

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

you alone. O Lord. make



me lie down in safety

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Christ Jesus, You are a firm foundation upon which to build. May we continue to build our lives solely on You. May we never be tempted to build upon those things which are temporary and those things which would make us tumble and fall. And help us to hold on tightly to the Scriptures so that we may stand tall in the midst of life's storms.

O Rock upon which we build, keep us strong and sure.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:as projected

HYMNS: Be Thou My Vision; Lord, Have Mercy; How Can I Keep from Singing; My Lighthouse

FIRST LESSON:..... Exodus 19:2-8

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:6-15

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 (9-20)

SERMON:

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: For the preschool families who will be affected by our decision regarding our preschool ministry. For our preschool staff, as they also adapt to the changes.

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Offerings Received Last Week	\$12,690.00	\$425,000.00
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$186,714.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$187,980.77	-\$1,266.07

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: \$50.00 Mission of the Month (CLWR); Concordia Seminary \$50.00; \$25.00 LWML; Benevolence \$25.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Miscellaneous \$115.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (June 14) "What You're Getting Into" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Many of us know what it's like to try out for a team, for a role in a play, or first chair in the band. We might have been chosen first. We might have been chosen last. We might not have been chosen at all. We might have been cut. So, how does God choose His team? (Matthew 5:17-20). Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

The meetings and studies, such as those below, are available as online gatherings. Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam for more information.

Monday	9:30 am	Staff Professional Development
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lessons (Zoom, contact Pastor Bode)
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
Wednesday	1:15 pm	Ladies' Bible Study: - (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship: Colossians 3-4: go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back (Skype, contact Pastor Bode)
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Morning Worship - go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes at the church have been suspended for the time being, but please encourage your children's ongoing learning at home. Our families have been sent a resource – The Enduring Faith One-Room Study Guide - that they can use week by week to maintain the habit of being in God's Word and encourage faith conversations in their family. Please contact Deaconess Miriam if you didn't receive it and would like to make use of it.

This week's Sunday School lesson is entitled "*A Shepherd Loves*". In Bible times, a sheep pen didn't have a door or a gate that would close, so the shepherd would lay across the opening at night. The shepherd provided the only way to get into the safety of the pen, and the shepherd protected the sheep from the dangers outside the pen. The shepherd also protected the sheep from wandering out of the pen and becoming lost. In today's lesson we hear how Jesus is our Good Shepherd – He protects us and leads us. He willingly laid down His life for His sheep – us! He is the door to heaven.

GOD'S PROMISES FOR US – SUMMER VBS: Although we cannot have an onsite VBS this year, we are working to provide VBS online this year, with pre-recorded openings, lessons and application sessions presented by our staff, and boxed crafts prepared by some very dedicated volunteers. Our recorded sessions and craft instructions will be made available, along with those of other LCC congregations, for the use of LCC members and their friends throughout the summer as part of a broader outreach initiative. Please pray that God would bless families as they gather around His Word this summer.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ("CLWR")

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. CLWR works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. They partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. They break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. CLWR's goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after the projects end.

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY as we continue our look at St. Paul's Prison Epistles. This week we continue our look at Colossians 3 and 4. Our present situation can give us a new appreciation for the experiences of Paul, who was also isolated through his captivity. We stream live on Wednesday at 6:30

pm on Facebook: facebook.com\foothillslutheran. We would encourage you to read Colossians 1:24—2 before this Wednesday; if you have any questions that you would like us to answer, please submit them to the pastors as soon as possible.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD WE WILL AGAIN OVER IN-PERSON WORSHIP. Beginning this Wednesday, June 17 we are again offering an opportunity for up to 50 people to gather in worship. Sundays will begin on July 5th. A full outline of the plans and procedure is available on the website: <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Our-Worship-Relaunch-Guidelines-1.pdf>. We do ask that you review this document thoroughly and carefully. As a quick recap:

- We will offer in-person worship on Wednesday evenings, beginning June 17th. We will continue to stream these services as well.
- We will offer an in-person Sunday service at 9:00 am, beginning July 5th. We will continue to stream our 10:15 am service during this time. The 10:15 service will not include congregational members.
- Lord willing, we will add a second in-house service at 10:30 am, beginning August 9th. The change in time is to allow for the sanitizing and preparation for a new group of congregants at the second service.

Please understand that with every service or expansion of services we will be following the guidelines on numbers (50 max), physical distancing, and sanitation. As the guidelines restrict singing, there would be no sung hymns or liturgy. People would have to register for the service. We do ask that you not attend if you are having any symptoms; have been anywhere where you might be compromised, or if you are at high risk yourself. Do not feel obligated, but we also hope that you will know that we are trying to give you the opportunity to again gather with your brothers and sisters in person.

If you have any question or thoughts to share, you may direct them to the pastors or to your elder. May God bless us as we seek to provide for His people in our worship life together.



