time to go to God in prayer for the needs of the congregation, for the needs of others, and for the concerns of their lives.

The joy of knowing people were praying around the clock got me thinking about a Gallop poll I saw years ago. I went looking and found the stats from 1985, which noted that 85% of the Americans surveyed take some moments of prayer, meditation or contemplation. Although I am not exactly sure what that means, I assume it means that 85% of the people pray regularly. The survey also included the results for various countries: Ireland had 81% say they prayed, Italy 72%, Great Britain 50%, France 44%, and Sweden was at the bottom of the list with only 33%. While Canada was not listed in this survey, a study done a few years ago by a professor at the University of Lethbridge found that 80% of Canadians “do not give evidence of embracing the central elements of Christianity, belief in God, the divinity of Jesus, life after death, experience of God, and prayer.”

How important is prayer to you as a Christian? So often we save prayer as a last resort for the really rough times of our lives; for those times we just feel so overwhelmed. But, in the hymn, *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* we sing, “What a privilege to carry *everything* to God in prayer.”

Prayer is a real privilege for us. Just think about it: the Lord of All asks, encourages and even tells us to pray to Him, to come to Him in the problems and pains of life. He also tells us to pray with thanksgiving for the wonderful blessings we experience in life. He invites us to come and have a heart to heart talk to Him, just as children talk with a father who loves them.

Do we consider it a privilege to pray? Do we bother to take the time to pray? Jesus says that we have not, because we ask not. Since God promises to hear and to answer our prayers, it only makes sense that we should make every effort to come to Him, to share the deep feelings of our heart with Him, and to let Him help us in all things. “*Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*”

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Family Time in Christ

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Prayer is not some sort of magic potion that brings us everything we want. But prayer is our opportunity to pour out our hearts before God and ask Him to be with us in all the joys and sorrows of our lives. *“Pray without ceasing,”* Scripture tells us. (1 Thessalonians 5:17, ESV) Pray for your needs, and pray with joy and thanksgiving for the blessings God has given you. Pray for your family and friends, that God would bless them in every physical and spiritual need. Pray for me as your pastor and for our church family that God would increase our faith and builds us up in love for one another. Pray for our community, our world, for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray without ceasing, and let God show how He can help those who call upon Him in prayer. Pray for our government leaders, too, that they may know the importance of seeking the help and guidance of the only true God in their work as our leaders and legislators.

In His Service,
Pastor Bode

By the way, we do have copies of the guides used for our Prayer Vigil. It has some thoughts on how to make the most of your prayer time. Please feel free to pick up a copy!

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On June 4th, 50 days after Easter, the Christian Church celebrates Pentecost Day. On this day, the disciples received the gift that Jesus, before His death and resurrection, had promised would be given to them – the Holy Spirit. This is the birth of the Christian Church – the Body of Christ. Take some time in your family to celebrate too!

Bake a cake and decorate it with candles. Light the candles and blow them out with a big breath. The burning candles remind us that God came to the disciples. The Spirit came with a sound of rushing wind!



Make a windsock. Decorate a white paper bag with markers and red tongues of fire. Add red, orange and yellow streamers and hang it outside on a windy (but dry) day, or inside in front of a fan.

Read Acts 2 together over several days. Take time together to notice some things:

- Like all of Jesus’ promises, this one (given in Luke 24:46-49) is kept.
- The disciples told the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection to people of all nations who were gathered in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak this Good News in languages that they had never learned. This Good News is for everyone. (Acts 2:1-6)
- The news of the Resurrection was always part of the message which the disciples shared. It is always part of our message too. (Acts 2:22-24)
- The Holy Spirit worked through the message to bring many people (3,000!) to faith in Jesus. He still works through God’s Word to bring people to faith and to keep their faith strong. (Acts 2:40-41)
- There are specific things that Christians did together then, and do together now. (Acts 2:42-47). This is what the Church looks like!

Practice telling each other about Jesus’ resurrection, and then think about one person that each of you can share this Good News with!

Pentecost blessings!

Children & Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

As our Sunday School year nears its close we give thanks for our students, and for the joy we have in seeing them learn from God's Word about His plan of salvation. May they grow in faith as they learn of the great love that God shows to them through Christ Jesus! In our lessons the Israelites, led by Joshua, have now entered the Promised Land. In upcoming weeks we will learn how God provided leaders (Judges) for them, and how those Judges were there to save them from their enemies. They will learn at the same time how God sent Jesus to save us from our enemies, Sin, Death, and the Devil.

