

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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*“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”*



*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*December 23, 2018*

Education Hour: ..... 9:00 am  
Morning Worship with Communion: (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>) ..... 10:15 am  
Wednesday Evening Worship: ..... 6:30 pm

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Fill us with the Holy Spirit, O God, as we prepare to greet Your Son. May our hearts leap for joy in his presence, and may our mouths be ready to sing praises to this child who has come to save the whole world.

*O Great and Giving God, may we spring to life because of Your Son.*

***OUR WORSHIP TODAY***

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven; 332;

..... Wonderful Maker; 357

**FIRST LESSON:** Micah 5:2-5 ..... p. 989

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Hebrews 10:5-10 ..... p. 1282

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 1:39-56 ..... p. 1088

**SERMON:**

**A JOYOUS WELCOME** to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE 11:00 PM SERVICE AND AT THE 10:15 AM CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**, in which our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service. Anyone is welcome to come to the Altar for a blessing, please simply cross your arms across your chest and the Elders will know how to respond.

**THE NURSERY** is available for times that children are restless, and is equipped with a sound system to enable parents to continue worshipping. Because some of our children and parents have severe nut allergies, **please keep the nursery a nut-free zone.**

**LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND SERVICE** are available for your use. Please pick up a copy from the tables at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher for a copy.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**, crayons, scrap paper and busy bags are available on the bookshelves by the sanctuary doors for children to use during worship.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/ Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday Advent Week 3</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
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**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Narthex Greeters ..... Otto & Vi Dusterhoft; Lloyd & Carol Sandau  
 Sanctuary Greeters ..... Eldon & Marian Ohlinger; Dave & Belinda Perrin  
 Lector ..... Pastors  
 Organist ..... Phil Lemke  
 Choir ..... *Soon & Very Soon*  
 Coffee Team ..... Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke  
 Counters ..... Gary Ring

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Hospital:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** For the students of both our preschool and our campus ministry, as they enjoy the Christmas holiday, and that they may grow in wisdom and knowledge in the days to come.

**Family Focus:**

**THE FLOWERS** which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Erica Janz in memory of her mother, Emma Berndt, whose birthday was December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Paul Kurtz and family at the death of Hedwig (Heidi) who passed away December 15<sup>th</sup>. Heidi's funeral will be held at Foothills Lutheran on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to the Vikse family at the loss of Jared's grandmother. We pray that God would comfort these families with His everlasting love and comfort.



**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January – March 2019 are now available on the Welcome Desk. Feel free to pick up your copy today.

## This Week at FLC

<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	4 & 6 pm	Candlelight Carol Services
	11:00 pm	Candlelight Communion Service
<b>Christmas Day:</b>	10:15 am	Family Celebration/Communion
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs:</b>		Office Closed
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Hymn Sing Sunday/Communion
<b>New Year's Eve:</b>	6:30 pm	Vespers/Communion
<b>New Year's Day:</b>		Office Closed



**THE JOYOUS SEASON OF CHRISTMAS** is a wonderful time to invite people to come and worship the Newborn King. We continue to hear that many people would consider coming to worship, if only someone would invite them. You are our best advertising—speak positively of your church, and joyously invite others to come and see Jesus! Our festive

services are as follows:

December 24 .....	4:00 pm; 6:00 pm .....	Candlelight Carol Service
December 24 .....	11:00 pm.....	Candlelight Communion Service
December 25 .....	10:15 am.	Christmas Day Family Celebration (Communion)
December 31 .....	6:30 pm.....	New Year's Eve (Communion)

**Please note that with all the extra festive services, there will *not* be a Wednesday service on Boxing Day, December 26<sup>th</sup> or right after New Year's, on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** (December 30, 2018) “A Long Good-Bye” (Luke 2:27-32) Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy. As the year comes to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is our hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**CHRISTMAS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:** Our Library has some lovely picture books, perhaps for enjoying together - have a look at what's available in the red basket that's in the Church Library or on the Library mobile cart in the hallway and sign them out for the Christmas/Epiphany season.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Narthex and are in alphabetical order. If you need offering envelopes, and don't see a set with your name on them, please let the office know. **Continue to**



use your current envelopes until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, then please use the new envelopes starting Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, as numbers may have changed.



***A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER:*** *Please do not leave keys or valuables unattended* or in coat pockets. As the weather turns colder and people are wearing coats, there is a tendency to leave keys or other important items in coat pockets. Sadly, we have had people in the past come into the building during our worship, and go through coats, taking keys, money, cell phones, etc. We live in a fallen world, and, while we try to be vigilant, problems do arise. Let us pray that God would turn the hearts of the evildoers to His grace and truth in Christ. But, until that day, your caution is important – please be careful with your valuables!

***MISSION OF THE MONTH:*** *Robert Ohlinger Scholarship Fund*

The Robert Ohlinger Scholarship Fund was set up to assist Foothills Lutheran members who are studying to go into professional church work. It is administered by the Board of Elders of Foothills Lutheran Church. The fund was initiated by donations in memory of Robert Ohlinger, the oldest son of our Pastor Emeritus, Eldon Ohlinger, and his wife, Marian. Robert was struck and killed by a car in May 1975 at the age of 14 as he was walking home from a school band activity. Robert played clarinet, bass clarinet, piano and guitar. He enjoyed using his musical gifts as one of FLC's musicians for Sunday morning folk services.

***EPIPHANY LUNCH:*** The LWML is hosting a congregational lunch on Epiphany Sunday, **January 6<sup>th</sup>**. Contributions of “finger food” (hot and cold appetizers, sandwiches, cheese, veggies, fruit, cookies ...) would be appreciated. Thanks!

***WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR HELP*** with the January ***Regional Mission and Ministry Council***. It will be held here on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.. As we seek to be gracious hosts, and in a concerted effort to reduce the costs to our church, ***we are seeking accommodation for approximately 10 people for the evenings of January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>***. We would ask that you serve breakfast, and provide a warm bed, but that is the only obligation. Please speak to Pastor Bode or Deaconess Miriam if you can help with this!

***FLC PARKING:*** This is a reminder that if you, our church members, wish to park in our lot, we ask that you park on the upper level and register your license number with the office, either with a quick phone call or email. Parking on the lower level is reserved for the Preschool and registered university students.

# HAVE YOU Heard?

*A SPECIAL PLEA* to both past and present executive members of the parish: We need the help of our chairs and secretaries of the PPC, LWML, Youth, Sunday School and all our organizations as we seek to centralize and digitize our church data/minutes/important documents. We seek your cooperation and ask if you are in possession of any such documents that you would please transfer the information onto a USB drive and leave it with Carol in the office.

*FRUITY AND BUBBLY* juice will substitute for champagne here following the New Year's Eve worship service. And as we did last year, we'll have some cheese and crackers also to say good-bye to the old year and invite in the new. Invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to join you in worship at Foothills.

*PASTOR BODE* will be away from parish from December 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Eric will be here during that time, so please contact him in cases of spiritual need. Deaconess Miriam will also be out of the office, helping her mother after surgery.

*AND A REMINDER...*With people travelling, and with holiday times, there will be reduced office hours. If you are planning to come to the church for any reason it is advisable that you call to make sure that someone is available at that time.

**Senior Pastor:** David Bode (flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com)

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**Office Administrator:** Carol Kehler  
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**Pastor Emeritus:** Eldon Ohlinger

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