



Dear friends in Christ:

It is hard to ignore the fact that 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There have been many ways that we have tried to keep that before you here at Foothills: with the special notes from Luther's writings in the bulletin; with Bible studies that focus on Luther, the man; and with various discussions and presentations on the history of the Reformation. There will be a few more before the year is over. We celebrate this historic event, because the Reformation has always been about Jesus, and about the Gospel message of *justification by grace through faith*.

There have been special Reformation focusses in Lutheran Church—Canada, too, including articles in *The Canadian Lutheran*. The covers of the magazine have had scenes from Luther's life, as envisioned by Kelly Klages, a writer and artist living in Morden, Manitoba, where her husband Alec is pastor. The latest edition, available to you right now, has a picture based on the room at the Wartburg, where Luther resided for 10 months, under the protection of Elector Frederick the Wise. During that time, Luther gave the church one of the greatest gifts: the German translation of the Greek New Testament, allowing the laity to read the Bible in their own language. His efforts were influential in the translation of the King James Bible, too.

I mention that cover picture, because of the caption on the cover. The caption is the title and opening words of one of Luther's great hymns, *Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word*. That is one of the most important prayers that the church of God can pray. In our day and age, in particular, it is so important that we remain steadfast in the Word of God, especially in a world that is so quick to depart from, or even attack, that life-giving Word. I don't think it is unique or coincidental that as I started writing this, I received a satirical news article which said: *"In an effort to make sure the public is educated about the drastic effects the Word of God may have upon its readers, the FDA has announced that beginning next year, all new Bibles sold in America must be stamped with a warning from the Surgeon General which notifies them that 'Bible Reading Can Cause Belief In Objective Truth, Disagreement With Socially Accepted Values, Faith And Trust In God, And May Forever Change Your Life And Eternity.'"*

God's Word does change us. More than that, it saves us, as the Spirit creates faith in our hearts through the Gospel. That Word is our comfort, our strength, our peace, our guide, our counsellor, our teacher in so many wonderful ways. Even though we study it our whole lives, we will never exhaust the blessings that the Word of God brings to us.

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Every fall we start the season with our Christian Education Sunday or *Rally Day*. We celebrate the various opportunities we have to *read, mark, learn and take to heart* that wonderful Word. We use it as a time to encourage you, our members to be in the Word. We remind ourselves how important that Word is for our lives—and, yes, it is important, even if the whole world denies or ignores that Word. We go back to that prayer: *“Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son, and bring to naught all He has done.*

If there is one prayer I would have for our congregation, it is that we would be steadfast in the truth of God’s Word. There are many who are twisting that Word and corrupting it, seeking to destroy that truth. There are those who will always say that the Bible is just another book, written by men. There are those who will see it as being out of touch with our “enlightened” way of thinking. There are also those who will contradict and deny what God has clearly said in His Word.

Luther understood that God’s Word is the strength and help of His people. That Word changes lives. It changes hearts. Those who heed it always find that the Word brings blessing upon blessing. Best of all, it brings us the joy of life in Christ, our Saviour.

In the following pages, look for the ways in which we are at work to be steadfast in that Word. Come, and hear that Word proclaimed each week in our worship. Read it for yourself, and thank God for those who have brought us that Word. And please pray—pray that we would all open our ears and our hearts to that Word, and that we, as a church, will be steadfast in it at all times.

(By the way, take a look at Kelly Klages’ notes on her cover art in *The Canadian Lutheran*. They are on page 40.)

Rejoicing in His days:

Pastor Bode

Fall Voters’ Meeting

September 24 following a light lunch after service.

You might be a Voter if...

- You are over the age of 18
- You are aware we have a constitution and by-laws to guide the way we work
- You have attended at least 1 Voters’ meeting
- You desire our church to be the best it can be

Board of Stewardship

I would like to say a few words as your new Stewardship Chairman. I’ll have a tough time following Phil’s footsteps, but I will give it a good try. The first order of business will be a new Time and Talent survey in September to see where everyone is at. I hope that when it comes out you will fill in so you will have an idea as to how you would like to serve your Lord.

The second thing will be our normal fall exercise of setting next year’s budget. I look forward to working with the rest of the PPC on this project.

As per updates on CEF, I will work to get on board to find out what is happening and report back to FLC.

Brian Chandler

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LYF in Christ (Youth)

Lutheran Youth at Foothills (LYF in Christ) grows by GIVING of ourselves, developing RELATIONSHIPS with others, reaching OUT to all, WORSHIPPING with joy, and STUDYING God's Word.

