## Foothills Lutheran Church

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## Second Sunday in Lent March 8, 2020

Education Hour:	9:00 am
Morning Worship with Communion: (1*, 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> )	10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship:	

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord Jesus Christ, knowing You change our lives. Like Abraham, we must change direction and head toward the promised land. And like Nicodemus, we must be born again by the Spirit so that we may live a new life. May we be open to the changes You are bringing about in us, and open to Your will.

Only begotten Son of God, may Your life transform our lives.

#### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

ORDER C	OF SERVICE:	As Projected
HYMNS:	The Wonderful Cross; You Are My All in All; Take My Life; Jothe Father's Love For Us.	esus, All for Jesus; How Deep
FIRST LE	ESSON: Genesis 12:1-9	p. 11
<b>EPISTLE</b>	<i>LESSON:</i> Romans 4:1-8, 13-17	p. 1197
GOSPEL	LESSON: John 3:1-17	p. 1129
SERMON	Lord of My Life and God of My Salvation - Genesis 12:1-9	

**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.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Mark and Corinna Nuspel and family at the death of Mark's father, Frank. Frank and Cora were active members but moved to Ontario some years ago. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

#### LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/ Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
March 1	155/133	41	47



**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**. We will hear from Pontius Pilate, and the struggles he had to make the right decision. We hope you will join us for this time of contemplation and repentance.

Soup suppers began this past week. 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	
Offerings Received Last Week	\$11,469.00	\$425,000	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$\$69,678.70	+/ <b>-</b> YTD	
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$73,557.69	-\$3,878.99	

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Plate Offerings 155.00; Visitor Offering 193.00; Sunday School 7.75; Lenten Services 515.00; Student Residence Rental 1,000.00; LWML 75.00; Memorial Gifts 320.00; Youth Gathering 40.00; Stampede Breakfast 150.00; Flowers 54.57; Organ Fund 105.05.

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

Narthex Greeters	
Sanctuary Greeters	
Acolyte	Griffin Voss
	Brian Vincent
Coffee Team	Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke
Counters	

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR:* (March 15<sup>th</sup>) "Gracious Confiscation" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at <a href="www.lutheranhour.ca">www.lutheranhour.ca</a>. "A special devotion is available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries each day during Lent at <a href="www.lhm.org/lent">www.lhm.org/lent</a>".

*SUNDAY SCHOOL:* "Comfort in Captivity" was the theme for our lesson this week. When Nebuchadnezzar takes the Israelites into exile in Babylon, Jeremiah writes to the exiles, assuring them of God's continuing care for them. Through Jeremiah, God promises a new covenant where His people will live eternally through Jesus. Discuss, "How does God comfort us today?"

THE NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER are now available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today.

**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!

#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God that one of our 4 year old students is already reading.

Family Focus:

#### This Week at Foothills

**Monday:** 7:00 pm Lenten Leaders Study

**Tuesday:** 10:00 am LifeLight 6:00 pm Elders

7:30 pm Ladies Bible Study @ Deaconess Miriam's

Wednesday: 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study @ Byers'

1:30 pm Silver Saints 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship

7:30 pm Choir

**Thursday:** 9:30 am Moms & Tots

7:00 pm Front to Back @ Bodes'

Friday: 2:00 pm LWML St. Patrick's Tea @ The Manor

7:00 pm Youth

**Friday/Saturday:** Confirmation Retreat **Sunday:** 9:00 am Education Hour

10:15 am Worship with Communion



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.

**ST. PATRICK'S TEA AT FOOTHILLS MANOR** on Friday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. Foothills LWML ladies invite you to join us as we sing Irish songs, serve refreshments and enjoy visiting with the residents of the Manor.

