

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



AT HARVEST TIME I
WILL TELL THE REAPERS
COLLECT THE WEEDS
TO BE BURNED: BUT
GATHER THE WHEAT
INTO MY BARN.

MATTHEW 13: 30

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Lord, we are weary--weary from all that we have had to do at work, at home, and at school. We are burdened, too, Lord--burdened with problems, concerns, nagging sins, and doubts. Restore our strength and lift our heavy loads, we pray, so that we can become closer to You.

Gentle and humble Lord, grant us peace and rest.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:585; 892; 794

FIRST LESSON:.....Isaiah 44:6-8

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:18-27

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON:

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray for the 4 un-churched children in our virtual VBS this year as they learn about God’s great love for them. (Three of these children are FLC Preschool alumni and the fourth is a sibling of an alumnus who joined in on our virtual preschool skype tutorials in May and June.)

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,660.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$217,719.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$228,846.15	-\$11,126.45

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: 25.00 LWML; Organ 15.20; 200.00 VBS.

MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE OF THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS that we had last Sunday and this past Wednesday. In an effort to correct this – at least for Sunday – we are going to record the service, and broadcast it at our regular time. This will allow us to be aware of problems and hopefully enable us to correct them. You will still be able to watch the service at 10:15 am. Be patient with us; we are trying hard to make this work! Don’t despair, or turn to some other ‘station’. We will get it fixed! We do hope that you will always remember the importance of time in God’s house, gathered around His Word.

OUR FORMAL SUNDAY SCHOOL is on hiatus until September, but watch for your weekly e-mails, which will contain the children’s bulletin, an activity, and other forms of encouragement. God’s blessings to you, and we pray that you will continue to join us in worship this summer, either online or in person!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (July 19) “**The Jesus Protocol**” (Matthew 7) Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler . God's perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness. 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.

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	In-person Midweek Worship (must pre-register)
	6:30 pm	Online Midweek Worship (go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Sunday	9:00 am	In-person Worship (must pre-register)
	10:15 am	Online Worship (go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)



“GOD’S PROMISES FOR US” VBS: Began last Monday morning. We currently have 82 children registered, including some from Amherstburg and Windsor, Ontario, and one from Vancouver, B.C. Some families are choosing to do this week, some once a week for 5 weeks, and some are waiting until further into the summer. We are appreciating receiving notes and pictures of crafts and daily challenges from our VBS families. If you would like to take a peek at our lesson, application and craft videos, you may do so at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVYh5wd3h74IHCHWVcHfIHA/playlists>. Please pray that God would bless families as they gather around His Word this summer, learning that “all the promises of God find their yes in Him (Jesus!)” 1 Corinthians 1:20.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS (CLBT)

Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole programme.



SCAVENGER HUNT: The fifth annual photo scavenger hunt is happening NOW! Everyone from Foothills is invited to participate. To participate, you just need to register your team with Pastor Eric. The hunt began at 7 pm on Friday, July 10, and will end at noon on Sunday, July 26. Look for the rules and the list of items/locations at: www.foothillslutheran.com/blog/2020/06/28/scavenger-hunt/

HOLY COMMUNION is offered at our in-person services on our regular schedule. If you desire an opportunity for private communion here at the church, please contact the pastors.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE HAVE BEGUN IN-PERSON WORSHIP. Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings we are offering an opportunity for up to 50 people to gather in worship. A full outline of the plans is available at: <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Our-Worship-Relaunch-Guidelines-1.pdf>.

COVID-19 continues to create changes in all we do. We are re-examining some of our plans and procedures as we look to the days ahead. As we note above, we are now going to pre-record the service that will be broadcast at 10:15 on Sundays. This may change the schedule and the thoughts that we had on worship times. We truly want to find the best ways of serving you, God's people with His Word and Sacraments. What can we do to enable you to worship, and to be blessed together in the life we share as His family here at Foothills? We can benefit from your encouragement and advice, so please share it with the pastors or your elder.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT: The annual report is ready for publication. Copies will be available through the church office. You may pick up a copy at the church or we will email a copy as requested. Contact Carol at office@foothillslutheran.com. Please note that due to personal information in the report it will not be published in its entirety online.

MISSION PRAYER: Rev. Nol Sam Ol is the pastor of Kampong Speu Lutheran Church and serves as the principal of Garuna Christian School in Kampong, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Rev. Ol, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless their labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**





Growing
FAITH
at home

19 July 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hope for the future.

Caring Conversations

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

1

What does it mean to hope? How is hope different from wishful thinking?

2

What do we, as Christians, hope for? How does this hope help us when times are difficult?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	The parable of the weeds
M	Matthew 7:15-20	A tree and its fruit
T	Revelation 14:14-20	Harvest at the end of time
W	Genesis 28:10-19	Jacob's dream at Bethel
T	Romans 8:12-25	We are God's children
F	1 John 4:13-18	Perfect love drives out fear
S	Psalms 86:11-17	Teach me your way, Lord
S	Matthew 13:31-33,44-53	Parables of the kingdom

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Teach us your ways, Lord. Give us hearts that are not divided between you and other things. Amen.

BLESSING

May you live and grow as a child of God's kingdom. May you belong to him, now and always.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

In Jesus' parable, he spoke of good seeds that were planted by God and weeds that came from the devil.

Set up two containers – one with seeds the other with weeds. When you gather together this week, share what has been 'seedy' in your lives (good things from God) and what has been 'weedy' (wrong, sinful, evil).

Pray for each other, asking God to protect you from evil and to help good things come to you and through you.



mealtime prayer

Father, thank you for putting food on our table, love in our hearts, and hope in our souls. Amen.

verse for the week

God's spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of him. Instead, we become his children and call him our Father.

ROMANS 8:15

Service



Romans 8:20-22 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of sin. Help clean up God's creation from its abuse by people. Go on a litter collection walk in your neighbourhood this week. You could get involved in a Clean Up Australia Day event.
www.cleanup.org.au