Seeking all Musicians! We are looking for you! If you love to sing or play an instrument and would like to be involved in our worship services we want you. We are looking for those that would like to be involved in our contemporary services, or those that play the piano and would perhaps like to try their hand at the organ, or those that would be interested in playing preludes to service or during the offering. If you play the piano, sing, guitar, keytar, clarinet, drums etc. we want you to join us. If you are interested or have any question you can sign up on the worship bulletin board or talk to Pastor Eric or Deaconess Miriam.

Our Youth events are starting up once again! Every Sunday morning we meet at 9am for our time of study together. We have lots of submissions on what you would like to look at and talk about but please let us know of any additional topics and we will do our best to get them in on a Sunday morning or during one of our Friday events.

The Friday events are also going to kick off this Friday, so be sure to mark these upcoming dates down in your calendar:

Sept. 15 - YEAR KICKOFF with some Outdoor Games! 7pm at the church. You know the classics of capture the flag, stones, kickball, but we are also mixing in games that (hopefully) you've never played before! There will also be a time for snacks, devo, and discussion on possible study topics for the year!

Sept. 29 - Taco-in-a-bag Prep. 7pm at the church. We will be doing a Taco-in-a-bag fundraiser to raise funds for a preschool project as they celebrate 15 years! We will also be doing a study this night.

Oct. 13- Corn Maze. (time and meeting place to be coordinated via email) That's right for one night you get to become children of the corn and see if you can find all the checkpoints in Calgary's most difficult corn maze.

Oct. 27- 7pm at the church. Last year we were able to volunteer our time and help out at our family All Hallows' Eve event and this year we have been asked, and are happy, to be able to help at our **family Reformation Celebration on the 28th.** So we will come together the night before to help prep, get oriented, and play some games.

Nov. 3-5 TRANSFORMED our annual fall youth retreat right here at the church. It's all weekend, it's a blast, and you want to marking this on your calendar right now! Did you do it? Great! Let's move on. Our speaker is the great and wonderful Pres. Jim Gimbel from Concordia Lutheran Seminary and we will be joined by youth across Alberta (and maybe BC).

Be sure to be checking your emails for our regular updates and if you want to be added to our email list please talk to Pastor Eric and he will get you on there pronto.

Our youth events are for those in grades 7-12. With all of our events you are always more than welcome to invite any of your friends. If you have any questions please feel free to get a hold of Pastor Eric, or Kayla, or Michelle... and if you can't find any of us, and you're desperate, Trevor.

Pastor Eric Moffett

Silver Saints

The Silver Saints (silver hair not required) invite you to join them each second and fourth Wednesday afternoon of the month. Our first Wednesday, **September 13th**, will be a social with visiting, game playing and a light lunch.

We are presently obtaining information on a Stage West Dinner and Show October 11th or October 25th provided we have 30 or more who can attend. The play is entitled "*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*".



It explores dating, romance, love and marriage in a series of vignettes. Group rate tickets for Wednesday matinees are \$52 plus GST/ person. If you would be interested in this event please sign up on the sheet on the Silver Saints bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall.

Children & Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” Psalm 119:103

Preparations are under way for our new Sunday School year. We will continue our chronological study of key Scripture accounts. In the next two months we will see God working through Kings and Prophets to establish for Himself a people through whom the promised Saviour would come. Every lesson points us forward to Jesus!

We will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary for our opening, after which children will be dismissed to their classes. Their class time will end by 10:05 so that families have time to prepare for worship.

Our hymn of the month for September is #740, *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* and for October #735, *Have No Fear Little Flock*. Take time to look at these with your children at home and maybe use them as part of your family devotions.

Thank you to those special people who have volunteered to work in our Sunday School. Some have been with us before, and some will be new faces to our students.
Preschool-Kindergarten: Mrs. Colhoun and Mrs. Morine
Grades 1-3: Mrs. Stene, Miss Stene and Mr. Voss
Grades 4-5: Mrs. O’Krafka
Helpers: Mrs. Poirier, Miss Cook and Miss Craven

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 classes (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 September and October are:

Sep 10	David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17
Sep 17	David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 18:1–5; 20
Sep 24	David Becomes King	1 Samuel 16:1–13; 2 Samuel 5:1–10
Oct 1	God Forgives David	2 Samuel 12:1–23
Oct 8	The Wisdom of Solomon	1 Kings 3
Oct 15	Solomon Builds the Temple	1 Kings 5–6
Oct 22	God Provides for Elijah	1 Kings 17
Oct 29	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:20–46

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. 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. Please keep our Sunday School teachers and students in your prayers, that as they teach and learn, their faith may be strengthened!



My Bible

Sunday, September 10, 2017 Presentation of Bibles during the worship service at 10:15 am

Light lunch and “My Bible” session following the service.

God’s Word is truth, and He gives us His Word in the Bible. Your child is old enough to begin to explore God’s truth using his or her very own Bible.