MISSION PRAYERS: Rev. Suchart Yoh is the pastor of the Parish of Takua Pa, which consists of 4 worshipping communities in the south of Thailand. Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Yoh in Thailand, asking You to

sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.** 

#### 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.



WE WILL AGAIN HOST A SEDER SUPPER on Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the presentation of Dr. Joe Askin on Monday evening on the topic, "The Lutheran Perspective on Medical Aid in Dying". We were pleased with the large turnout. 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 here Mondays at 7:00 pm.

**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.



FOUND two ladies rings. To reclaim them talk to one of the pastors or Carol.



**EASTER IS A GREAT TIME TO INVITE OTHERS** to come and see the wonders of God's love and grace. Invite a friend to join you, as we remember all that our Saviour has done for us and thank God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ. Invite them to breakfast, too! Let us share this great and glorious news of the Living Lord with our friends and family.

**PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Person to supervise 2 children (age 3 and grade 3) in their home at university housing while their mother studies Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 4:00 pm -6:00 pm. If you have children of your own, you are welcome to bring them. Please speak to Mrs. Chandler or phone Shaily at 403-401-6820.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL:** Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool is a licensed, non-profit, half-day program for 2½, 3, and 4 year-olds that facilitates the development of the whole child in a caring Christian environment. We are a long-standing program with an excellent child care history. Children have fun with friends, laugh and learn, pray and play, enquire and engage as they are nurtured in their cognitive, physical, creative, spiritual, social, and emotional development by experienced, knowledgeable staff. Phone 403-284-1360 or email at <a href="school@foothillslutheran.com">school@foothillslutheran.com</a> to schedule a time to see our space and talk with our teacher. She would be happy to speak with you. Learn more at <a href="www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com">www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com</a>.

**PHONE DIRECTORY OF FLC MEMBERS & FRIENDS:** We are in the throes of updating our phone directory and before going to print we want to ensure we have your correct information. Pages are available on the table in the narthex between Pastor Eric's and Deaconess Miriam's office doors. Please review and make any changes/amendments as soon as possible.

**FLC CAMPING TRIP:** This year's camping trip is May 29-31, at Crawling Valley Campground. Cost is \$35 per night. Saturday night is a pot luck as well (true Lutheran style). A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



FLC CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Want to hear and learn the music our music team plays in worship and are looking forward to doing in the future? Find our Spotify playlist "FLC Worship Binder" or follow the link here <a href="https://sptfy.com/8UqK">https://sptfy.com/8UqK</a>

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#### **Epiphany Offering 'Thank You'**

My heartfelt thanks to all the pastors and members of the congregations of our Synod who participated in the special LCC Epiphany Offering appeal this past January. Many positive comments were received concerning the three bulletin inserts that were put together by President Teuscher and our Mission Executive, Rev. Mark Smith, which emphasized the biblical foundation of this appeal, along with snap-shots of some of the national and international missions that we are supporting together as a Synod. While it is not possible to know the precise dollar amounts received, since some individuals contributed through their regular congregational offering envelopes, Epiphany gifts sent directly to our synod office were approximately \$15,000.

On behalf of the LCC Board of Directors, I would also like to thank all of our congregations for the mission remittances received this past fiscal year, some of whom exceeded their mission goals. As a result, Lutheran Church—Canada was able to meet all of its financial commitments, without incurring a deficit. An updated financial report to the members of Synod will be forthcoming in an issue of The Canadian Lutheran.

I can think of no better way to close than with the words of St. Paul concerning his appeal to the Corinthian church for collection of gifts for relief of the mother church in Jerusalem: "For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others" (2 Corinthians 9:12-13).

In His Service,

Dwayne Cleave, Administrator

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Lutheran Church—Canada



### What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the church lasting six weeks in early spring. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks, we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day that He rose from the dead to prove it!

# How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can try giving up something you like during Lent. You might see your parents give up their coffee in the morning. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you—His

#### **FOR PARENTS**

Consider helping your child decide on something to "give up" during Lent to remind him/her of Jesus' sacrifice. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey will make a big difference!

life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!