

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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: Since the time of Adam and Eve, Your people have been tempted to go astray. And we are no exception. Forgive us, O Lord, for even thinking of abandoning You and going our own way. May the words of Scripture give us the strength to turn away from Satan's lures and turn back to You.

God, whose promises are sure, guide us away from the devil's false hopes.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:..... 915; 569; 561; 430; 571; 422; 655

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:1-21.....p. 3

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:12-19p. 1198

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11p. 1027

SERMON: *The 'Trees' 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 Al Engel and family in loving memory of Al's wife, Bernice.

YOUTH EVENT: On Friday, March 13, we'll join the confirmation class for part of their retreat on prayer. Meet at the church at 7, and pickup will be a bit later than usual, at 11pm. Bring a movie snack!

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Murray Kee and the family at the death of Joyce, wife, mother and grandmother; and to Christine Heumann and the family at the passing of Christine's father, Iain Graham. We pray that God would comfort the family with His everlasting love.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance	Wednesday/Communion	Education Hour
February 23	195	60/58	65



WE CONTINUE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY as we go in spirit to the cross with our Saviour, remembering the cost of our salvation and the love and grace of God. This year we will be looking at **People in His Passion**. Pastor David Dressler will share with us, telling of us Peter, who found hope after falling. We hope you will join us for this time of contemplation and repentance.

Soup suppers begin this Wednesday, March 4th. The supper is at 5:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex to help with these suppers.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000 +/- YTD -\$7,174.92
Offerings Received Last Week	\$11,347.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$58,209.70	
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$65,384.62	

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Plate Offerings 11.00; Visitor Offering 440.00; Sunday School 5.00; Facility Rentals \$600.00; Lutheran Hour (MoM) 55.00; Lenten Services \$30.00; Memorial Gifts \$50.00; Fellowship \$200.00; Adult Education \$140.00; Stampede Breakfast \$265.00; Organ Fund \$1,010.10.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Marj Fiesel; Hans Dueck; Otto & Vi Dusterhoft
 Sanctuary Greeters Brian & Barb Vincent; Brian & Carol Kehler
 Choir.....*His Life For Mine*
 Organist..... Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte..... Sebastian Kaut
 Lector Ralf Hinterleitner
 Counter..... Gary Ring

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 8th) **“Upon Further Review” (Exodus 5)** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's forgiving love for us in Christ cancels the continuous playback of our regrets. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca. **“A special devotion is available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries each day during Lent at www.lhm.org/lent”.**



THANK YOU to everyone who attended the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, hosted by the youth! About 55 people came out for pancakes, ham, and fellowship, and, after the cost of supplies, about \$500 was raised. Youth group fundraising efforts help subsidize the cost of attending events like the 2020 IMPACT Gathering and the 2021 Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering.

MISSION PRAYERS: Daconisa Paubla Ermisenda Zapata, serves in Iglesia Luterana Nueva Jerusalén comunidad villa 15 de Julio. **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 Diaconisa Paubla Ermisenda Zapata in Iglesia Luterana Nueva Jerusalén in Nicaragua, by Your Spirit and bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray for the extended families of some of our preschool students who reside in China and Hong Kong. Pray that God would bless them with good health according to His will.

Family Focus:

This Week at Foothills

Monday:	9:30 am	Professional Development
	7:00 pm	Presentation by Dr. Joe Askin
Tuesday:	10:00 am	LifeLight
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Byers'
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
		No Choir
Thursday:	7:00 pm	LifeLight @ Duholke's
	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bode's
Saturday:	10:00 am	Kids Bible Club
		No Men's Breakfast
Sunday:		Daylight Savings Begins
	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship



GOD'S PROMISES FOR ME! Our summer Vacation Bible School will run July 13-17 and July 20-24 this year. Our members and their friends and family are invited to register first. Printed registration forms are available on the welcome desk, or from Deaconess Miriam. Online registration will be available in early March, when general registration opens up. Thank you to those who have already expressed their interest in volunteering. Recruitment has begun, and if you are interested in teaching, helping, crafts, or games, please speak with Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week in our Christian education time, we studied "A Divided Kingdom." Solomon's heir, Rehoboam, ignored the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatened to make their workload even more difficult. Angered by his response, ten tribes of Israel make Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in Jerusalem, where the temple was. As a family, discuss how the division of the kingdom affected the worship life of the people. Ask, "How could dividing yourself from church affect your worship life?"

