

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Last Sunday of the Church Year*

*November 24, 2019*

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:** O Jesus Christ, come into our homes and grant us Your salvation. Fill us with a renewed sense of purpose and direction in our lives because You are here.

*Saviour of all, thank you for making us all brand-new.*

### ***OUR WORSHIP TODAY***

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....as projected

**HYMNS:**..... 802; Holy Is the Lord; 581 (1, 10-12); Jesus, All for Jesus; 865

**CHOIR:** ..... *A Tiny Child Will Come*

**FIRST LESSON:** Malachi 3:13-18 .....p. 1020

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Colossians 1:13-20 .....p. 1249

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 23:27-43 .....p. 1124

**SERMON:** Covetous or Contented? – 1 Timothy 6:6-11

**WELCOME!** It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the church.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEDNESDAY**, 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.

**ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLETS** are available on the Welcome Desk. These booklets are prepared by Lutheran Hour Ministries, to help in the preparation of our hearts to celebrate the coming of the Saviour. Pick up a copy; we can always print more!

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

Week of:	Sunday Worship/Communion	Wednesday Worship	Education Hour
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**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Narthex Greeters .....Otto & Vi Dusterhoft; Brian & Carol Kehler  
 Sanctuary Greeters ..... Loleta Ziprick; Christine Heumann; Goodluck & Heather Nwaerendu  
 Acolyte .....Sebastian Kaut  
 Lector .....Pastor  
 Coffee Team..... Rosenau Family; Lucy Oberhammer  
 Counter..... Gary Ring

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Hospital:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** Please pray for the children in our preschool with special needs that they would be able to grow and learn as the unique people they are.

**Family Focus**

**MISSION OF THE MONTH – Inn from the Cold**

The mission of Inn from the Cold is to provide emergency shelter, support and programs to homeless children, their families and others in need, with the goal of building healthy, stable families and ending homelessness. A number of churches, community associations and organizations have come together to provide emergency shelter and resources for Calgary's homeless. These Community Inns continue to operate on a rotating basis, 365 days a year, and are located in communities across Calgary. Inn from the Cold also operates Calgary's first Emergency Family Shelter.



**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Roth families at the loss of David Macleod, son-in-law to Tim and Tracy and brother-in-law to Matt and Amanda. We pray that God would comfort these families with His everlasting love and comfort.

We also pray for the Dennis and Jean Wong and family at the loss of their nephew, Riccardo. In the moments of our grief, we pray that God would help us see and know His victory for us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**THE FLOWERS** which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Christine Sander in loving memory of her husband, John.



**This Week at Foothills**

**Monday:** No Preschool Class  
 12:00 pm LWMLC

	7:00 pm	PPC Meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Deaconess Miriam's
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Gladys Byers
	1:30 pm	Silver Saints
	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Thursday:</b>	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study @ Bodes'
	7:00 pm	LifeLight @ Helen Duholke's
<b>Friday:</b>	2:00 pm	Advent Tea @ Foothills Manor
	6:30 pm	Preschool Parent/Child Evening
		Youth – Hitmen Game
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Taco-in-a-Bag Fundraiser
		<b>Voter's Meeting</b>

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART:** Canadian Lutheran World Relief's Gifts from the Heart catalogue provides meaningful, tangible gifts that share God's love with the world. No matter which gift you choose, the gifts you give will change lives and touch your loved ones! Visit [www.clwr.org/GFTH](http://www.clwr.org/GFTH) to learn more. Catalogues are also available on the Welcome Desk.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>) **"Enough with the Self-Talk" (Luke 18:9-14)** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We are not always who we say we are. What you say to yourself about yourself may or may not be what's true. Dr. Michael Zeigler says, "Enough with the self-talk!" Who does God say you are? You'll find that you are worse than you thought, and yet, more loved than you could ever imagine. Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Widespread sin and corruption filled the earth, but "Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD" (Genesis 6:8). In today's lesson, "A New Beginning," students learned how, following God's command, Noah and his family begin constructing a massive ark, with provisions for an extended journey. At the Lord's direction, each animal kind boards the ark, along with Noah and his family. The fountains of the deep open and rain falls for forty days, swallowing up every living thing. Through the flood, God keeps Noah's family safe and lands them on a mountain. Discuss the sign of the promise God gives us: the rainbow.