On Sunday, September 10th you will fulfill one of the promises you made at your child’s baptism as you place a Bible in his or her hands during the worship service. A copy of the Faith Alive Student Bible will be provided.

Then join us after service for a light lunch (provided) and a time for a time for parents and child together to learn about their Bible and how to use it. Children will have an opportunity to create their own Bible cover.

RSVP TO: miriam@foothillslutheran.com Bring the whole family!

Designed for children born in 2010 and their parents.

Children & Family Ministry (Continued)

MOMS & TOTS

Mothers of infants and toddlers...

We will begin a new study this fall, entitled “The Beauty of Balance”.

Bring your young child (age newborn to 4 years old) to spend some time together with other moms in study, prayer and fellowship. We 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:

September 7th and 21st, and October 5th and 19th. 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 **Tuesdays** of the month (**Note the change!**). We will continue our study on the Fruit of the Spirit on **Tuesday, September 19th**. Mark these dates on your calendar: **September 19th and October 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 will resume on Thursday, September 14th at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. We are looking forward to having some new voices join us this fall. We learn a bit about music,

learn how to use our voices, and most of all plant God's Word in our hearts through song. Bring your child age 4-10! Please speak with Deaconess Miriam for more information or to register.

GOD'S BUILDING BLOCKS

was held July 17-21 and July 24-28, with a total of 156 children attending, and 46 adult and youth teaching, leading, and supporting in various ways. Focusing on the teachings of the Apostles' Creed, children learned Bible lessons and their application for daily life, and participated in crafts, games and music which supported this learning. Each day introduced a building block of faith, and taught us about our one true God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

On **Monday** we learned how God created the world and everything in it in six days. Human beings were the most special part of His creation. He said everything was very good!



• On **Tuesday** we learned how God's perfect world was broken when Adam and Eve listened to the serpent instead of to God. We also learned that God already had a plan to send a Saviour. He promised His own Son, Jesus!

• On **Wednesday** we learned how Jesus, God's Son, suffered and died for our sins. When He said “it is finished” on the cross, it meant that He had done what God had sent Him to do. Save us!

• On **Thursday** we learned that Jesus' death for us was not the end. On the third day He rose again from the dead, showing that He has destroyed our enemies sin, death and the devil, and promising us a new life with Him!

• On **Friday** we learned how the Holy Spirit came to work through God's Word to bring many people to believe in Jesus. He brought the believers together into God's Church, and still today makes us living stones in Jesus' household of faith!

28% of the children who attended VBS were unchurched. We pray that the seeds of faith that were planted this week would bear abundant fruit!

KIDS BIBLE CLUB will meet Saturday, October 7th from 9:30 – 11:30 am. This year our theme will be Love in Jesus, and we will be looking at the Ten Commandments as gifts from God, and how He works to help us love Him and love others. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam to register your child age 4-10. Consider bringing a friend, or offer to volunteer!



JULY 2017



A Peek Into Our Preschool

Preschool is in session Monday through Friday, so you may not see who is here during the week:

Did You Know:

We have 2 staff members who work in our preschool. (We are blessed, as not every Lutheran school has an all Lutheran staff like we do.) Both have attended FLC for over 30 years:

Betty Ann Chandler, B.Ed., Child Development Supervisor certificate - principal/teacher

Amy Chandler, MA with Merit, Child Development Assistant certificate - teaching/office assistant

While class time lasts from 8:45 to 3:30, professional planning, communication, ministry, and administration take place outside of this time.

FLC Preschool is a pre-kindergarten, not a daycare. We teach literacy, pre-math skills, facilitate fine & gross motor development, encourage creativity, facilitate emotional & social development, and share our faith in Jesus.

Classroom environment is purposefully structured to enable child-directed play to be learning, not recess. Toys/activities deliberately support concepts presented during teacher-directed time. At least 1 toy/activity is changed each day.

We ask parents to volunteer once per month to elevate our adult/child ratio past minimum licensing requirements to better facilitate learning. There is a FLC volunteer, Jutta Culhoun, who comes in if a parent is unavailable. We aim for our ratio to be 1 adult for 6 children.

High needs children have a Child Development Facilitator to support them in the classroom. 4 of our 9 weekly classes will have a CDF this year.

A CDF is NOT the same as a teaching assistant. A teaching assistant manages class behavior, helps with evaluations, and shares her/his faith with the children. A teaching assistant manages volunteers in order to prep art projects and sanitize toys in compliance with government regulations. An assistant issues tuition tax receipts and updates our preschool website.

In contrast, CDFs are assigned to 1 child by their employer. (FLC is not their employer.) A CDF is there to enable that 1 assigned child to participate in the class in a way they can be successful. CDFs write daily observations of that one child noting how they are achieving their individual objectives, which are set by professionals in their own organization. BIG Plans for Little Kids is the primary organization that provides support in our preschool.

