



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus, our Lord, our Hope, our Life:

I recently sent an email to our Front to Back bible study group, in which I made the notation, **D.v.** Knowing that this was probably unique or unknown to most people, I offered the explanation: the D.v. (Or DV) stands for *Deo volente*, Latin for the phrase, “God willing”, or “by the will of God”. I was pleased when someone noted that they had seen this in the readings we had recently completed for our study. James writes:

“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”” (James 4:13–15, ESV)

There was a time when it was common practice to note that things would happen *as God wills*. Perhaps it was the frailty of life in an earlier time. One could say, “I’ll see you tomorrow!”, but be dying of the plague the next day. In times of war, people seem to be more aware of this, for who knows what tomorrow may bring? When life expectancy was far less than it is today, it seemed quite natural to say, “we will do this or that, God willing”.

This is not to say that we don’t want to plan ahead for the days to come. We won’t get very far if we want to go on a holiday to England, but don’t prepare for it by booking accommodations or buying a plane ticket, because we expect that everything will happen just as God will. It isn’t wrong to save for a ‘rainy day’, or to have insurance, and to do so doesn’t mean you are forgetting to trust God. Good stewardship makes the best use of what God gives us today, and helps us prepare for the days to come, confident that He is still with us to bless us, to provide for us and to guide us in His grace. God gave us the ability to reason and to think, and He expects that we will use that reason and intellect to make good choice and decisions.

If God wills. That simple statement can be a great confession of trust in God’s providence. It reminds us that the Lord knows all that we face, and that He is at work for our good in all things. ***“But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hand.”*** (Psalm 31:14–15, ESV) The psalmist understood the blessing of entrusting each and every day into the hands of the Father, who loves us, the Son who has redeemed us, and

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the Spirit who dwells within us. God is not far off, or indifferent to what we deal with day by day. He is with us in all things.

That does not mean that there will never be times of trial. Nor does it mean that God wants misery and suffering in our lives. Do you know what God's will is—His highest will and desire? Paul tells Timothy (and us) what God's will is: ***"[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*** (1 Timothy 2:4, ESV) There are other things we know that God wills. His commandments are His will for us. Our Baptism is a declaration of His will for us, that we live in His forgiveness, and by faith in all we do. He does will that we flee from those things that are wrong in His sight. Some things are clear. Others are harder to discern.

God does let sin have its consequences and affects in this fallen world. There are the tragedies that we see, like the recent shootings in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Alberta roads seem to have been very dangerous of late, with fatal car crashes. Fires lay waste to nature, they devastate homes and lives. Hurtful, disappointing and difficult things happen. As hard as it can be for us to understand, they don't happen without the knowledge, permission or direction of a loving God, who works all things together for the good of His people.

God doesn't make mistakes. Even if we don't acknowledge it, things happen as God wills. Isaiah reminds us: ***"The LORD of hosts has sworn: 'As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand,'"*** (Isaiah 14:24, ESV). God also reminds us through Isaiah that His ways may not be our ways, but that is because they are so much higher than ours. St. Paul knew that, too, and said: ***"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"*** (Romans 11:33, ESV)

I try, for the most part, to remember this in my life and ministry. I'm going to go to Moose Jaw on the Labour Day weekend, *Lord willing*. That is our plan, and we have organized plans with our friends. But we know that God

may have other plans. Whatever they will be, the wonderful confidence of placing our days into His hands is that it will always—always—work for our good, as we trust our lives to Him, who has redeemed them through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Right now we are making plans for the fall as a church, too. In all that we do, we seek to do the will of Him who has called us as His own. We seek to great things for Him who has done all for us. But we always want to do it with this confidence—we will do this or that or the other thing *as God wills*, always trusting that He will bless us in His mercy, love and grace.

In His service,
Pastor Bode

Fall Voters' Meeting

September 30 following a light lunch after worship. You might be a voter if...

- You are over the age of 18
- You are aware we have a constitution and bylaws 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

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Upcoming Youth Events

Youth group, or LYF (Lutheran Youth at Foothills), is for youth in grades 7 to 12, and usually meets every other Friday from 7 to 10 pm. Bring your friends!