MISSION OF THE MONTH: STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

Our Stampede breakfast gives us an opportunity to reach out to the community and offer them an opportunity to worship with us. The decision was made to remove this as a budget item, yet we do want to give our members an opportunity to support this work. With your gifts, we can continue this tradition. May God bless our efforts, as we share together in this time of fellowship and outreach.

LIFE IS A PRECIOUS GIFT OF GOD, but that view is not shared by a society where abortion is condoned, and life can be ended with the help of a doctor. We invite you to hear Dr. Joe Askin speak on the topic *A Lutheran Perspective on Medical Aid in Dying (Euthanasia) in Canada*. Join us on Monday, **March 2nd at 7:00 pm** at Foothills Lutheran Church for this timely and important presentation. Please see the poster on the Christian Education bulletin board for more information.

OUR LEADERS WILL BUILD ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC in their Lenten Bible Study. Pastor Eric will lead the following 4 sessions on the sanctity of life. We meet Mondays at 7:00 pm.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: Every Lenten season, we reflect on God's work on our behalf through the telling of Christ's Passion. In *Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free*, we remember our Savior's triumphal act of redemption in Israel's exodus from captivity in Egypt. Just as Moses led Israel to the Promised Land, Jesus won victory for us through His life, death, and resurrection. In both events, God saves His people. But, through Jesus, God saves completely.

Since creation, God has been setting us free. From Adam and Eve's transgression to Israel's slavery in Egypt to mankind's bondage to sin and death, God liberates the captive! In *Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free*, you'll see God's love in action—working His purposes through human affairs, drawing us into a relationship with Him. Even as Moses (a kind of redeemer) foreshadowed the work of Christ (our ultimate Redeemer), we remember with awe and humility the pains God took to win us back to Himself, sparing not His only Son.

You can get *Lutheran Hour devotions* in your email or read online: To subscribe, go to <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/canada.asp>



WE WILL AGAIN HOST A SEDER SUPPER on Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 pm. This special evening will help us understand the background and significance of the Passover Celebration, during which our Saviour gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. It includes dinner, as well as our Maundy Thursday worship. This is a wonderful, unique experience, and we believe you will find it a real blessing, both for your understanding of Scripture, but also as a special time of fellowship together as God's people. To help in our planning, and to cover the cost of the dinner, we are selling tickets, available through the church office. The cost is \$6.00/person, with a maximum cost of \$20.00/family. We also need help to prepare the meal, and with several items, such as green salads (nothing dairy) and pies. Sign up lists are posted on the fellowship bulletin board. We hope you will join us for this special Lenten observance. **Confirmands:** This is a required part of confirmation instruction, replacing the class that week.

FOOTHILLS SLO-PITCH TEAM: Do you want to play some Slo-Pitch? Do you want to learn how to play Slo-Pitch? If there's enough interest we'd like to join a NW Calgary church league. It would be 16 weeks and there would be a registration fee split amongst the members. If you're interested sign up out of Pastor Eric's office or feel free to ask him for more info. It's going to be a lot of fun, would love to get a team together!

LEAVES FROM THE LIBRARY: The Library is open every Sunday for about an hour after the worship service. You can check out a book or DVD easily - just follow the simple procedure as shown at the desk. There's currently a basket of Lent/Easter books (especially for children) on the library table - feel free to look through these and to borrow them.



DEACONESS MIRIAM WILL BE ATTENDING THE 'SABBATH CONFERENCE', a time of encouragement for the deacons of our church. They meet Wednesday – Friday in Edmonton. Pray for safe travel and that our deacons will find encouragement in their time together.

PASTOR BODE also will be away Thursday – Saturday for the West Region Circuit Counsellor meeting and for the Regional Mission and Ministry Conference. Michelle Heumann will also be attending the RMMC meeting, representing the Calgary Circuit. May God bless the work that we seek to do together, as we walk together in mission and ministry.

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