

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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*To be fair and just and
merciful and to walk
humbly
with your God.*

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 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: Blessed Lord, we know what You desire of us, yet we still fall short. Forgive us for those times when we have not been the merciful, pure-hearted, peacemaking people you want us to be. And help us to live more and more as members of Your kingdom and givers of Your love.

O Great Teacher of us all, may we learn more and more from You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:..... 904; 851; 783; 784; 425

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:1-8.....p. 990

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.....p. 1211

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12.....p. 1029

SERMON: *Where Blessings Abound . . .* (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

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 Diane Voss in loving memory of Aunt Rosemarie.

TUESDAY MORNING LIFELIGHT commences this Tuesday, February 4th. Pastor Eldon and Marian Ohlinger will be leading another 9-week in-depth LifeLight Bible Study on Luke, Part 2.

YOUTH EVENT: On Friday, February 7, we'll be going to Flying Squirrel! Watch for an email from Pastor Eric with details on cost and what time to meet at the church.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance	Wednesday/Communion	Education Hour
January 26	203	11/11	96

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Offerings Received Last Week	\$ 6,788.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$27,495.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$32,692.31	-\$5,197.31

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Plate Offerings 30.50; Visitor Offering 97.00; Sunday School 2.00; Parking Revenue 750.00; LWML 20.00; Pregnancy Care Centre (MoM) 30.00; LCC 150.00; Organ 4,000.00; Book Purchases 50.00.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Phil & Cheryl Lemke; Art Hanger; Kim Harvey
 Sanctuary Greeters Lorne & Pat Rosenau; Goodluck & Heather Nwaerandu
 Organist..... Phil Lemke
 Acolyte.....Calder Bishop
 Lector Pastors
 Coffee Team.....Lutheran Hour Ministries; Carl & Shirley Berdahl; Duholke Family
 CountersBrenda Bode; Heather Sommers

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: As registrations for fall begin, please pray that God would lead families to our preschool that would benefit from our program.

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we studied “A Judge Leads.” God called Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God’s improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon’s mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. Discuss ways God can use even small groups of people to accomplish great things.

PLEASE CHECK AND EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX, as tax receipts for 2019 have been issued. Help us save postage costs by picking up items that otherwise have to be mailed. And, if you don’t have a mailbox, please let the office know!

Today:	11:45 am	Faith @ Home, Technology Boundaries
Monday:	9:30 am	Professional Development
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Tuesday:	10:00 am	LifeLight
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Byers
	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday:	9:30 am	Moms & Tots
	7:00 pm	LifeLight @ Duholkes'
	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bodes'
Friday:		Youth – Flying Squirrel
Saturday:	2:00 pm	Irma Lucht's 100 th Birthday Celebration
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Youth Meeting

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (Feb 9th) **“Break Through the No-Go Zone” (Genesis 43-45).** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sometimes, the difference between then and now, between what used to be and what is, comes in a single moment, a defining act. We call that a breakthrough. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS: The family of **Helen Duholke** invite you to join them for birthday cake at the fellowship hour following service today. Helen celebrated her 90th birthday January 28th.

Birthday Blessings

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 pm to celebrate **Irma Lucht's** 100th birthday. Everybody is welcome.

SILVER SAINTS invite you to join them on Wednesday, February 12th at **11:30** for lunch at the New Dynasty Restaurant, 575 – 28th Street SE (off Memorial Drive). A sign-up sheet is posted on the Silver Saints bulletin board. If you need a ride, please be at the church no later than 11:00 am.

FLC CAMPING TRIP: Mark your calendar for May 29 – 31, 2020 to enjoy a weekend of fun and fellowship at the FLC annual campout. More info to follow in the weeks ahead. Your coordinator is Hans Dueck.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Hour Ministries

Bringing Christ to the Nations – and the Nations to the Church has been the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries for many years. Through ministry programs such as The Lutheran Hour, Project Connect Booklets, Men's Network, MISSION U, THRED, and others, LHM is calling our communities, our

country, and our world back to God. Your gift to this mission of the month helps bring a message of rescue, restoration and renewal in Jesus Christ to millions of people who desperately need to hear it.