Our last morning of Sunday School, June 18th, will be a special activity time. Children, bring your parents! ***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. May/June lessons are:

May 7	Deborah	Judges 4-5
May 14	Gideon	Judges 6:11-7:25
May 21	Samson	Judges 16
May 28	Ruth	Book of Ruth
June 4	God's Servant Samuel	1 Samuel 1-3
June 11	Saul Becomes King	1 Samuel 8-10; 11:12-15

We receive an offering at each opening to remind us that all we have is a gift from God. Each year, these offerings are designated to a mission serving children. This year our offerings are being sent to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Airdrie, for their children's programs. Offering envelopes are available from Deaconess Miriam.

MOMS & TOTS



Mothers of infants and toddlers... Our current study is entitled "The Beauty of Contentment". Bring your young child (age newborn to 4 years old) to spend time together with other moms in study, 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: May 4th and 18th and June 1st and 15th. See you there!

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you are invited to join us for Bible study and snacks at 7:30 pm the first and third Thursdays of the month. On Thursday, May 4th, come at 6:30 pm for a pot-blessing supper, after which we will watch the movie "Risen". After that we will continue our study on the Fruit of the Spirit. Mark these dates on your calendar: May 4th and 18th and June 1st and 15th. We meet at Deaconess Miriam's home, 10122 Hidden Valley Drive NW. Please bring a small snack to share AND YOUR BIBLES!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's choir will be singing at Foothills Lutheran Manor on May 11th, and we are looking for a date to sing during worship sometime in May or June. We have been learning some Psalms, a piece based on John 3:16, and an Easter song based on Exodus 15. God's Word sticks when it's sung! New voices are always welcome - speak with Deaconess Miriam for more information or to register.



SATURDAY KIDS BIBLE CLUB!

KIDS BIBLE CLUB will meet twice more before breaking for the summer. We gather the second Saturdays of the month from 9:30 – 11:30 am for lessons based on the theme "***Water of Life***". Our next lessons will focus on the Risen Jesus by the Water (John 21), and the River of Life (Revelation 22). 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. We will meet May 13th and June 10th. 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children aged 4 (*by July 17th*) to 11 (*leaving grade 5*) are invited to join us this summer for a week of 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.



GOD'S BUILDING BLOCKS is offered July 17-21 and July 24-28. Online registration is open and we currently have a waiting list for the Preschool classes, so register soon!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! We are looking for one teacher, games and crafts leaders, and classroom helpers for both weeks. Please contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric if you are able to help!

LYF in Christ (Youth)

Oh how fast the year has gone by! Here are our end of the year events:

May 5- 6:30pm CMI presentation "I Can See Clearly Now: Making Sense of the Creation/Evolution Question" and "What about Dinosaurs". It's here at Foothills and it is free. Just please note the time as it is 30 minutes earlier than we usually meet.

May 26- Second Annual Photo Scavenger Hunt. Yes, the trophy is back up for grabs and we will be giving you and your team a whole new list of things to find in our fair city. Look for more details coming soon.

June 2- Gardening... just kidding. It's PAINTBALL! Once again we will heading out to Bragg Creek for a good time and some paintball. Well, a good time for me because I don't think you can hit me anyways! Hit me with your best shot... FIRE AWAY!

June 16- End of Year celebration. As noted this is our last (most likely) youth event of the year. Last year we had our Reality TV night with all kinds of competitions you have seen on your favourite TV programs, but who knows what we will do this year? WE INVITE ALL THOSE GOING INTO GRADE 7 to attend this event as your jumping off point into the youth group. Looking forward to see you there.

Any questions? Feel free to ask Pastor Eric... unless they are difficult, then ask Michelle... or related to technology in anyway, then ask Trevor... or if it's to get something done, then ask Kayla... or go to Deaconess Miriam who you should have gone to in the first place, just kidding... but seriously.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric

Always feel free to bring your friends to any and every event. Check your email and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/foothillslutheranyouth for more information and event reminders.

The LCC Alberta-British Columbia District Baseball Tournament will be the weekend of August 12 & 13 in beautiful Golden, BC. If you're interested in playing on the Foothills team or cheering us on mark it on your calendar now! For more information talk to Pastor Eric.



LWML-C

Thanks to all who helped make the **St. Patrick's Day Tea at the Manor** a wonderful afternoon with singing, fellowship and lots of goodies.

Our society is collecting items for the **Missions in Nicaragua**. Items can be placed in the labelled bin in the foyer: Needles, safety pins, felt squares, googly eyes, narrow ribbon, white handkerchiefs, hand knitted/crocheted dishcloths, Canadian pencils (not stickers of flags) stickers of hearts, smiling faces, animals, bibles (no words), crosses. In October Rev. and Mrs. Lobitz will deliver the items to Nicaragua.