**OUR VOTERS' MEETING** will be held after the Taco-in-a-bag fundraiser on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope that you will be with us, as we look to the work we do together under God's grace and through the gifts He first provides to us.

**LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING TOMORROW NOON:** Bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship. 12:30 – 1:30 Opening Devotion followed by Bible Study on Habakkuk; 1:30 – 2:30 Business Meeting. All ladies are welcome!

**ADVENT TEA AT FOOTHILLS MANOR:** Friday, November 29, 2:00 p.m. Foothills LWML-C ladies will be bringing in the Christmas season with the residents of Foothills Manor. Please join us for a sing-along and Christmas refreshments!

**Thank  
YOU!**

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped prepare and serve a roast beef dinner at the Mustard Seed November 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for the donations to help pay for this meal. We fed almost 400 people and they were so very happy with gratitude to have a good hot meal. It was a full house because of the weather. We appreciate the service of Gail Dusterhoft in organizing this worthwhile service event.

**CHRISTMAS BAKING:** It's hard to believe that we are a few weeks away from Advent. For those of you starting your Christmas baking early, could you consider setting aside a batch for our church freezers to be used during fellowship time? The fellowship committee and teams wish to thank all of you who sneak baking into the freezers throughout the year! It is a valuable contribution! Please remember to date and label your goodies and leave the baking that contains nuts at home. Thank you.

**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** begins December 1<sup>st</sup>, and we look forward in joyful expectation to the Lord who comes to save His people. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. Services are Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm, beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings with a soup supper and then gather for worship. We hope you will be with us for this special time of preparation and devotion!



**SILVER SAINTS:** There has been a program change as Brian Printz has a conference to attend on November 27<sup>th</sup> so will not be available for his talk on Remembrance Day observations. As an alternative, a film may be shown in this time slot. **December 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon will be the Christmas Dinner**, hosted by Vi and Otto Dusterhoft. A sign-up sheet is available on the Silver Saints bulletin board to let us know that you will attend and what you will bring.

**DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?** Lost and found items are on display in the narthex. Did you misplace a pair of reading glasses? They, too, are on the same table. Also on display are unclaimed dishes from the kitchen.

**THOT:** The best way to stand up before the world, is to kneel down before God.

**TACO-IN-A-BAG FUNDRAISER:** After worship on December 1<sup>st</sup>, join the youth for lunch in the Fellowship Hall! The popular taco-in-a-bag fundraiser is returning, and for a donation of \$8, you can enjoy a bagged taco, a drink, and a dessert square. Funds raised will support youth attending events like the IMPACT Youth Gathering in 2020, and the National Youth Gathering in 2021.



**NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH!** During the month of November, we will be focusing on our role as Stewards of God's gifts to us. Stewardship is the giving of our time, talents and treasures out of thankfulness for all that God has done for us. Giving of

our treasures involves giving back to God what he has already blessed us with. Everything we have comes to us as a blessing from our Lord. Giving some of our treasures to our church or towards helping our neighbors when we are blessed with abundance is what God has instructed us to do. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says: “*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*” Please prayerfully consider all the blessings that you have and what can be given back in offerings to our church. Our congregation and Lutheran Church Canada have numerous mission and ministry programs underway to bring Christ to the world. These can only be funded with donations from our members. This past year has been a difficult year for the congregation financially, and we are currently running behind our offerings goal as a congregation in our church budget. We ask you to prayerfully consider additional giving both this year and next to help continue to fund the work of our church.



**SOUP SIGN-UP:** If you are someone who loves to make soup for the cold winter months, consider making an extra pot for one of our 5:30 pm Advent suppers. The sign-up sheet is located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex.

***DO YOU STILL NEED OFFERING ENVELOPES?*** Many of our members have switched their giving to electronic contributions and no longer require offering envelopes. We have already ordered our 2020 Envelopes, however, we will order our 2021 offering envelopes in January to take advantage of early order discounts. Can you please let the church office know if you no longer require offering envelopes and we will adjust our order. If we don't hear from you we will proceed with ordering envelopes for you. Regardless of the way, may God enable us to be faithful stewards of His gifts first given to us!