We also meet every Sunday during the school year at 9 am for Bible study in the youth room (except for long weekends and the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's).

The youth leaders are Pastor Eric and Kayla, and Trevor and Michelle Heumann, with help from Deaconess Miriam. Talk to any of us if you have questions!

September 14: We'll start off the new school year by meeting at the Edworthy Park footbridge at the south end of Shaganappi Trail at 7 pm for capture the flag. Bring shoes for running in, weather-appropriate clothes, and a snack to share. Pick up will be at the church at 10 pm.

September 28: We'll be heading south to visit the Calgary Corn Maze! Note that for this event we'll leave the church at 6 pm to make the most of the daylight. Admission is \$15 plus tax, and you may also want some spending money. Pickup will be back at the church at 10 pm.

October 12: Mustard Seed sorting centre

October 26: Paint night and creative things at the church



November 2 at 7 pm to noon on November 4: Every fall we have a youth retreat here at Foothills and invite other churches to join us. This year's theme is "The Best Defense", based on 1 Peter 3:15, and Pastor Eric is the speaker. The registration deadline is October 17, and registration forms will be handed out at youth events.

November 16: Trampoline park

November 30: We'll meet at the church from 7 to 10 pm to play some of our favourite board games. Bring yours if you have one, and a snack to share.

Save the date for the National Youth Gathering next summer, which will be July 5-9, 2019, in Langley, BC. In preparation, we'll do some fundraising for the trip, starting with a Purdy's chocolate fundraiser around Christmas.

Stay connected with youth news by:

- ✓ joining the youth Snapchat (talk to Kayla or Michelle),
- ✓ giving Pastor Eric your email address (flcpastoreric@foothillslutheran.com),
- ✓ or joining the Facebook group!

www.facebook.com/groups/foothillslutheranyouth/



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 look forward to welcoming children age 3 to Grade 5 to a new year of learning! We will continue our chronological study of key Scripture accounts, seeing how Jesus has shown us that He is true God, and beginning to look at His teachings. Every lesson points us forward to Jesus, encouraging trust in Him.

We 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.

Thank you to those special people who have volunteered to work in our Sunday School.

Preschool-Kindergarten: Mrs. Colhoun and Mrs. Morine

Grades 1-2: Mrs. Stene, Miss Stene, and Mrs. Harrison

Grades 3-5: Mrs. O'Kafka

Helpers: Mrs. Poirier and Miss Cook

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.

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:

September 9 Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

September 16 Jesus Calls Matthew

September 23 Jesus Calms a Storm

September 30 Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter

October 7 Jesus Walks on Water

October 14 Jesus Heals a Blind Man

October 21 Jesus Preaches on the Mount

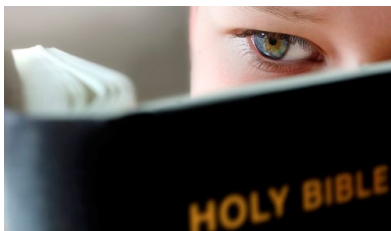
October 28 Jesus Teaches Us to Trust

Sunday School is part of our children's ministry and is 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.

MOMS AND TOTS

Mothers of infants and toddlers

Our regular schedule resumes in September. Moms and their children not yet in school are invited to join us for a short Bible study, prayer and fellowship the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 10:00-11:30 am. Mark your calendars for **September 6th and 20th and October 4th and 18th**. We will begin a new study this fall, so come with your learning requests.



My Bible

Sunday, September 9, 2018

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 9th 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. Younger children are welcome in the session so that mom and dad can come together.

RSVP TO: Deaconess Miriam at 403-284-1342 or miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for children born in 2011 and their parents.

Children & Family Ministry (*Continued*)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you are invited to join us for Bible study and snacks at 7:30 pm the second and fourth **Tuesdays** of the month. *We will be deciding on a new study in the next few weeks, so contact Deaconess Miriam if you have a particular request.* Mark these dates on your calendar: **September 4th and 18th and October 2nd and 16th.** 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 13th at 6:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. Bring your children age 4-10 to spend some time in song. We are looking forward to having some new voices join us this fall. We meet twice a month to learn a bit about music, learn how to use our voices, and most of all plant God's Word in our hearts through song. Please speak with Deaconess Miriam for more information or to register.