Mon., May 15 – Mother/Daughter/Friend Pot Blessing Bring your daughter/friend/co-worker/neighbour or just yourself and a dish to share. The theme will be **Katie Luther**. Hopefully we'll have enough men in the kitchen to serve the ladies.

May 26-27 South Alberta Zone Lutheran Women's League – Canada Spring Seminar will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 3610 Sarcee Road S.W. Calgary. The "Always called to Serve" Seminar will begin with Registration (\$20.00 per person) and breakfast at 8:00 am on May 27. Please bring a Bible, a pair of scissors and a pen or pencil. Devotions and Bible Study will be interspersed with meals and fellowship. On Friday, May 26, you are invited to attend the 7pm Communion Service. To register call Linda Horton: 403-984-2508 by Saturday May 13 or email linda.horton2@shaw.ca

The May meeting will be held on **Monday, May 29, 2017** (**Note change:** 5th Monday of the month because of Victoria Day) at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch. Fellowship from 12:00 – 12:30 followed by a Business Meeting with elections for Society officers from 12:30 – 1:15.

1:15 Topic Study on Martin Luther.

On June 26 we will have a Social gathering. Watch for details in the Sunday Bulletins.



A Peek Into Our Preschool

One of the children asked after hearing the Easter account, “Why did Jesus die?” Although I answered the question, the enormity of what this means for us, will continue to be unpacked over the coming weeks. Jesus was born so He could die? Why would Jesus be hurt and die if He was planning to come alive again anyway?

This is the first time some of our students have heard what Jesus did for us. What a privilege it is to be able to share the gospel with children who have never heard it before!

This past week we have added a second verse to one of the songs 17 of the children sang for our 50th anniversary celebration:

*“My God is so great, so strong and so mighty.
He sent His Son, Jesus for me.
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty.
He sent His Son, Jesus for me.
He died on the cross.
He came back to life so I can live eternally.
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty.
He sent His Son, Jesus for me.”*

Respectfully submitted by Betty Ann Chandler

Fall Registrations for Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool

Registrations for the fall are currently being accepted. Registration packages are available on our website (www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com) and on the table outside our classroom. Our Tuesday & Thursday morning classes have filled, but there are still spaces available Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings. (Parents could choose 2 or 3 mornings.) There are also spaces Monday – Thursday afternoons. (Parents could choose 2, 3, or 4 afternoons.) If you would like more information about our program, Betty Ann would be happy to speak with you.



Let's Pray! Faith @ Home

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 9:15 am

What happens in families that pray for and with each other? Learn how a simple daily discussion about the highs and lows of the day can lead to regular family prayer.

Please bring your child so you can participate together. Sunday School is available for children age 3-10, and younger children are welcome in the session.

RSVP to Deaconess Miriam at miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for parents with children born in 2012

Board of Fellowship

Past Events

Lenten Soup Suppers

Thank you to those wonderful people that brought soup for the Lenten suppers. This was a wonderful opportunity to feed both body and soul..

FLC 50th Anniversary, April 1 & 2, 2017

Do you feel like you just attended a family reunion? I sure did! Seeing all those familiar faces of our brothers and sisters, whether they were former Pastors, DPS or members was cause for great excitement and much visiting. We were so blessed to have 215 people share a meal, family style, at the Varsity Community Centre on Saturday evening. Dale Dusterhoft did a great job as MC for the evening with a special highlight being the FLC memories video that Phil Lemke created. Thanks to those who lent photos, slides, and other memorabilia for the many, many hours Phil spent on creating the video.

On Sunday, our souls were filled with words from our seminarians, Michael Mayer and Adam Chandler; from our former Pastors, Laverne Hautz and Eldon Ohlinger as well as our current ministry staff. The choir, accompanied by Deaconess Miriam, were an added blessing to the celebration.

Special thanks go out to Anni Adams for creating all the beautiful centerpieces, Lucy Oberhammer for making the three cakes that we thoroughly enjoyed, Betty Ann Chandler and Pastor Ohlinger for providing the history of the congregation, and Brian Chandler for generously donating the printing of the Save the Date cards and dinner tickets. This celebration was only possible by the faith and hard work of the Charter members of FLC. I am also thankful for the many volunteers that just pitched in to help. Here's looking to another 50!



Continuing Events

Coffee Teams

We are blessed to have 10 coffee teams who continue to provide coffee, tea and a welcome on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all of you who have donated baking.

If you are interested in creating a new team or want to join an existing team, contact Belinda Perrin or Heather Sommers.