These professionals (e.g. speech/language pathologist, occupational therapist) come into the classroom for an hour periodically to observe, evaluate, and give strategies to the CDF for that 1 child. Neither the CDFs nor the professionals' presence in the classroom are counted in the adult/child ratio government licensing requirement since they are there for 1 child only.

You may see a prospective parent visit the preschool classroom.

You may see one of our pastors presenting a children's message every other week in the sanctuary. Relating new learning to past learning increases retention, so the pastors try to relate a spiritual concept to other concepts studied in class that week.

We have 54 children registered with us for the new school year. Class size currently ranges from 9 to 21. The morning class is larger since some children nap in the afternoon.

Our students attend 2, 3, 4, or 5 half-days/week, not full-days. This year, 7 students come 5 half-days/week; 6 attend 4 times; 22 attend 3 times; 19 attend twice.

17 of our 3 & 4-year-olds will enter our preschool this year with little or no English. Teaching English is important so that we can share the Gospel effectively with the children. BIG Plans provides a tutor for our ELL 4 year-olds at lunch and after class for 7 months of the year. Approximately 75 people come through our preschool doors on any given preschool day (i.e. parents, children, siblings, staff, CDFs, professionals, etc.). If you would like to be one of those people, to see for yourself, please speak to Betty Ann.

- Respectfully submitted by Betty Ann Chandler

Fall Registrations for

Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool

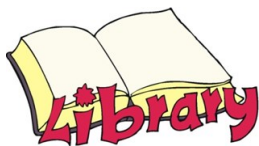
Registrations for the fall are currently being accepted for the afternoon class. There are a few afternoon spots remaining. Registration packages are available on our website (www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com) and on the table outside our classroom. If you would like more information about our program,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

Board of Christian Education & Young Peoples' Ministry

A HUGE thank you to all volunteers and staff who helped put on our VBS (God's Building Blocks). We had an amazing turnout of around 160 kids across both weeks and 46 workers!

Happy Reformation! We have purchased many 95 *Theses* booklets which explain what the 95 theses were and why they were so integral to the start of the Reformation. If you would like one, please look at the Information Centre by the sanctuary and help yourself to one.

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!



In an effort to provide the best resources available to our members, we are going to be updating and re-organizing the library. A big thanks to Dianne Frayne for offering to look through our current resources, but we still need help with cataloging, shelving, and organizing. If you would like to help with that, or anything else, please contact Trevor Heumann and we would be glad to help you get involved.

The Preschool's 15th anniversary is in 2017, and some special celebrations are being planned. Special thanks to Candice Vikse and Heather Sommers for volunteering to help Betty Ann with organizing this. We will be having a Preschool Reunion Celebration on September 30 with a congregation celebration after church service on October 1st with a taco-in-a-bag lunch fundraiser. The preschool has served the Lord faithfully for so long, and affected the lives of hundreds of kids and adults, we need to celebrate. Stay tuned for more details.

We are postponing our Parents' Discussion Night until the spring of 2018. If you are a parent of kids of any age, we encourage you to come to this event, and submit questions you think your kids may ask and that you would like answers for to Miriam or the pastors in advance. More information to come.

Thanks very much to Kayla Moffett for joining the board as the Publicity Coordinator, in addition to her work as a youth leader and as a member of the fall youth retreat and District Youth Gathering committees. We are always looking for more members on the board, so if you feel you are interested in getting involved somehow, we would love to discuss opportunities with you.

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 3, Sunday school and family ministry news on pages 4 & 5, and Preschool news on pages 6 & 12, and LifeLight notes on page 22.

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:

Chair: Trevor Heumann

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

Board Members: Kayla Moffett, Sydney Stene, Tobi Stene, Ron Voss

Trevor Heumann

Board of Fellowship

Past Events

Yahoo! Thank you to the 40+ volunteers who helped make our annual Stampede Breakfast such a success. We dressed in our cowboy duds, donned yellow neckerchiefs and fed **635 hungry cowpokes**. That is a record by far.



In 2013, we fed 580 because we had a lot of extra people - including police and firefighters - after the Calgary flood. Last year we fed about 330... so we almost doubled our numbers.

Many of our members and visitors participated in the inspirational outdoor service led by Pastor Bode and Pastor Eric.

A special THANK YOU to the Stampede Breakfast team leaders including Anni and Brad Adams, Tim Roth, Cheryl and Phil Lemke, Carol and Lloyd Sandau, Brenda Bode, Christine and Robert Heumann, Dale and Gail Dusterhoft, Belinda and Dave Perrin ... and all our many, many wonderful volunteers!

