

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

They were baptized by him in the River Jordan



confessing their sins

MATT. 3:6

Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2019

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

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Advent Lord, come to us and unite Your people here on earth. May faith in You bring together people of every tribe and nation. May forgiveness turn enemies into friends. And by the power of Your presence, may we grow to love each other more and more.

Coming Christ, unite us by Your love.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:..... Hope of the Nations; Blessed Be Your Name; Cornerstone;
..... King of Heaven; Soon and Very Soon

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10.....p. 732

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 15:4-13p. 1207

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12p. 1027

SERMON: *It Isn't Over Until It's Over* (Isaiah 11:1-10)

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.



THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar this month are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Harrison in loving memory of her husband, Bruce.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday Worship/Communion	Wednesday Advent Worship	Education Hour
December 1	183/152	42	59

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Lorne & Pat Rosenau; Art Hanger; Kim Harvey
 Sanctuary Greeters Tim & Tracy Roth; Brian & Carol Kehler
 Acolyte Morgan Alcock
 Lector Stacey Bablitz
 Coffee Team Elise Glans; Vi & Otto Dusterhoft; Anne Marie Kothari; Colleen Judiesch
 Counters Brenda Bode; Heather Sommers

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray that the 5 preschool families that participated in our Advent Wreath craft and devotion evening would find the devotion booklet and the wreath they made helpful and meaningful as they prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth this Christmas season.

Family Focus:

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.

WE'RE HOLDING AN USHER TRAINING SESSION after service on December 22nd. This is for new ushers, as well as our experienced ushers. We have a sign-up list posted on the bulletin board beside Deaconess Miriam's office. Even if you can't be with us, please sign up. We'll be about ½ hour, and it is important that we be working together to welcome those who come to be with us in worship. Please join us!



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Walt and Lorna Evans on the passing of Reverend Ken Eichenlaub, brother to Walt. We pray that God would comfort the family with His everlasting love and comfort.

Wednesday:	12:00 pm	Silver Saints Christmas Dinner
	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Gladys Byers
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday:	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study @ Bodes'
Friday:	6:15 pm	Christmas Caroling to our Homebound Members
Saturday:	10:00 am	Children's Christmas Practise
	1:00 pm	Youth - Sledding
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Children's Service & Worship/Communion

PARENTING FAMILIES...FROM ME TO WE: If you have children of any age, this course is for you! The 6-session course is a combination of video and discussion, covering basic strategies around Commitment, Communication, Consistency, Consequences, Conflict and Crisis and making Connections. Classes will run Saturday mornings, January 11th, 18th, 25th, and February 1st, 8th and 15th. Please contact Deaconess Miriam with questions or to register. Childcare will be offered during the sessions so that mom and dad can attend together!



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (Dec 15th) “Love Is Enough” (Matthew 22:35-40) Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Loved and Sent Series – God shows us a different kind of love. It’s love for the world that is not of this world, love that is focused outward, love that gives without requiring anything in return. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The account of Jacob’s favorite son, Joseph, served as today’s lesson, “Hope in Hardship.” This account occupies a turning point in the history of God’s people. The unusual timeline of Joseph’s life includes him being despised by his brothers, being sold into slavery, attaining success and then losing it all to false accusations, being imprisoned, and serving in the court of Pharaoh. Joseph summarizes his life in one sentence addressed to his brothers, “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20). Discuss how God can use negative things for our benefit.

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.



YOUTH EVENT: On Saturday the 14th, we're going sledding! Meet at the church at 1pm, and we'll go to St. Andrew's hill. Pickup will be back at the church at 4pm. Bring a sled, a friend, and a snack!

SILVER SAINTS CHRISTMAS DINNER DECEMBER 11: A sign-up sheet is available for you to let us know that you will attend and what you will bring. It is posted on the Silver Saints bulletin board.

THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020 will be available next week. As we draw near to the end of the year, we want to use the blessings God provides to complete the work we do together through

our tithes and offerings. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. We encourage your faithful stewardship. If you need offering envelopes, but don't presently have them, please let the office know. We also have some members who have switched their giving to electronic contributions and no longer require offering envelopes. Please let the church office know if you will no longer require offering envelopes and we will adjust our order for the following year.



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 Service (Communion)

Please note that with all the extra festive services, there will **not** be a Wednesday service on Christmas Day or on January 1st.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Thank you to everyone who came to the youth group's taco-in-a-bag fundraiser last Sunday and thank you to the 14 youth and the parents who helped! Your support of fundraising events like these help with costs so the youth can attend youth retreats like the 2020 IMPACT Gathering and the 2021 Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering, which are awesome opportunities for learning and fellowship.

MAXINE'S PASSION –ART AND MUSIC: You are cordially invited to Maxine's art show and sale today, **Sunday, December 8th**, 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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Our Children's Christmas Service will be presented on **Sunday, December 15th** during our regular service time. Children are practicing their music and lines, and the next rehearsal is Saturday December 14th 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!



CAROLLING TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: We will bring Christmas cheer to our homebound members on Friday, December 13th. 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 on the bulletin board.

ON THE WELCOME DESK: Please note the many things available to you, such as:

- The *Advent Worship Calendar*, which lists our special Advent services and the various opportunities for worship during this holy season.
- *Gifts from the Heart*, opportunities to give gifts that also become gifts to those in need.

- *Advent Devotional Booklets* from Lutheran Hour Ministries, to assist you in your celebration of the coming Saviour.
- *Portals of Prayer* for January – March 2020
- *Our December Mini Foot Print*

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP: This is an update about our Refugee Sponsorship, the Ibrahim family. Each of the 4 members has progressed well in their ESL classes; Essam the son, will have completed level 6 this month, and will hopefully find employment. If you have any contacts for a job, please let me know - my phone number is in the Congregational directory (403-286-9823).

Our family is registered with Alberta Works for support, but only receive \$2,750/month, so finances are very tight. Not many families of 4 adults can manage well on that amount! They do need help and anything that we can do will be greatly appreciated. So, this is a call for donations for a congregational Christmas Hamper. There is a well-marked hamper with “refugee family” in the Narthex, which we will present to the family on December 15th. The family will be here that day, as they asked to attend one of our Christmas services. At that time, Pastor Bode will present Rabie, the dad, with an Arabic/English New Testament, which he had asked for.

Examples of items that the family would be grateful to receive include the following: **Staple food items** – staples such as rice, non-perishables and canned food, and chocolates; **Household items** – toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, dish soap, toilet paper, garbage bags, food storage containers or bags; and **Gift Cards** – for Superstore or Walmart. Thank you for helping our refugee family; through your generosity, Rabie, Faiza, Essam and Awadia Ibrahim continue to feel welcome in Canada! Thank you. Jan Geggie

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