May 7 - Heather Sommers; Warren Kee; Matt Pfaff;
Merv & Kareen Borgeson

May 14 - Mark Kihn; Darlene Gaber; Alice Churney;
Diane Voss

May 21 - Elise Glans; Vi Dusterhoft; Anne Marie Kothari

May 28 - Joyce & Murray Kee; Tim & Tracy Roth

June 4 - Voters' Meeting

Brenda Bode; Heather Sommers

June 11 - Tom & Joan Copeland; Lloyd & Carol Sandau

June 18 - Pat & Lorne, Kellen & Kristy Rosenau;

Lucy Oberhammer

June 25 - Belinda & Dave Perrin, Brenda Bode

Upcoming Events

Ukrainian Egg Decorating, May 13, 2017

Unfortunately the April 8th session had to be rescheduled but we have a new date. Learn Pysanky, the Ukrainian tradition of decorating eggs, from Jean Richardson on Saturday, May 13, at 1:30 pm. All wax, dyes, and eggs will be supplied. There is no cost for this workshop, just bring your enthusiasm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board. For information contact Heather Sommers.



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

This event is co-sponsored with LWML. We celebrate Mother's Day in May, and as a church, we also want to celebrate the important women in our lives with a mother, daughter, and friend potluck dinner on Monday, May 15 at 6:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board. For more information contact Brenda Bode or Marilyn Harrison.

Father's Day - June 18

Let's celebrate the importance of the role of fathers in the congregation.

Stampede Breakfast - July 16

Come out in your cowboy duds to FLC's 17th annual Stampede Breakfast. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in the outdoor service, contact Anni Adams or Heather Sommers.

50 for Fifty Servant Events

Praise be to God! He has provided many blessings through our 50 for fifty servant events! Through the members of FLC and their friends and families we have:

- donated car loads of blankets for the homeless and outfits for those entering the work force
- donated blood to be used for those in need of it
- donated grocery money saved through fasting to CLWR
- donated \$3,600 to the Mustard Seed by collecting pledges to sponsor our walks
- donated 34 man hours to the food bank
- prepared and packaged over 160 meals for members in need
- sang for seniors and served tea and treats
- visited shut-ins, honored caregivers, and performed many random acts of kindness
- spent 83.5 hours in a prayer vigil of adoration, praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings and lifted our worries and concerns for ourselves, loved ones, neighbors and our world.

Much time has been spent in prayer for these activities! Thank you to all who have prayed for these servant events and for everyone who has participated!

We are 17 weeks into our 50 for fifty servant events. Here is what's coming up in the next couple of months. May the Lord keep our hearts open to participate and may he continue to bless us with good health and energy to do His work here on earth.

May 7th - Community Clean Up – Let's serve our neighbours by cleaning up the property around surrounding buildings and in the open and common spaces. Come prepared with a change of clothes and shoes, work gloves, sunglasses and hats. And if you've purchased an FLC t-shirt please wear it!



May 14th – Show your love on Mother's Day by having flowers waiting at the church for you to give to your mom, or other “motherly” women, by purchasing flowers in advance. **Flowers will be pre-sold April 30th, and May 7th.** We will have your order waiting at the church for you when you arrive on May 14th. We will also have a few extra flowers on Mother's Day available for those who missed out on pre-purchasing.

May 16th - 27th – Blood Donor Challenge – To allow more flexibility we are challenging everyone (who is physically able) to donate blood during these two weeks, instead of one specific date. Please encourage your family and friends to donate also. This is great timing for those who donated on February 4th as it's safe to donate again. After donating we encourage you to add your name to a paper blood droplet on the 50 for fifty bulletin board. Let's fill that board up! Blood – it's in you to give!

June 5th – Good Food Box – Volunteers are needed to fill a three hour shift from 6-9 pm on Monday, June 5th. The Good Food Box is a program whereby you can purchase top quality fresh fruits and vegetables at a very low cost. Volunteers divide up the produce into portions and put the Good Food Boxes together. Sign-up sheets for volunteering will be available in May.

May 21st – June 11th - Clothing for a Cause – This is an exciting Textile Recycling program resulting in revenue for Haiti Arise Ministries. You'll be amazed at what textiles they accept! What a wonderful cause and a wonderful way to keep many materials out of the landfill. We have purposely chosen this time frame to coincide with spring cleaning. For those getting a head start on spring cleaning, brochures are available on the resource table. We are expecting a large response and have arranged for a donation bin in our parking lot during this time. Please note that we will only be accepting materials during the listed dates.

June 18th - Pregnancy Care Center – Mark this date on your calendar to return your filled baby bottles (with spare change, loose bills or a cheque). The bottles will be handed out on Mother's Day.

