

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2020

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

A Prayer Upon Entering: Christ, the true Light that enlightens everyone, shine in our lives. Reveal to us the life You came to bring. Brighten the dark spots of sin and evil within each one of us with Your glorious forgiveness. And fill our lives with the glow of Your grace.

O Word Made Flesh, share Your truth with us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:.....412; 367; 410; 397; 384 (vs. 4-5); 602; 386; 411; 387

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:4-15.....p. 358

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14p. 1241

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:40-52p. 1091

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 FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Rentz in loving memory of her late husband, David Rentz Sr., who passed away January 8, 2009.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Art Hanger and family at the death of Art's son-in-law, Blaine Cerveny. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance / Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
December 29 December 31	140/115 36/31	No mid-week service	12

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Brian & Barb Vincent; Bill & Erika Schultz
 Sanctuary Greeters Lorne & Pat Rosenau; Tim & Tracy Roth
 Organist..... Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte.....Sebastian Kaut
 Lector Dave Perrin
 Coffee Team..... LWML Ladies; Shirley & Carl Berdahl; Cheryl Lemke; Ellen Wagner
 Counter..... Gary Ring

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray for the students who will be returning to school and to preschool, that they may continue to learn useful knowledge, but especially the knowledge of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ. See also the note below from LCC!

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (Jan 12th) **“People are Treasure” (Genesis 39).** Dr. Michael Zeigler continues with the new series on Genesis. 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: Today, we studied “Fiery Directions.” Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh’s daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre

January is traditionally “Life Month”. The efforts to counsel and support those seeking an alternative to abortion is part of those life efforts. We have supported this work through the Formula4Hope Baby Bottle campaign work in the past. Your support helps those who seek to preserve life and help those in distress due to an unexpected pregnancy.

This Week at Foothills

Today: 12:00 pm LWML Epiphany Pot Blessing
Monday: Preschool Resumes
 7:00 pm PPC

Tuesday:	6:00 pm	Elders
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Byers
	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday:	7:00 pm	LifeLight @ Duholke's
	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bode's
Friday:	7:00 pm	Family Board Games Night
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Contemporary Worship

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!



"FAMILY" BOARD GAMES NIGHT: Join the youth on Friday, January 10th, 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.



CHOIR: What a great fall and Christmas season we had telling the story of Jesus' birth! Come join us on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:30 in the choir loft as we begin our journey of praise to our Lord and the Passion and Resurrection. See you then!!

THE SILVER SAINTS WILL BE MEETING on January 15th for our first gathering of the new year, and then again on the 29th. This will get us back into routine, since January has 5 Wednesdays. We hope you will join us for the fellowship, the learning and the fun!

PASTOR ERIC HAS RECEIVED A CALL as pastor of Zion, Prince George and Vanderhoof Lutheran, Vanderhoof. Please keep him in your 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.

DON'T FORGET:

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX LATELY? We accumulate a great deal of mail that is left unclaimed for even months at a time. Please check your mailbox—and why not take the mail of someone who hasn't or can't be here. It is a good way of sharing with them and helping them stay connected to the church. If you're not sure you have a mailbox, take a moment to check. If we don't have a mailbox for you, please let the office know.

EPIPHANY LUNCH: LWML ladies invite everyone to stay for lunch today and learn about our projects and initiatives. Thanks to all of you who contributed food for this event.

NEW! Starting today LCC invite you to join in a weekly prayer for our missions and ministries at home and abroad. This week, we remember *Deaconess Leyla Suazo*, a member of the *Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua* (Lutheran Church Synod of Nicaragua). Deaconess Suazo serves as an instructor in the faith at *Iglesia Luterana Getsemani* (Gethsemane Lutheran Church) in La Ciudad del Viejo in Nicaragua.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift you up before you Deaconess Leyla Suazo in La Ciudad del Viejo, Nicaragua, asking you to sustain her by Your Spirit and bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



PLEASE START USING YOUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES. We made some adjustments to the numbers, so your envelope number may have changed. Please **do not** use your old envelopes anymore. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. If you need offering envelopes, but don't presently have them, please let the office know.

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) But as we look at the Scripture guidelines for giving, we would note that we should:

- ***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!

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!

MAXINE'S PASSION—ART AND MUSIC: For those of you who could not attend my art show and sale before Christmas I am repeating this event on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 1 to 4 p.m. Same set-up but a few less paintings. I will contribute a large percentage of the proceeds to the "organ fund". Enjoy refreshments while you browse. Come again! Bring your family and friends.

Maxine Abraham, former church organist - 640 Hunterfield Place NW

NOW AVAILABLE: Copies of the 2020 *Seniors Directory of Services* are free for the taking from the table in the narthex. Help yourself to this booklet and other informational pamphlets on display.

A NEW FLOWER CHART is posted on the Worship Bulletin Board by Deaconess Miriam's office. We appreciate the gift of fresh flowers to beautify the Lord's altar.

WHILE THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN QUIET there are a good many activities, meetings and classes that will begin again this week. We hope that you will take note of the many things taking place here (check the calendar!) and that you will be faithful in your attendance at worship, too. May this be a great year of growth for our congregation, as we gather in worship around the Word and Sacrament, and as we grow in love and friendship through the fellowship and work we share in together.

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