SATURDAY KIDS BIBLE CLUB!



Our monthly KIDS BIBLE CLUB will resume **Saturday, October 6th from 9:30 – 11:30 am.** This year our theme will be **God's Great Gifts: Life to Eternal Life.** If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam to register your child age 4-10 years. Consider bringing a friend, or offer to volunteer!

VBS

Our summer Vacation Bible School, **GOOD NEWS!** was held July 16-20 and July 23-27, with a total of 151

children attending, and 55 adults and youth teaching, leading, and supporting in various ways. Focusing on the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, children learned Bible lessons and their application for daily life, and participated in crafts, games, and music which supported this learning. Each day introduced an item of news from Scripture that helped children to understand who Jesus is and what He has done to show us His love for us:

- On **Monday** we learned of His baptism, and how He prepared the waters for our own baptisms. We heard the voice from heaven say, "This is my beloved Son", and learned that He is True God.
 - On **Tuesday** we saw Jesus at the Wedding at Cana, where He showed His care for the bride and groom by performing a miracle. We learned that we can cast our anxieties on Him, because He cares for us too.
 - On **Wednesday** we saw Jesus walk on water to the disciples in a storm, and His power over the wind and the waves, and how He rescued Peter when he began to sink. He is all-powerful, and has the power to save us!
 - On **Thursday** we saw the great love Jesus has for us, as He allowed Himself to be arrested, put on trial, and crucified. He took our punishment and death. Out of love, He died for us.
- On **Friday** we learned how Jesus' death was not the end. Three days later He rose again, showing that He has defeated our enemies, sin, death and the devil, and that as we are baptized into Him (remember the first lesson?), we are given the gift, not only of new life, but of eternal life!

24% of the children who attended VBS were unchurched. We pray that the seeds of faith that were planted this week would bear abundant fruit!



A Peek Into Our Preschool

Our preschool students, ended their school year in June with a song in their hearts and on their lips:

Our Tuesday morning class sang for the seniors at the Foothills Manor. From the looks on the faces of both the students and residents, both groups had fun. The children were thanked by a gift of bubble wands & solution which was later enjoyed in our playground. The children enjoyed jumping to pop the bubbles that blew this way and that in the spring breeze.

On the last Sunday before the end of preschool, some of the children shared the song, "You Are By My Side", in the worship service. We learned in class that Jesus said, "I am with you always." That was a reassuring promise to remember as we parted ways over the summer. (Many of the children are leaving us to begin kindergarten.) It is reassuring to remember as the children enter new situations with new friends, and perhaps new schools with new teachers. (For Ms. Amy and me, it will be new students and new families.) With all the changes September brings, God does not change. He loves us and walks beside us despite the new challenges of a new school year.

Finally, both the morning class and the afternoon classes each had their own end of school year concert. Besides sharing some of what they learned through song with their family, they also shared a farewell snack. A slide show of photos taken throughout the year brought back memories of some of our experiences. The children who are going on to kindergarten, each received a gift of a Children's Bible. An Arch book went home with the children who have another year of preschool, either with us, or somewhere else as some of our students are moving.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 5: Orientation classes for all new preschool students accompanied by one parent.

Sept. 6: First Day of preschool classes

Oct. 27: Family Pumpkin Activity with FLC Families

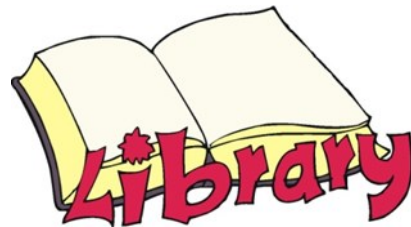
- Submitted by Betty Ann Chandler

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL

Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool is accepting registrations for the September 2018 – June 2019 school year. Registration packages may be obtained on the table outside our preschool room (room 5 on the walkout level) or by printing them from our website at

www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com.