James 2:26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

Our Whole Life Stewardship

A Final Word on the Stewardship Leadership Experience

This is my last *Foot Print* submission to you as Director of Stewardship. As of the end of June, I will have held this position for two consecutive electoral terms, the maximum allowed under the *Constitution and Bylaws*.

In all my years, if there was a position in church leadership that I had no desire to ever hold, it was the position of Stewardship Director. You see, I had it in my mind that you better grab on to your ‘pocketbook’ if you saw the Stewardship guy coming. I was wrong! The ‘job’ isn’t about that particular perception at all and, certainly, making one feel coerced or otherwise uncomfortable about his or her financial resources is not even Scriptural (2 Corinthians 9:7). Yes, when it comes to Christian stewardship, there’s always that third “*T*”...***Treasure***. As you’ve heard me say ‘*it costs to run the church*’, and God’s Word certainly tells us we are not to be reluctant but, rather, “cheerful” givers, but I believe that if we take care of the other two “*T*’s” – *Time* and *Talent*, that ***Treasure*** will take care of itself. This notion was fundamental in encouraging your participation each fall during the *Time & Talent Survey*.

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Time & Talent Surveys Returned	60	71	74
Stewardship Commitments	540	584	664

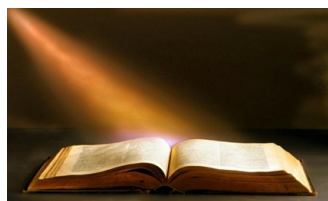
As indicated in the table above (I’ve shared this before), your commitments of ***Time*** have shown an encouraging trend over the past three years. Within these comparative statistics, your commitments of ‘time’ in His Word, through faithful worship service attendance, personal Bible reading & devotion and participation in Bible studies have all shown the same favorable trend. In last fall’s survey, 92% of survey respondents committed to regular worship services attendance, 82% of respondents committed to faithful reading of and meditation on His Word, and 78% committed to participate in at least one of FLC’s regularly scheduled Bibles Studies. Many more of you are doing the same, notwithstanding you may not have returned the survey. That, of course, is good! When one tallies the number of children and adults in Sunday’s “Education Hour”, and then adds to that those committed to regular weekly scheduled Bible Studies (e.g., *LifeLight*, *Front to Back @ Bodes*, *Ladies Bible Study @ Miriam’s*, *Bearspaw Ladies Bible Studies*, *LWML*, *Men’s Monthly Bible Study & Breakfast*), together with all who diligently commit to daily devotion at home, there is no doubt more than half of our

regularly attending membership are spending significant ‘time’ in His Word. The decision to have parents attend those Sunday morning confirmation classes with their children was a smart one!

And then there’s the ***Talent***. You’ve also heard me talk in the past about ‘gifts’... those special abilities that come natural to you with little effort. Like what? Let’s consider some examples... ***interpersonal skills*** that enable you to convey genuine God-pleasing ‘connections’ or empathy, and that foster trust and openness with strangers/visitors and those in need. Think about serving on the Board of Human Care Ministries and/or serving as an Usher or Welcome Greeter. Consider supporting Pastor Eric in his University of Calgary outreach work. ***Communication skills*** that enable others to readily and accurately understand what you are trying to convey. This is critical to strategic planning, leadership and problem solving. Effective communication skills are fundamental to serving as an officer or director on the PPC. Think about accepting nomination next time ‘round! ***Not just knowledge of, but wisdom of Scripture... and confidence to share with others.*** Our parish particularly needs your service here on the Boards of Elders, Evangelism or Education. Again, think about accepting a nomination next time ‘round or saying ‘yes’ when a Director asks you to join his/her Board. In this same realm of service, consider joining the Prayer Chain or mentoring our youth and young adults for involvement in worship services. Folks that ***enjoy preparing food, catering and making it all look and taste good.*** Think about participation in the Board of Parish Fellowship, coffee teams, the Stampede breakfast, or committing to providing baking for the Sunday fellowship hour. ***Do you have a knack for managing detail?*** Think about volunteering as an offerings counter. ***You’re the ‘techie-IT type’?*** Think about learning how to operate the sanctuary sound system, updating and managing the narthex monitor screens, videoing sermons for subsequent post to the parish website... or website management itself. ***You enjoy fixing things in disrepair without falling off a ladder or bruising one’s thumb (or worse); or you take pleasure in beautifying the church, inside or out?*** Think participation in the Board of Church Properties or the Altar Guild. ***A good singing voice (aka... ability to go ‘up and down’ the music note ‘hills’... staying in tune while doing so!)*** Join the choir! If you’re not yet a team member in one of these areas of service to our parish, please keep this message in mind next fall.

