

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*First Sunday after Christmas*

*December 29, 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, born in Bethlehem, be with us now as we journey on the path of life. Keep us safe from all danger, and guard and protect us as we travel from place to place. Wherever we may be, help us to remember that You will never leave us or forsake us.

*O Jesus Christ, our Lord, bless us with Your presence.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**HYMNS:**.....

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 63:7-14.....p. 791

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Galatians 4:4-7 .....p. 1238

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 2:13-23 .....p. 1026

**SERMON:**

**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 TODAY**, 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 LUTHERAN HOUR:** (Jan 5<sup>th</sup>) "**Mercy In This Dojo**" (**Genesis 37**) Dr. Michael Zeigler starts off the New Year with a new series. 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).

**OUR THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS AND TO ALL** who helped make our Christmas services special. We appreciate your service to the Lord and to us.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Attendance / Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
December 22 Christmas Eve Christmas Day	169 269+89+ = Communed:	No mid-week service	20

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Narthex Greeters ..... Carl & Shirley Berdahl; Tim & Tracy Roth  
 Sanctuary Greeters ..... Phil & Cheryl Lemke; Anne Marie Kothari  
 Organist ..... Phil Lemke  
 Lector ..... Pastors  
 Coffee Team ..... Mark Kihn; Alice Churney; Ron & Diane Voss; Liane Voss-Roper;  
 ..... Kim Harvey; Art Hanger  
 Counters ..... Alan Pentney; Goodluck Nwaerandu

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Hospital:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** Pray for safety and restful vacation time for our preschool students. Pray also for our continued efforts on the U of C campus.

**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.

**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!



**This Week at Foothills**

**Tuesday:** 6:30 pm New Year's Eve Service w/Communion  
**Wednesday:** Office Closed

		Note: No Mid-Week Service
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	9:30 am	Kid's Bible Club
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship / Communion
	12:00 pm	LWML Epiphany Luncheon

**2020 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.**



**EPIPHANY LUNCH:** The LWML is hosting a congregational lunch on Epiphany Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for a celebration of the last day of Christmas. Contributions of "finger food" (hot and cold appetizers, sandwiches, cheese, veggies, fruit, cookies ...) would be appreciated. Thanks!

**"FAMILY" BOARD GAMES NIGHT:** Join the youth on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for our annual family board games night! The whole Foothills family is invited to play board games from 7 to 10pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend and bring a snack to share and come prepared to try some new games and meet some new people! Please RVSP to Pastor Eric so we have an idea of how many people to set up for.



**OUR MONTHLY KIDS BIBLE CLUB** will resume Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 am. This year our theme will be *Jesus: Our Good Shepherd*. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam to register your child age 4-10 years.

**OUR MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** will also meet on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, and we will look at great men of the Bible We meet at 9:00 am for breakfast, and time together in the Word. We wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us.



**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** If you have not had an opportunity to respond regarding our staff Christmas gift, please consider doing so. The deadline is today.

**PASTOR ERIC HAS RECEIVED A CALL** as pastor of Zion, Prince George and . Please keep him in you prayers, that he may know God's will for him and for the Lord's church. He welcomes your council in these days, too. We also ask that you keep the congregations of Prince George and in your prayers, too.

**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!

**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!

**DO YOU FILL IN A “COMMUNION CARD?”** These cards help in a variety of ways. First, by reviewing the card, you are reminded of the ways that you can prepare to take the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner. They help you remember the precious gift Jesus gives us as He gives us His body and blood. When you fill them in, it also helps us know our attendance at communion, which helps in our preparing the altar, and which helps the Elders and Pastors as they minister to the needs of God’s people. It only takes a moment, and it does help us help you. Please remember to fill them in each time you come to Holy Communion!



**GET BACK INTO THE BIBLE!** We’ve said it before, and we’ll say it again: the new year is a great time to rededicate yourself to spend more time in God’s Word! Bible reading plans will be available, along the various studies we have. Come and share in the study of the Word, as we hear and heed the voice of our God.

**By the way, you can always join in the Front to Back schedule and gathering.** This can be a great way of sharing some answers to questions that arise as you read!

**HELP US TO BE A HELP:** When it comes to recycling, it does make a difference if we do this well, according to city guidelines. Please flatten boxes; rinse containers and do not throw loose bags into the bin. We also ask that you do not put Styrofoam or mixed materials (those that are both paper and metal, for example) with the recycling. And when it comes to refundable bottles, please make sure that these do not contain liquid, and that they also have been rinsed. Your help makes sure that our recycling efforts do not end up being wasted by having these products treated as waste. Thank you!

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