Once forms are fully completed, they may be submitted to our preschool principal/teacher along with the registration fee and one month's tuition deposit. Betty Ann (i.e. Mrs. Chandler) would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

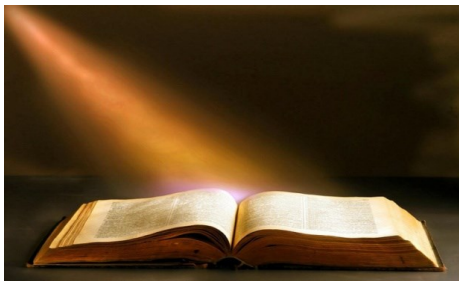


LIBRARY CORNER

You are welcome to stop in before or after Sunday worship service to check out some of the ongoing changes in the Library. We're making more room for the many new books and resources that are currently being sorted and prepared. If you'd like us to set up a book/resource display or list for your group or for a special event or workshop, just come in for a chat or contact me and we'll see how we can help. Watch the bulletin and Footprint for updates (including a Library Open House) and for short reviews of some of our new materials. It's easy to sign out books and DVDs - the loan period is four weeks. And if you have any FLC library materials at home, please feel free to return them at any time. A special note - We've been greatly encouraged to hear from those who've volunteered to help in many ways in the library and its ministry, and look forward to working with you soon.

Dianne Frayne
FLC Library

Board of Christian Education & Young Peoples' Ministry



“Teach...that the next generation may set their hope in God” – Psalm 78

2 weeks of **GOOD NEWS!**
VBS came to an end on July

27. We saw 151 kids come through our doors, and Pastor Eric and Deaconess Miriam, with the assistance of 55 volunteers from inside and outside the congregation, put on two VBS weeks focussed on the Good News Jesus gave us in His life, death, and resurrection, with each day focussing on one aspect of His life.



The **District Youth Gathering, UNMASKED**, took place from July 5 to 8 in Camrose, AB. We had 17 people from Foothills go: 11 youth, Pastor Eric (committee member/MC/breakout session leader/games leader), Miriam Winstanley (Bible study leader/organist/Q&A panelist), Kayla Moffett (committee leader/games leader), Trevor Heumann, Michelle Heumann (committee chair), and Jean Bauer as a gathering helper (iBod). The main speaker was Pastor James Avery from Bethel Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park, who shared with the participants God's love and forgiveness for us, in spite of our attempts to put masks on to hide our sinfulness. The gathering gave youth the opportunity to have discussions about faith and life as a Christian with pastors and leaders through the sessions and subsequent discussions and Bible studies. We praise God for the opportunity to take our youth to these gatherings, and for the blessings he brings to everyone involved, and look forward to many more.

On September 9, we will be holding our annual **Rally Sunday** and will have information available regarding events and activities the Board of Education is hosting, focusing on Preschool and Sunday School starting up again. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall after church to learn more about all the activities available to you. To register for Sunday School, contact Deaconess Miriam.

Fall Bible Studies will be starting back up after the break for the summer. Keep an eye out for announcements on which studies are available and sign up for one, or contact the church staff for more details. There are opportunities for everyone, so please join us to study God's Word and fellowship with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Check out the **Creation Ministries** resources in the brochure rack above the guest book! There are also back issues of the CMI magazine on the table outside the church office.

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!



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 you setting your hope in God!

The Board of Education is:

Chair: Trevor Heumann

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

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

- Submitted by Trevor Heumann

MANY joyful notes from the choir!



What a great summer we've had – and now we gear up for another season of great song and fellowship in the choir!

We will resume choir practice

on September 5th and hope many of you will join us at

7:30 pm in the choir loft. Remember, we have

reserved seating for you! Let's all put our voices together to sing praises to the Lord – Hallelujah!!!

For more info, please contact Christine Heumann at christineheumanncg@gmail.com or (403) 710-8347.