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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

On Friday, May 5, at 6:30, the Board of Christian Education is hosting a speaker from Creation Ministries International (CMI). The topics will be "I Can See Clearly Now: Making Sense of the Creation/Evolution Question" and "What about Dinosaurs?". All youth and adults are invited to come and bring a friend. Donations to CMI will be accepted to help with the cost of the event.



We'll need a few volunteers to help with ushering and moving/setting up the merchandise – please contact Michelle if you're interested. We particularly need someone comfortable with using a portable credit card/debit machine, and making change.

Check out the Creation Ministries resources in the brochure rack above the guest book! The Board stocks information on dinosaurs, the age of the earth, carbon dating, and starlight, evolution vs natural selection, the ice age, continental drift, and Noah's ark. We've just added information on mammoths, dating methods, and how the different "races" arose. Let us know if you're looking for any info that's not there!



Special thanks to Bonnie Heumann, who has served our church library for a number of years. She has stepped down, and we thank her for her service! We are looking for volunteers to help with cataloguing, shelving, and organizing book displays for special events like Rally Sunday – please contact Trevor if you are interested in finding out more.

The Preschool's 15th anniversary is in 2017, and some special celebrations are being planned. Watch for more information! Special thanks to Candice Vikse and Heather Sommers for volunteering to help Betty Ann with this.

The Board would still like to have a member responsible for communications and publicity, primarily coordinating bulletin announcements and Foot Print content, publicity for regular and special events, updating the PowerPoint slides (which we also print for the bulletin board), posting those things to the Facebook group, and taking minutes at meetings. The board meets approximately three times per year, and there are six issues of the Foot Print every year.

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, Sunday school and family ministry news on page 3, and Preschool news on page 5.

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 Christian Education 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: Pat Rosenau, Harrison Sparrow, Sydney Stene, Tobi Stene, Ron Voss

- Submitted by Michelle Heumann

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Folks... we've just finished celebrating our parish's 50th anniversary. From what I've seen, and as a former pastor of mine used to like to say (and I paraphrase) ... **"the Lord has blessed (Foothills Lutheran Church) real good!"** Your commitments of Time, Talent and Treasure have left Foothills Lutheran on solid ground and prepared for new challenges and growth as we move forward. Let's all

think seriously about this and be prepared to be part of this vision, both within our existing church family and wherever our parish may serve the broader community.

It has been a privilege to serve you as Stewardship Director.

Philip Lemke - Director, Board of Stewardship

The Fourth Commandment confirms the God-given authority of parents in the raising of their child to Martin Luther in his Large Catechism discussion on this commandment. When parents and to their child's teachers. According to Luther, all authority "flows and is born from the of this authority by new legislation and guidelines for Alberta Schools. The following report

Friday, April 21, 2017, 7:30 – 9:00 PM
La Cité des Rocheuses, 4800 Richard Road SW

The presentation by lawyer John Carpay, President of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, took place in the Auditorium/Theater Room of La Cité des Rocheuses, Calgary's francophone cultural center. I estimate that there were about 100 or more people present.

John Carpay's 1-hour talk was in three parts. In Part 1, he began with some of the 'bad news', how the government has been chipping away and undermining parental authority and involvement in their children's education, then moved on in Part 2 to tracing the legal and constitutional rights of Alberta parents in relation to their children, and concluded, in Part 3, with a more uplifting message as to what can be done.

In Part 1, he began by speaking about Bill 10, passed unanimously in Alberta's legislature in March 2015, which led to the requirement of allowing Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs in schools, if one or more students request it; as well, not allowing for parents to be notified if their child participates in such a club. He pointed out that if you check out the GSA Network's website, you will realize that the "GSAs are promoting an ideology hostile to most religions". He then referenced some of the other troubling issues that have since surfaced:

- The 'Transgender Guidelines' introduced by the Minister of Education in January 2016, which again disconnected the parents from any notification related to their child's sexuality issues and identified 'best practices' such as those who self-identify as the sex opposite to their biological sex, transgenders, are allowed to use the bathroom of their self-identified sex. (<https://education.alberta.ca/media/1626737/91383-attachment-1-guidelines-final.pdf>)

- The Minister of Education recently criticizing and deeming unacceptable a Catholic school for showing a pro-life video making an analogy between abortions and the holocaust. (<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/christians-demand-investigation-of-transgender-promotion-in-alberta-schools>)
- In early March, a parent and concerned citizen's discovery of links at the GSA Network's website of highly inappropriate sexually-graphic material accessible to K-12 children. (<https://informedalbertans.wordpress.com/2017/03/13/alberta-government-funds-website-directing-k-12-kids-to-sexually-graphic-content/>) Carpay described what was recommended for children at these links as "revolting sexual practices", which "tell you the mindset" of those responsible for managing the GSA Network's website, namely, Professor Kris Wells and the institute that he directs, Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS), at the University of Alberta. Incredibly, despite severely violating the trust of Albertans and endangering the safety of children, to date there has been no consequence for Dr. Wells and iSMSS. Instead Dr. Wells and iSMSS continue to enjoy the full confidence of the Minister of Education, still being permitted to operate the GSA Network for students and participating in other ways in shaping Alberta's education program through classroom presentations and curriculum reform.