Look for our breakfast in 2018 ... it will be on Sunday, July 15, 2018

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

Sep 03 Ingrid and Robert Kubke
Sep 10 Brenda Bode, Dave and Belinda Perrin, Herb and Jane Gruzki
Sep 17 Lucy Oberhammer, Kellen and Kristy Rosenau

Sep 24 **Voter's Meeting**
Brenda Bode and Heather Sommers

Oct 01 Shirley and Carl Berdahl, Ellen Wagner, Cheryl Lemke
Oct 08 Mark Kihn, Alice Churney, Diane Voss and Liane Voss Roper
Oct 15 Heather Sommers, Warren Kee, Matt Pfaff, Kareen and Merv Borgenson
Oct 22 Anni and Brad Adams, Elfrieda Stewart, Jan Geggie, Marilyn Harrison
Oct 29 Elise Glans, Vi and Otto Dusterhoft, Anne Marie Kothari

Upcoming Events

Rally Sunday, September 10

On Sunday September 10 we celebrate Rally Sunday and begin our fall Sunday School and Bible Studies. Come join us for coffee.

Pastor Appreciation, October 22

Let's show our appreciation for our ministry staff at Foothills all year round but a special pie fellowship after service will be held to recognize them.

Confirmation Dinner

On Thursday October 26, we will host a confirmation dinner for the five confirmands and their parents and families. If you can help prepare this dinner, please let Heather Sommers know. **Thank you!**

Feedback and Contacts: We are always looking for feedback ... suggestions, questions, concerns and bouquets.

Heather Sommers 403.230.2487

Baking for Coffee Treats

What's coffee without treats? If you enjoy baking, we would greatly appreciate treats for Sunday morning coffee. Please **label items with the date**, and put them in the upright freezer in the kitchen. We **prefer cookies and squares** instead of whole loaves as they are easier to thaw on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers.



Family Time in Christ

At Foothills Lutheran we have recognized the important role of the family in faith development. We encourage parents in their holy task of teaching in Baptism visits, Faith at Home sessions, family activities, Family Confirmation, and through resource materials. The Lutheran Church of Australia identifies four “Cornerposts” for building faith at home: Receiving the Word, “Faith Talk” in the Home, Faith Rituals and Traditions, and Serving Others (*Grow Ministries*). Notice that before there is any “doing”, there has to be “receiving”. And it is important that families do this “receiving” together, both in their homes, and as part of the broader family of God in their congregation.

In the context of the nuclear family, the Word is received...

- ...as families set aside regular time for devotions. Family devotions are an opportunity to share Scripture, to remember what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus, to look at what this means in our daily life, and to pray together for the needs of the family. We can help with devotional resources for your family at various ages and stages.
- ...as parents include a Bible reading as part of a bed-time routine. Use a children’s Bible or a Bible story book.
- ...as families memorize a passage of Scripture together. Post a whiteboard near your kitchen table where you can post the passage of the week. One family uses erasable markers to write it on their window. What is hidden in the heart through memorization cannot be taken away!

...through Bible songs and Christian music. Equip your vehicle with music that can be played and sung when you’re on the road.

In the context of the congregational family, the Word is received...

- ...as families worship together. It’s not always easy to worship with children. We know that. They don’t catch everything that’s going on. We know that. But we also know that God’s Word does not return to Him empty (Isaiah 55:11). The rhythm of worship, the liturgy, and the hymns and songs are designed to help even the smallest receive the Word.

...as families engage in study of the Word together with others. Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Adult Study allow for engagement in the Word at different age levels, and allow for fellowship in that Word with other members of God’s family. Join us!

Over the next newsletters, we will have a look at the other “Cornerposts” for building faith.

LWMLC

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

South Alberta Zone Rally

Our new year begins with a zone rally in Milk River with our friends from other societies in southern Alberta on Saturday, **September 16th**. All ladies are welcome!

“Every good and perfect gift is from above He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all He created.” (James 1: 17-18 NIV)

This is the thematic Bible passage for this rally. Just as the first sheaf of the harvest was an indication that the whole harvest would eventually follow, so the early Christians were an indication that a great number of people would ultimately be born again. LWML-C strives to carry on this mission calling through the proclamation of the gospel at home and abroad.

Foothills Lutheran Society Meetings

Our meetings are usually held the fourth Monday of the month. We welcome new members and visitors!

Noon – 12:30	Fellowship (Bring your own lunch.)
12:30-1:00	Business Meeting
1:15 -2:30	Guest Speaker or Bible Study

On **September 25th**, Joyce Lobitz will tell us about the upcoming mission work she and her husband, Pastor Mark Lobitz, will be doing in Nicaragua in November. We have been collecting items which will be given to them at that time. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

On **October 23rd**, we will continue our study of Luther and the Reformation.

Something New

In conjunction with the Saturday Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study and the Kids Bible Club, we are planning to organize something for the ladies too! The first LWML Bible Study and Servant Event will be held on **October 7th**. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletins.