CALGARY PREGNANCY CARE CENTER: The Calgary Pregnancy Care Center's baby bottle drive started on Mother's Day and will end on Father's Day. Unfortunately, like so many things in our usual routine, baby bottles cannot be distributed this year. But 26 babies have already been born during this time of isolation and their mothers and families still need our help. The Care Center provides support to young families who may be new to Calgary and have little support or resources. Even though we can't distribute bottles, you can still donate. You can send a cheque to the address below, give the center a call **(403) 269-3110** to donate or donate online at **pregcare.com**. Anything over \$25 will receive a tax receipt. Thank you so much for sharing God's blessings with these Mothers and Babies. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

Calgary Pregnancy Care Center
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRESCHOOL MINISTRY:

It has been said over and over again that we are living in some very different days. In so many ways, we have had to adapt to circumstances beyond our control that have affected our homes, our jobs, and yes, even our church. These unprecedented times have also required us to make hard decisions that are designed to show our faithful stewardship of all God has given to us as a congregation here at Foothills. Your leaders in the congregation have continued to watch and to work for the good of our congregation and for its people.

We all are aware that there has been an economic and social impact as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we are hopeful that the relaunch of certain activities in our society will bring better days, we do know that there are still things that are unknown, and may have some impact on our own “relaunch” plans.

The present crisis has had an impact on our ministry through our preschool. As a result of the uncertainty that we will be able to operate in the fall and as a result of loss of income from the past month, as well as a lower expectation of income due to the restrictions we have been told will be in place, we have made the painful decision to close our preschool to students in the fall of 2020.

This decision was not taken lightly. It was discussed by the Elders, and then again by the Parish Planning Council. As we note, there are so many unknowns. Teachers are still not sure what their classes will look like in the fall. While there is a great hope that everything will return, we do know that the complexity of restrictions leave us uncertain of what we will be able to do.

The decision does involve terminating Betty Ann Chandler’s contract as principal / teacher. The school will not resume in the fall. We will revisit this decision as we look to the fall of 2021.

It is disappointing to us that we must make this decision. We know that the preschool has been a source of encouragement and blessing to the congregation and to the families who have been part of this programme. We also know that it has given us an opportunity to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with the children who came to us. Many have been students in our VBS, and more than a few have also served as VBS helpers.

We have also been richly blessed through the faithful, loving and devoted service of our principal and teacher, Betty Ann Chandler. We thank God for the work she has done, along with her daughter Amy, and others who have worked with the preschool over the years.

We do trust that God, who holds all things in His loving hands, does indeed know what will be in the days to come. It is our hope that, by His grace, we may see this programme resume. We trust that He will help us through this time of transition. We ask for your prayers for the families who will be negatively impacted by this: those students who would have been returning or enrolling, and for Betty Ann, whose heart goes out to those in need. Pray that we may know God’s will for us, and that, boldly and confidently, we will undertake any and every opportunity He provides to share His love with those around us.

May He bless our church and our preschool families through these days.

MISSION PRAYERS: **Rev. Douglas Aguilar** serves as the pastor at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Chichigalpa, Nicaragua. **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 and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Rev. Douglas Aguilar by Your Spirit and richly bless his 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. **C: Amen.**



Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Imagine that you are going on a walking trip to another town tomorrow. What will you take along with you?

2

Jesus sent out his disciples on a special trip to tell others about him (with very little). Share about a time when you told someone else about Jesus.



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 9:35 – 10:23	The sending of the twelve
M	Luke 6:12-19	Jesus chooses the twelve
T	Luke 10:1-11,16-20	Sending of the seventy-two
W	Exodus 3:1-14	God sends Moses
T	Romans 5:1-8	Peace and Hope
F	2 Thessalonians 2:13 – 3:5	The life of those God chooses
S	Psalms 100	Giving grateful praise
S	Matthew 10:24-39	Call and cost of discipleship

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

We give you thanks and praise. You Lord are good and your faithful love continues forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you as his treasured possession.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

In Exodus 19:5-6 we read that God called the people of Israel his "holy priests". The New Testament calls all Christians "royal priests" (1 Peter 2:9).

The role of a priest is to worship God on behalf of others, to pray for others, and to share God's word with others.

Old Testament priests were anointed or marked with oil when they began to serve God. Take a few moments this week to remind one another that you too are God's priests. Put a small amount of olive oil in a bowl and make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads.

Say these words: (Name), you are one of God's priests, called to worship and serve him. May God give you all you need to do his will. Amen.

mealtime prayer

Lord of the harvest, thank you for feeding us with the fruits of the earth. Make us ready to serve as workers in your harvest fields. Amen.

verse for the week

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

MATTHEW 9:37-38

Service



One way that many Christians show themselves to be followers of Jesus is by wearing a cross necklace.

Make this 'wear a cross' week for your household.

Make some as a craft activity from foam, nails, wood, beads or cord.

Give them away to those you talk with this week.