In Part 2, John explained the legal rights of parents, which are spelled out in greater detail in a recent paper that he and an associate prepared, "Protecting Children, Protecting Families – The legal rights of parents to be fully informed on all matters regarding their children's education":

<https://www.jccf.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-04-18-The-parental-right-to-be-informed.pdf>

It is clear that the right of parents to direct and to be fully informed about all aspects of their children's educa-

Regarding Issues of Sexual Identity

children. Parents are God's representatives in the home, "standing in God's place", accord-send their children to school, they are, in effect, delegating this authority to the school system, authority of parents" (LC, paragraph 141). A recent presentation addressed the undermining was submitted by Ron Voss, member of the Board of Christian Education.

tion is entrenched in international law, Canadian constitutional law and provincial law. For example, The *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (UDHR), adopted by the U.N. in 1948 after World War II, states in Article 26(3): "Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children".

While, seemingly, it should be a slam dunk in favour of parents legally, John, however, explained that he sees a legal challenge as a last resort for several reasons, including the time to get through the legal system, which could be decades, the high financial cost, and the unpredictability of the outcome despite the apparent strong legal precedents, because of the uncertainty introduced by the unpredictability of the client and liberal judges. Instead, he recommends that, first, the democratic process should be pushed to its fullest through resistance by the public and politicians.

In Part 3, John covered what parents and concerned citizens can do about it, the options available for parents in the new political reality:

- 1) Despite all, we shouldn't despair as people in different countries and times in history have faced even bigger problems, which they overcame. We are still a largely free country even though our foundations are under aggressive assault, with tools others didn't have, like freedom of expression and freedom of association. John warned that "freedom is like a muscle; if you don't exercise it, it atrophies".
- 2) We might feel that we are the only persons concerned about what is happening, however, we are not alone. There is a small aggressive vocal minority that gives the impression that they are the majority voice. The mainstream media is losing its credibility and influence (through social media) every day and, therefore, no need to despair about the biased media.

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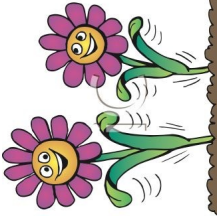
- 3) Do not be intimidated. Although the social justice warriors speak of diversity, respect, equality and tolerance, the reality is that they do not permit diversity of thought or ideas, are most intolerant and, disrespectfully, call you names such as bigot, homophobe, transphobe, etc. if you don't agree with them. Nobody likes to be called names, but, in doing so, if they silence you, they succeed. They win, if you self-censor. Don't conform to their game plan. He rephrased Eleanor Roosevelt's quote, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent" to "No one can intimidate you without your consent". John pointed out that one has a stark choice to make: *Which do you love more? Your children or not being name-called?*
 - 4) Be informed through, for example, the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (<http://www.jccf.ca/>) and a parental advocacy group like Parents for Choice in Education (<http://parentchoice.ca/>), and support those defending a free society and parental rights by making a donation.
 - 5) Speak up when opportunities present themselves. Participate actively in political parties and the political process, supporting political parties and politicians who stand up for parental rights and doing what you can to steer parties and politicians in that direction.
- But remember, that change takes time. For example, William Wilberforce over 50 years to achieve his goals re the abolishment of slavery.

He ended his talk with the encouraging, but challenging, words, "Quitters never win; winners never quit".

A video of John Carpay's presentation has been posted at JCCF's YouTube website.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSPXafjwLyw&channel=JCCFdotCA>