LWML-C Sunday

This year, **October 1st** is designated as LWML-C Sunday across Canada. We are looking forward to sharing our endeavors with you. Check out our bulletin board by the kitchen entrance.

Submitted by Cheryl Lemke (President, Foothills Lutheran LWML-C)



FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN 16TH STAMPEDE BREAKFAST FEEDS BODY AND SOUL

In its 16th year, the Foothills Lutheran Sunday morning Stampede breakfast and out-door worship service fed pancakes to 635, and then offered spiritual food to the about 375 who stayed for the church service. Those figures represented all-time high totals in both categories.

Church members invited friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers to the long-running event, held in the church's parking lot. The response was so great, organizers scrambled to keep up with food and drink.

Pastor Eric Moffett spoke on "Planted with a Purpose" citing the Parable of the Sower. He noted how often we are reluctant to plant the seed, but the reward can be so great (Matt. 13: 1-9, 18-23). Following the sermon, in Stampede fashion, ushers collected the offering in cowboy hats.

The outreach event also featured door prize quizzes, cowboy poetry (with a Christian angle), and music in the great out-doors.

Cliff Stangland, a retired school teacher, had been invited by a friend. "The food was good," he commented, citing the baked beans and hashbrowns. "And young Eric preached a great sermon. He didn't even use notes."

Newly-minted Member of Parliament Bob Benzen (Calgary-Heritage) attended for the second year in a row. "I have friends here," he commented.

Foothills Member Harold Ziprick, retired Lutheran Church Minister to the Deaf, even "signed" the whole worship service for a deaf attendee.

The good Lord blessed the Foothills effort in many ways, including great summer sunshine throughout the morning.

Mark Kihn



FAMILY/FRIENDS GARAGE SALE RAISES FUNDS FOR BC FOREST FIRE VICTIMS

So what else was I going to do with my August long weekend? Loaf endlessly? Laze around? Cycle the North Dakota Badlands?

My sister Linda Zibin and I had hosted charity garage sales for 15 years, but had been rained out for the last two. Some of our "get up and go" enthusiasm had "got up and left."

We usually sold to support Lutheran charities, such as Canadian Lutheran World Relief. CLWR has a low administration cost percentage, and so we prefer them. However, we thought "closer to home" and so I made a call to a church member, Michelle Schott, who is an accountant with Samaritan's Purse, Calgary. They had recently launched an appeal for B.C. Forest Fire Victim's Relief. Their administration costs hover around 10 percent, she mentioned.

With that, the planning geared up – and I had pretty much reached the point of "no return" for a decision. The garage sale list is endless: inventory, signage, advertising, helpers, display/set-up, etc. – in a word: daunting.

However, the good Lord provides. In a day, I had sale items arriving, including stuff from retired MP Art Hanger. I recruited a cousin, Arla Marshall from Manitoba, plus a niece from Edmonton, who coerced her University of Calgary friend, Amanda Lauder, to help. A buddy innocently showed up from Vancouver to visit family and friends for a week. I drafted Wes Yocom for duty.

Four days later, our "Friends, Family, Neighbors Garage Sale" was a success as we raised about \$1500 for Samaritan's Purse. We raised an additional \$1000 for Lutheran charities.

We finished tired, but happy. We have a year's worth of stories, some slightly embellished for dramatic effect. Most of all though, we worked together on a project with a higher calling: taking care of all God's children.

"Can we do this again at Thanksgiving?" asked Janet Kirkwood, my Edmonton niece.

Mark Kihn

Board of Human Care Ministries

“Blessed is he who considers the poor,” wrote David (Ps. 41:1). Even if we can’t alleviate the poverty of those we meet along the way we can consider them—a verb that means “to pay attention.”

To celebrate our 50 years of being a church, FLC members have been reaching out in joy and thanksgiving through considering the poor. The "poor" takes many forms, be it monetary, physical, emotional or spiritual.

Our upcoming outreach events for September and October include a blood bank drive, a shift at the Mustard Seed, Meals for Members, Operation Christmas Child and more. Please continue to read the 50 for fifty bulletin articles in the church bulletin for details and dates, and read Christine Heumann's article that follows entitled Helping Hands Mission.

Remember the paradox Jesus gave us when He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts [20:35](#)). "Paying attention" pays off, for we’re happiest when we give ourselves away.

HELPING HANDS MISSION

There comes a time in almost everyone’s life when they need a helping hand – whether it’s childcare help, shovelling a sidewalk, providing a meal, or just being a listening ear.

This “Helping Hands” Project is to assist individuals and families who are dealing with other issues in their life and may not have the time or resources to cook for themselves. This might include people struggling with the death of a loved one, spending time away from their home to care for someone else, mothers with newborn babies, or others who are struggling with job loss and possibly not being able to make ends meet from one paycheck to another.

