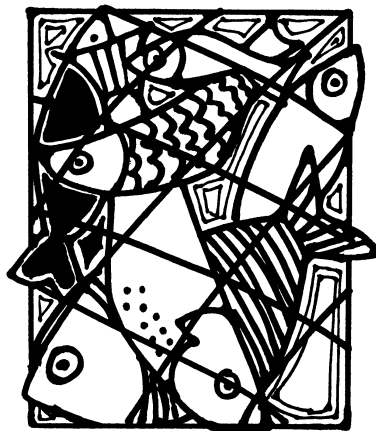
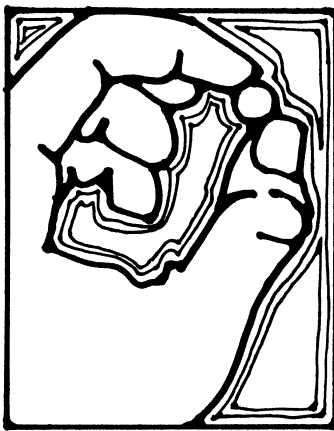
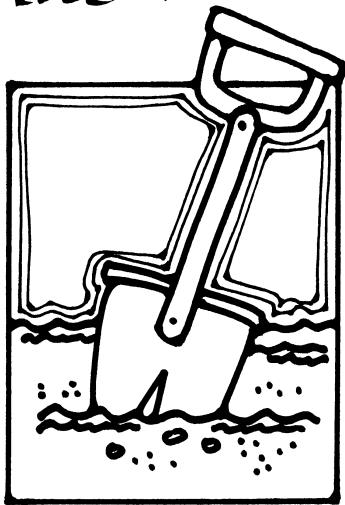


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”

THE KINGDOM of HEAVEN IS LIKE...



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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Giver of the Word, grant to us receptive hearts. May what You have said sink deep inside of us. May what You have started in us be brought to completion. And may what You have done continue to flourish and grow by Your grace.

O God of blessing, make us fruitful, according to Your will.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:10,000 Reasons; 818; 760; Mighty to Save; 765

FIRST LESSON:..... Deuteronomy 7:6-9

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:28-39

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-52

SERMON: *He Does, You Know* (Romans 8:28-39)

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital: No one at present

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God that the children from FLC, other churches and the 4 un-churched FLC Preschool children enjoyed their week of virtual VBS. Please pray that seeds continue to be nurtured.

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$8,685.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$224,304.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$228,846.15	-\$4,541.45

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: 20.00 CLBT; 136.80 Organ Fund; 120.00 VBS.

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 26) "**Reflexive Mercy**" (**Exodus 32**). Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. 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)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back at Bodes'
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: Opened Monday, July 13th. 82 children registered, but we know that others have taken advantage of the YouTube videos. A daycare run by one of our sister congregations in Barrie has requested permission to use our program with their children. Families will be learning about God’s promises for them throughout the summer. Check out the Christian Education Facebook page for some pictures of completed crafts! 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/

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Ek Samean serves as a bible teacher for the youth and Sunday school in the church in Prey Vey Province. She is also studying at the Luther Institute for Southeast Asia. **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 Deaconess Samean by Your Spirit and richly 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. **C: Amen**



AN UPDATE ON OUR IN-PERSON WORSHIP: One of the realities of the whole COVID-19 pandemic is that everything we know has changed, and everything we plan is always subject to change. That is true for our plans here at the church as well.

We feel that the 9:00 am service has not been serving our people well. We began this in anticipation that as people returned, we would need to have 2 services to accommodate our members and still maintain social distancing. That may still be true, but at present, we have far more capacity than attendance.

The Elders have re-evaluated our present service routine and have adopted the following schedule:

- Beginning next Sunday, August 2nd, we will have one Sunday service at 10:15 am. This will be available as an in-person service. We will no longer have congregants register, which will mean we have to work to make the best use of available space, which we believe can be done on Sunday morning.
 - All members will sign in at the Reception station.
 - Ushers will seat members.
 - **In accordance with the new city bylaw, masks will be required for all worshippers.**
 - A cantor or small cohort of cantors will be used for the signing of hymns and songs. The hymns will still be projected, but people will be asked not to sing.

As we believe that we have solved the streaming issues (we did have some volume concerns on Wednesday), this service will also be streamed live. We are looking into better equipment to assist with our live-stream and avoid technical issues.

The one part of the service that will not be streamed is the distribution of Holy Communion. This will be held as part of the in-person services according to our regular Communion schedule. Private / individual communion appointments will still be available as requested.

We are eager to have members back together. God calls us to be a *communion of saints*. Yet we remind you that we are called to care for one another body and soul. Our screening will remind you that you should not attend if you have returned from travel outside Canada within the last 14 days; if you have had close contact with or cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days; if you have been in close contact with anyone who has travelled outside Canada within the last 14 days; or if you have experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days (to include fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory illness, difficulty breathing) If the answer is “yes” to any of the questions, access to worship cannot be granted at this time.

We continue to pray that God, in His grace, would allow us to return to the joy of worship together and fellowship together as His people, through Jesus Christ!

2019 ANNUAL REPORT: Copies are 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.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Askin family, at the passing of Walter Askin. The Askins were members here for many years. We pray God would comfort this family at Walter’s passing, as we look to the living Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Caring Conversations



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

1

Jesus told a parable about a man who found a treasure hidden in the field and then sold everything he had to buy that field. What would you be willing to give up everything to have?

2

How precious is Jesus to you?
How precious are you to him?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	Parables of the kingdom
M	Philippians 3:7-11	Nothing compares
T	Matthew 6:19-21	Treasures in heaven
W	1 Timothy 6:17-19	Lay up treasure
T	Genesis 29:15-28	Jacob and Rachel
F	Romans 8:26-39	More than conquerors
S	Psalm 145:8-21	The Lord is righteous
S	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds five thousand

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, we love you. Please help us to trust this day that you are working for good in all things. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's love hold you tight. May he give you faith to trust in his love, now and always.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

St Paul tells us that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him, even when times are difficult or when we can't understand his workings (Romans 8:28).

In your home devotional times this week, make a list of the ways you have experienced God working for good in your lives, even in the hard times.

Say a prayer of thanks to God for his never-ending love.



mealtime prayer

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow. For food and drink, we thank God now. Amen.

verse for the week

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

MATTHEW 13:44

Service



Invite some people to join you in a treasure hunt. Make clues that take people to different locations. Use Bible verses if you can. Conclude the hunt by finding a Bible and share why Jesus is the greatest treasure.