May 2017 at FLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm - EMV Training	2 6 pm - Elders	3 6:30 pm - Worship	4 10 am - Moms & Tots 1 pm - UJAMAA Grandma's	5  6:30 pm - CMI "What About Dinosaurs"	6
7 50 for Fifty 9 - Education Hour 9:15 Faith@Home 10:15 Worship with	8	9	10 1:30 pm - Silver Saints 6:30 pm - Worship	11 6 pm - Children's Choir	12	13 9:00 am - Men's Study and Breakfast 9:30 am - Saturday Kid's Bible Club
14 Mother's Day 9 - Education Hour 10:15 Worship 12 - 50 for Fifty Flower Pick-up	15 6 pm - Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet	16 50 for Fifty  Blood Donor Challenge	17 6:30 pm - Worship	18 10 am - Moms & Tots 6 pm - Children's Choir 7 pm - Study @ Bodes' 7:30 - Ladies' Bible	19	20
21 50 for Fifty 9 - Education Hour 10:15 Worship with Communion	22 Victoria Day	23 7 pm - Sunday School Teachers Meeting	24 1:30 pm - Silver Saints 6:30 pm - Worship	25 7 pm - Sacred Convocation - Concordia Lutheran Seminary	26 7:00 pm - Youth Photo Scavenger Hunt	27 LWML Seminar - Grace Lutheran
28 9 - Education Hour 10:15 Worship	29 12 pm - LWML-C 7 pm - PPC Meeting	30	31 6:30 pm - Worship			



June 2017 at FLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10 am - Moms & Tots	2 7 pm - Youth Paintball	3
4 9 Education Hour 10:15 Worship with Communion 12 Voter's Meeting	5 50 for Fifty 6-9 pm 7 pm VBS Training	6 6 pm Elders Meeting	7 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm Fall Youth Retreat Meeting	8 6 pm - Children's Choir 7 pm - Bible Study @ Bodes'	9	10 9:00 am Men's Bible 9:30 am Saturday * Kid's Bible Club
11 50 for Fifty 9 Education Hour 10:15 Worship 12 Catechism for Life	12 7 pm Board of Ed. Mtg 7 pm What is Islam?	13	14 6:30 pm Worship with Communion 7:30 pm Choir	15 10 am - Moms & Tots 7 pm - Study @ Bodes'	16 7 pm - Youth Year End Event	17 9 am PPC Retreat
18 Father's Day Baby Bottles Due Back 9 Education Hour 10:15 Worship with Communion	19	20 2:30 pm - Preschool Concert, Aft. Classes	21 6:30 pm Worship Evening Preschool Concert - Morn. Class	22 7 pm - Bible Study	23	24
25 9 - Education Hour 10:15 Worship	26 LWML Year End Social	27	28 6:30 pm Worship with Communion 7:30 pm Choir	29 7 pm - Bible Study @ Bodes'	30	

Noteworthy

“Thank You” for your Condolences: I wish to say “Thank you” for all the cards, letter and words of condolence, which I gratefully received from Foothills’ members with the passing away of my Dad.

Alfred lived to age 90 and his last few years were not good as he struggled with dementia. The good Lord, in His mercy, called him home on Dec. 8, ‘16.

Among his hobbies in retirement, he loved wood-working projects. At Foothills, he made the two cedar-wood lecterns used in our church. He made the one in the Fellowship Hall extra tall when he met Pastor David Bode at my garage sale.

In fact, he met many of you at my garage sales throughout the years. He loved to talk to Foothills people there, and it was a bonus if you could speak a bit of German.

He is laid to rest in the Didsbury Cemetary, assured in Christ’s victory over death at the Easter Resurrection.

-by Mark Kihn

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, on your calendar. In order to get the discussion going we are asking you to submit your most-feared questions in advance. For parents of children of all ages. Childcare will be provided!

Beloved in the Lord at Foothills,

Thank you so very much for being so generous with us as we work to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Nizaa people in their own language. \$6000 goes a long way in this part of the world! I would like to conclude in the same way that the Apostle Paul *began* his letter to the Philippian Christians: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you; always, in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Thanks again for partnering with us in the Gospel!

*Rev. Mike Kuhn - Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada
Nizaa New Testament Translation Adviser*

We would like to thank everyone for the many prayers offered for us during this difficult time of loss. We very much appreciate all that was done up to and including the time of the funeral. A special thanks to everyone who came to spend time with us and shared memories of George. You are all truly part of our family in Christ. Thank you also to the Fellowship Committee and everyone who supplied food and helped in the kitchen. In Christian Love, *Elnora Haas and family.*

Our next Voter’s Meeting will be held after service on June 4. Please mark it on your calendar and plan to attend.

Missions of the Month for May and June are Lutheran Hospital Ministries and Lutheran Church - Canada respectively. Your gifts to our various Missions of the Month truly are a blessing to those who receive them. Thank you.

Graduation Blessing

Sunday, June 18 during our 10:15 am worship service



As you graduate from high school and plan your further education, your Church family would like to give you a blessing - a prayer that God, who has brought you this far, will continue to guide you all of your life. We also have a little gift for you to take with you to college or university.

Please come to our service at 10:15 am on Sunday, June 18, and stay afterward for coffee and cake.

RSVP to Deaconess Miriam at miriam@foothillslutheran.com