ABC District Slo-Pitch Tournament

The 31st district ball tournament took place on August 11-12, in Revelstoke, BC. Often jokingly called the 'last district ball tournament', it was a success with eight teams from Alberta and BC coming out. Foothills participated and took 20 of our members with us. We had a lot of fun and every year we are placing higher and higher. There will be one next year in Golden on August 10-11, so mark it on your calendars right now! And with the amount of players we had this year, there's no reason we can't grow it and take two teams next year...just saying. Check out our pictures, and feel free to ask about future tournaments and possible games in Drumheller!

- Pastor Eric



Family Time in Christ

It's September, and children are returning to school after a summer of vacation, play, day camp (hopefully including VBS!), and relaxed family time. Preparations for this return to school take time and money. Clothes-shopping, supply-purchasing, scheduling of care and extra-curricular activities – it's all important. We also seek to help our children prepare for their new time of learning, and so we talk to them about what they will learn: reading, arithmetic, history, etc. We know these are all foundational things that prepare them for their future learning.

As you prepare to send your children off, consider also those things that they will learn that may conflict with those things that are foundational to the faith you have been nurturing through their lives. We teach one God; the world teaches many or no gods. We teach a morality based on God's Ten Commandments; the world teaches morality based on individual rights and freedoms. We teach self-giving; the world teaches narcissism. We teach Jesus, crucified for our sin and raised for our justification; the world teaches that we are fine just as we are.

In subtle ways, every day even young children are taught the world's view of things. God calls on Christian parents to help their children to know those things that would lead them away from their Saviour, and to respond in loving but firm ways.

There are several things you can do to accomplish this:

- Encourage conversations at home about what they are learning, and help your children to see by your example appropriate, God-pleasing responses.
- Equip yourself through regular study of God's Word, both individually and with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- The new edition of *Luther's Small Catechism* has taken an apologetics approach in its question and answer sections. It's a bit longer than the last version, but you will find materials helpful to preparing your child for some of the discussions he or she is likely to have.
- Resources such as *Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers* by Brad Alles; *Making the Case for Christianity* by Adam Francisco; *Faith and Science in a Skeptical Age* by Jesse Yow; articles on the Creation Ministries International website, www.creation.com; and many others can be of help.

Ask your church workers for help finding them! We are also looking at ways we can help prepare you to be a resource and strength for your children.

- As you prepare yourself and your children, remember St. Peter's words: *"But in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."* 1 Peter 3:15.

God bless you as you prepare yourselves to prepare your children!

- Submitted by Deaconess Miriam

Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Canada

All ladies are invited to all meetings and events!

Monday, September 24, 2018 and Monday, October 22, 2018

Foothills Lutheran Society Meetings

They are usually held the fourth Monday of the month and take the following format:

Noon: Bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

12:30 – 1:15 Business Meeting

1:15 – 2:30 Bible Study

Sunday, October 14, 2018

LWML-C Sunday

We look forward to sharing our mission initiatives and events with you.



June 20 – 22, 2019

ABC District Convention

District conventions are held every three years and next year the South Alberta Zone will be hosting ladies from throughout Alberta and British Columbia at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre in Calgary. There are many ways in which you can become involved as we prepare for this exciting event. Watch for announcements!



My Church Take it Home!

Sunday, September 30, 2018
9:15 am



What is the church? What are all the special things in the church? What happens at church? Why does God want us to be together in church? Come with your child and share a special treasure hunt that will help you to answer these questions!

Please bring your child so you can participate together. Sunday School is available for older siblings and younger children are welcome in the session so that mom and dad can come together.

Join us for Sunday School opening in the church sanctuary at 9:00 am.
Our session will conclude prior to the 10:15 am service.

RSVP TO: miriam@foothillslutheran.com
Designed for parents with children born in 2014.

Our Lifelight Bible Studies resume in September.

The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Foothills Lutheran Church offers two opportunities for this type of study. Beginning September 25th, on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am Pastor Ohlinger, assisted by his wife, Marian, will lead a study on 2 Corinthians. On Thursday evenings, start date to be announced, a second group will study the topic of Prayer. Please contact the church office if you would like to join one of these groups.



VBS kids and youth helpers
enjoying games

2018 VBS



*Group photos from week 1 (above)
and week 2 (on the right).*



*VBS kids and helpers enjoying
the singing*