As Jesus said in John 21:15 and 21:16, “Feed my lambs.” and “Feed my sheep.”

The **HELPING HANDS MISSION** is a “cooking day” on **October 21, 2017** where we will gather and assemble meals to be put in our freezer. This is also a fellowship day of fun, conversation and sharing stories.

As this day consists of volunteers, I ask you to prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this project. **There are many ways you can participate:**

- 1) Sign up to volunteer on October 21st, whether it’s for 2 hours or all day – we’re flexible (if you’re here over lunch – WE’LL FEED YOU!);
- 2) Sign up to volunteer and bring one (or more) items on our list of food needed to the meals we will cook (PLEASE ensure you mark your contribution on the “Product Requirement Sheet on the ’50 for 50’ bulletin board);
- 3) Donate food items that are on the list (please mark on the sheet what you will donate). There are sheets to fill out to remind you what you have signed up to donate;
- 4) Monetary donations to help us buy the fresh items we need, and
- 5) Pray for the individuals who are considering assisting in this project and for the many mouths that we can feed.

When we cook in bulk and package in this way, we can assemble many meals for a very low cost. For example, a spaghetti supper to feed 4 people is LESS than \$5.00 when we cook in bulk.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the **’50 for 50’** board showing all kinds of ways to participate. Please help us make this mission a reality for those in need.

Christine Heumann



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL!

2017 is a year of celebration in many ways, with the 50th anniversary of our congregation, 150 years of Canada as a country, and the 500th anniversary of Luther posting statements for debate on the door of the Wittenburg church. 2017 also marks the end of the 15th school year for Foothills Lutheran Preschool. Instead of a celebration at the end of the school year which would have conflicted a bit with our larger 50th anniversary celebration, we are planning a mini reunion of past students with a parent on the afternoon of Saturday, September 30 at the beginning of our 16th year.

We give thanks for the opportunity our preschool has provided us at Foothills Lutheran to share Jesus' love with those in our surrounding community. Our students have spoken many languages and some have had a parent at the University of Calgary. Among our alumni are children from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and of course, North America. Some have been Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, atheist and many have come from Christian families who wanted a Christian preschool for their child. Some children had special needs or were asked to leave their former preschool for behavioural reasons. Some have been from other Lutheran churches in our city including the Oromo congregation and 32 children from own congregational families.

We are planning a fun-filled afternoon from 1:30 – 3:30. There will be crazy cookie decorating, moving music, an amazing magician, creative crafts, goofy games, and fabulous fun. **If you have worked or volunteered in our preschool, you are welcome. Families from FLC are also invited, even your child did not attend FLC Preschool. After all, we are all a part of the Foothills family giving thanks for how God has blessed the ministry in this place.** Plan to drop by for 20 minutes or 2 hours. (A parent should attend with their children.) Save the date and email our preschool at school@foothillslutheran.com by Sept. 21 if you will be joining us so we have idea how many people to expect. To God be the glory!



WHY I CHOSE FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

When my husband and I moved to Calgary nearly 10 years ago, we went about the business of finding a church “home”. When our oldest daughter was born, I felt the importance of raising her in the Christian faith and becoming members of a church that would support me in that endeavour. I wasn’t looking for splashy kid’s stuff full of fluff, but a church where the preaching was based solidly on the foundation of the Word of God paired with program opportunities to help me in my new role as Mom. I found that in Foothills Lutheran Church.

As my daughter grew (and two more were added in quick succession) I learned that our church was also hiding a preschool in the basement! I was very impressed by the information I read about it. I liked the idea of my children’s first formal education being in a place that cares about the full development of the child (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual!) in a setting they were familiar with. I hoped that the consistent messages my girls received from home, preschool, and Sunday school would anchor them in Truth and remind them daily of God’s love for them.

I wasn’t disappointed. I was fortunate to spend a lot of time in the classroom, helping as the afternoon teaching assistant for a year when both Ada and Cora were attending. I was witness to the care given each child, the consideration given to children with special needs and quirks, the purposefulness of the lesson plans, and the time given to mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth. I was especially impressed with the consistent message of God’s love for each child that was shared with them and their families. What an outreach!

How blessed we are to have a church and a preschool that truly cares about families and sharing the Gospel with young and old. I thank God that we are a church body that recognizes how important it is to teach each generation about God’s love for each and every one of us. I thank God for a preschool with a principal dedicated to showing the love of God to everyone coming through those basement doors, and I pray that the ministry of our church and preschool would continue for many more years to come.

Candice Vikse

Noteworthy

PSSSTTT... October is Clergy Appreciation Month! *"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).* Our pastors and their wives work hard and are a blessing to our church family; please remember them in prayer, especially during October, and perhaps take time to let them know that you are thankful for what they do here at Foothills.

STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH Pastor Eldon and Marian Ohlinger will be leading another 9 week in-depth LifeLight Bible Study on the **Books of 1, 2, and 3 John**. These studies do require home work so we can all be prepared to share with the class and all grow together in our faith. If you plan to attend we will provide you with the necessary study materials. At this time we welcome back all previous members, plus any other interested members, to join us. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. and class ends at 11:30 a.m.

STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH WEEKLY LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: The evening session begins at 7:00 pm on September 19th, with classes at the church. This 9 week study will be on the **Book of Romans**. Please contact Elke Bittmann for more information and to get materials.

HELP WANTED: A PPC Secretary required to take minutes at PPC and Voter's meetings starting in September. Please contact Ralf Hinterleitner if you are interested in serving the congregation in this way.

The next Voter's meeting is scheduled for **September 24th** after the service and morning coffee. The Voter's package will be available on the welcome desk in the Narthex 2 weeks prior. Please plan on attending.

Reformation Family Party

When: Saturday, October 28th

10:00 am - 11:45 am

Where: Foothills Lutheran Church

Fireside Room

Who: Bring the whole family!

You and your family are invited to join us for some fun as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Enjoy a devotion, and participate in activities like crafts, singing, and pretzel-making as we remember how God works through people to make sure that His Word is taught and heard!

Please let us know by **October 24th** you if are coming by calling 403-284-1342, or e-mail Deaconess Miriam at miriam@foothillslutheran.com



Missions of the Month






September: Lutheran Bible Translators

The Mission of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada (LBTC) is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. LBTC believes that no language or cultural barrier should prevent people from having access to God's Word. In the world today there are over 6,800 languages. Over 4,400, or 66%, still have no portion of Scripture. We think of Pastor Mike and Kara Kuhn, working with LBT in Galim, Cameroon so the Nizaa people can read God's Word.


October: LAMP

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots has been providing spiritual witness and nurturing faith in communities in northern remote areas of Canada, most accessible only by plane, since 1970. Through the ministry of pastor/missionary pilots and short- and long-term volunteers-in-mission various programs bring the Gospel to these isolated areas. Each year over 5000 children, youth and adults are impacted by the ministry of LAMP.

September 2017 at FLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:15 am Bible Study 10:15 am Worship w/ Communion	4 Labour Day Office Closed 	5 6:45 pm Confirmation Parents 7:30 pm Catechumens Submission Deadline Voters' Reports	6 6:30 pm Worship	7 10 am Moms & Tots	8  First Day Morning Preschool	9
10 Rally Sunday 9 am Education Hour 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm Faith at Home - My Bible ses- sion w/lunch	11 AB Church Workers' Conference  First Day Afternoon Preschool	12 7:00 pm Board of Elders	13 1:30 pm Silver Saints 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion 7:30 pm Choir	14 6:00 pm Children's Choir 7:00 pm Bible Study @ Bodes'	15 7 pm - Youth Kick-Off!	16
17 9 am Education Hour 10:15 am Worship w/ Communion	18	19 6:30 pm Catechumens 7:00 pm LifeLight - Romans 7:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study	20 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir	21 10 am Moms & Tots 7:00 pm Bible Study @ Bodes' RSVP Deadline for Anniversary Reunion	22	23 1 pm Naven/Lambert Wedding 
24 9 am Education Hour 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm Voter's Meeting	25 12:00 pm LWML-C	26 10 am LifeLight - John 6 pm Constitution Committee 7 pm LifeLight - Rom.	27 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion 7:30 pm Choir	28 6:00 pm Children's Choir 7:00 pm Bible Study @ Bodes'	29 7 pm - Taco-in-a-bag Prep - Youth	30 1:30-3:30 pm Preschool Anniversary Open House 

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8 9 am Education Hour 10:15 am Worship	9  Thanksgiving Monday <i>Office Closed</i>	10 10 am Lifelight - John	11 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion 7:30 pm Choir	12 7:00 pm Bible Study @ Bodes'	13 Synodical Convention September 13 - 16 Youth @ Corn Maze	14
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22 9 am Education Hour 9:15 am Faith at Home - My Church 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm Faith at Home Money & Me	23 12:00 pm LWML-C 7:00 pm PPC	24 10 am Lifelight - John 7 pm Lifelight - Rom.	25 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion 7:30 pm Choir	26 5:30 pm Confirmation Dinner	27 7 pm Youth Prep for Reformation Activity	28 10 am Reformation Family Activity 
29 Confirmation Sunday 9 am Education Hour 10:15 am Worship w/ Communion 3:30 pm LLL Reformation Service	30	31 10 am Lifelight - John 7 pm Lifelight - Rom.				