MISSION PRAYERS: Rev. Suchart Chujit is Lutheran Church-Canada's missionary-at-large in south Thailand and serves the Parish of Khok Kloi, consisting of 5 worshipping communities. **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 Rev. Suchart Chujit in Khok Kloi Parish in Thailand, by His Spirit and bless his 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: Lord, have mercy.**

Thank You **A BIG THANKS TO ALL** who lovingly prepared meals that helped sustain us as we were going back and forth to the hospital to be with Jaydon as he recovered from neurosurgery. Also thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the well wishes and prayers for our family during a not so easy time. We are abundantly blessed with such a loving church family.....with gratitude Matt and Amanda Roth

“LOVE FEAST” POT LUCK, FEBRUARY 16th: To celebrate the LOVE that God has for His people, we are holding a Pot Luck after the service on February 16th. Did you know there are 50 verses in the Bible that mention LOVE? The most well-known being “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Come join your church family in LOVE by bringing a salad, main dish or dessert to share. Please sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board. Questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

MAXINE'S PASSION – ART AND MUSIC: A special thank-you to the purchasers at my art show and sale. Because of your support I was able to make a substantial contribution to the organ fund. Next show: Sat. Feb. 29, 2-6 pm.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: FLC Preschool offers a, half-day program that facilitates the cognitive, physical, creative, spiritual, social, and emotional development of 3 and 4 year old children in a Christian context.. Both our experienced teacher and teaching assistant are members of FLC, have first aid training, and are government certified. Children have fun with friends, laugh and learn, paint and paste, pray and play, slide and sing. Our four year old students receive a free screening from a speech/language pathologist and an occupational therapist. FLC Preschool is not only a ministry to 3 and 4 year old children in our own church family, but a Christian education opportunity for other Christians in our city, an outreach ministry to internationals in university family housing, and an outreach to neighborhoods surrounding our church location. Registration forms for the 2020/2021 school year are available on our website at www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com or on the table outside our classroom. Email school@foothillslutheran.com or call Betty Ann at 403-284-1360 for further information.

OUR VOTERS ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR 2020 at the meeting last Sunday. This is, in many ways, a faith budget, as we continue to struggle with the reality of some of the effects of the economic downturn in the province. The **total** budget for 2020 is \$548,990. In our efforts to establish a balanced budget, we have made some dramatic cuts, including a reduction of 3% for our staff salaries. We have eliminated

honoraria for organists and our choir director. After discussion, we left our mission goal at \$36,250.00 for LCC, and its work both domestically and internationally.

Christian stewardship should be seen as a privilege, not as a burden. We don't give to the budget; we don't give under compulsion of the law. We give as we respond in love and gratitude to the God who has first given everything to us. Everything we have is a gift from Him, who loves us and provides for us so richly. But in all He gives, there is the need to use them to His glory—which we do when we care for our families, and when we care for His family, the church.

How much should you give? Our voters asked what it would take to make the budget. Overall, we would need all of our members to give an extra 6% over their present gifts. We know some could do more; we know some are living on fixed or even reduced incomes. We simply hope and pray that our members will look to what God has given, and respond in accordance with His grace. 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) Scripture does encourage us 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!

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES annual fundraiser, the Walk for Love, will be held on May 2, 2020. Donations are used to support dedicated visitors who give so much of their time and talents to visit Lutherans in hospitals and care facilities. Last year our walkers raised \$20,650 in pledges, and we thank the walkers and their supporters for their awesome and continued dedication to our Ministry. Please help us to keep this very important Ministry going! This is our only fundraiser and we need everyone's help.

We also invite you to become a hospital or care facility visitor! A ***training course***: will be offered on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Basement (66-7th St. NE). Bring a bag lunch. Sponsored by Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta. There is no fee. Contact Pastor Mark Lobitz at mclobitz@gmail.com or 403-637-2650.

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