***TIME AND TALENTS SURVEYS:*** Can you fill out and return the Time and Talent survey or respond to the on-line survey by December 1<sup>st</sup>? These surveys are very useful to help our members match their gifts with the various church programs we offer. Every member (not just every household) should fill out the survey. Please return to the church office or put in the offering plate by December 1st. Additional survey forms are available on the Welcome Desk.

***MAXINE'S PASSION –ART AND MUSIC:*** You are cordially invited to Maxine's art show and sale on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. A large percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Organ Fund. Enjoy refreshments while you browse. Bring your family and friends. Maxine Abraham, former church organist, 640 Hunterfield Place NW.

***THOT:*** Too many of us are like the old deacon who prayed, “Use me, O Lord, in thy work—especially in an advisory capacity.

***CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE:*** Our Children's Christmas Service will be presented on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** during our regular service time. Children will soon be practicing their music and lines, and our rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Parents, please confirm with your child's Sunday School teacher that they will be participating. Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to present the good news of our Saviour's birth!

**DECEMBER IS A BUSY MONTH**, with many special activities in which we share. Among those are:

- ***Foothills Family Advent Festival:*** On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> we gather as a church family for pizza and a devotion at 5:30 pm, followed by tree decorating and crafts. This is for all our members, and we hope you will join us. Please sign up on the list on Deaconess Miriam's door so we know how much pizza to order!
- ***Carolling to our homebound members:*** We will bring Christmas cheer to our homebound members on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 6:15 pm to form our carolling groups and pick up the plates of goodies to take to those you visit. After carolling, quench your throats and palates with fellowship and goodies at Pastor Bode's home. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex in December.

**WE ARE ONCE AGAIN IN FLU SEASON**, and we encourage you to get your flu shot. We also want to practice good health and hygiene habits. For some, there may be a need to refrain from shaking hands. Please respect that desire, even as we seek to be open to one another as the family we are in Christ. We do remind you that we do have hand sanitizers in the narthex. The Bible does *not* say, "cleanliness is next to godliness", but it is good practice to have good hygiene habits!

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***WE WILL SOON BE DISTRIBUTING THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES*** for 2020. As we prepare for this, we want to give you a little encouragement on how to use those envelopes wisely and well.

Foothills operates with what is known as a Unified Budget—in other words, all the things we plan to do come (for the most part) out of what is typically referred to as a *Current Account*. We also have special *Mission of the Month* projects, along with the odd special need that arises (such as the *Organ Fund*).

Your offering envelope has three lines, designed to help you give your tithes and offerings to the Lord.

***Weekly Budget*** refers to that unified budget, or the church operating budget. Gifts to the weekly budget needs support the work of the church by providing funds that pay salaries, provide for building maintenance, bulletin costs, etc. Basically, all our work is funded through this line. This includes our mission commitment to Lutheran Church—Canada, to help support the synod, sponsor new congregations and provide for our seminaries.

***Special Mission Projects*** is the money that supports the various efforts we seek to support outside our own congregation. This refers to our *Mission of the Month* efforts. You could also write on this line your designated mission gift, say to Lutheran Hour Ministries or the Mustard Seed. Any amounts on this line that are not designated by name are credited to our Mission of the Month.

***Other*** allows you to designate any specific need or fund in our church. We ask that you write in the name of the fund, such as *Flowers* or *Organ Fund*. Any amounts on this line that are not designated by name are credited to our Mission of the Month.

Where should you give your offering? That is up to you. We cannot maintain our church and its programs without support of the weekly budget, nor can we do the outreach work that is necessary without our support of Missions. We always remember that we give as God has given to us, for we are stewards, entrusted with blessings from our Master.

The gifts of God's people allow us to serve the Lord and His people in His church. Even as we have been struggling the last little while, especially with the challenging economy in Alberta, we would have to confess that we have been richly blessed, and that God enables us to do great things by His grace. We are confident that ***He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ***. (Philippians 1:6 - ESV) We know that, with the help of God, we will be able to meet the goals we have undertaken.

How much should you give? Scripture says: ***Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver***. (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) We are encouraged in Scripture to:

- ***Give regularly*** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- ***Give faithfully*** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- ***Give generously*** - we are not to worry about our fair share or simply giving to the budget. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God.

May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!