

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



E P I P H A N Y

The Baptism of Our Lord
First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 12, 2020

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: Beloved Lord, remind us always of the gifts given at baptism. May the Father's love poured out for us through water and the Word continue to give us comfort and strength. May Your grace shared with us continue to flow through us. And may the Spirit's wisdom continue to guide us until the Last Day.

O Son of God, gladden our hearts with the blessings of baptism.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:..... God of Wonders; Revelation Song; How Deep the Father's Love for Us;
..... Faithful One; Forever

CHOIR:*Beautiful Saviour*

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9.....p. 765

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11p. 1199

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17p. 1027

SERMON: *The Voice From Heaven is Our Father, Too* (Matthew 3:16-17)

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 today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Rentz in loving memory of her late husband, David Rentz Sr.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of: | Attendance / Communion | Wednesday | Education Hour |
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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex GreetersMarj Fiesel; Hans Dueck; Bob & Elsie Will
 Sanctuary GreetersElfrieda Heiden; Anne Marie Kothari; Brian & Carol Kehler
 AcolyteGriffin Voss
 Lector Geraldine Chimirri-Russell
 Coffee Team.....Brad & Anni Adams; Jan Geggie; Elfrieda Stewart; Marilyn Harrison; Kathy Hilland
 Counters Merv & Kareen Borgeson

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God for the opportunity to share Jesus with international university families through our preschool.

Family Focus:



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the family of Johanna Laabs, who went to be with her Saviour last Saturday. Her funeral service will be here at Foothills Lutheran Church on Wednesday, January 15th at 1:00 pm.

We also pray for comfort for Ron and Leni George, at the passing of Ron's sister. We pray that God would comfort these families with His everlasting love and comfort.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today's lesson, "The Egypt Exit," tells of ten terrible plagues and how Pharaoh relents and releases the Israelites to worship in the wilderness. Realizing the Israelites have no intention of returning, Pharaoh's army pursues the runaways. Caught between Pharaoh's charioteers and the waters of the Red Sea, the people cry out to God. Moses stretches his hand over the sea as God parts the waters, enabling the people to pass through the sea on dry ground. As Egypt's army attempts to follow, the sea closes in over them, so not one survives. As a family, talk about the ways God protects us from our enemies today.

This Week at Foothills

Monday: 9:30 am Professional Development
 7:00 pm Sunday School Meeting
Tuesday: 7:30 pm Ladies Bible Study @ Deaconess Miriam's
Wednesday: 1:00 pm Johanna Laabs Funeral

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| | 6:30 pm | Worship/Communion |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir |
| Thursday: | 9:30 am | Moms & Tots |
| | 7:00 pm | LifeLight @ Duholke's |
| | 7:00 pm | Front to Back @ Bode's |
| Sunday: | 9:00 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:15 am | Worship/Communion |

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (Jan 19th) **"Unforgettable" (Genesis 40:1-23)**. Guest speaker, Dr. Dean Nadasdy continues our Genesis series. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

THE SILVER SAINTS WILL BE POSTPONING THEIR MEETING on January 15th as we have a funeral at the church that day. We will meet for our first gathering of the new year on January 29th. We hope you will join us for the fellowship, the learning and the fun!

LIFELIGHT SCHEDULE CHANGE: Please note the Tuesday morning LifeLight Bible Study will commence **February 4th**. Pastor Eldon and Marian Ohlinger will be leading another 9-week in-depth LifeLight Bible Study on Luke, Part 2

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.



We, the staff and pastors of Foothills are very blessed through the kindness you show us, especially with your gift this Christmas time. We also appreciate the warm greetings that have been shared by so many. We extend our most sincere thanks to you, our dear brothers and sisters in Christ, and pray that God will continue to bless our work together, to the glory of His holy name.

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.



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!

MISSION PRAYERS: This week, we remember Deaconess, Neak Mao, a member of Cambodia Lutheran Church who serves as Deaconess in Preach Lutheran Church in Kompot Province in Cambodia. She is also serving as a bible teacher at Garuna Christian School in Kompot.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through his holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good news of this salvation to the ends of the earth, we pray that you would sustain Neak Mao in Preach Lutheran Church in Kompot Province, in Cambodia by His Spirit and bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel, that Christ's Kingdom might be extended further into the world; let us pray to the Lord.

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!



ON THE WELCOME DESK are copies of the January/February Foot Print as well as Voter packages for the upcoming meeting, January 26th. Please help yourself.



VOTER'S MEETING: Our next voter's meeting is on **January 26th** following a light lunch after service. Please mark it on your calendars and plan to attend.

COME MEET WITH THE KUHN'S! Pastor Mike and Kara Kuhn and family will be with us on Sunday, January 26th, to speak about their work with Lutheran Bible Translators—Canada. The major presentation will be during the Bible Study hour (9:15 am) that morning. With the Voters' meeting there will be limited

time after service and during lunch. We hope that you will be with us, as we greet old friends; share in the work of our missionaries and encourage them in the work they do to share the Gospel in other languages and other lands.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE—areas in which we need your help as we serve one another. Ushering is one way, and we are thankful that Barb Vincent has offered to serve as usher coordinator. She will be looking for your assistance!

We also can benefit from more people to help with the work of the Altar Guild. This typically involves the set-up and clean-up of Holy Communion, although we also benefit from those who would have a knack for beautifying God’s House. Sharon Kahut serves as flower coordinator, and Brenda Bode has responsibility for the Altar Guild. There are always other needs, too! Do you see a need? Help fill that need!

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 today, 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.

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