

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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A Prayer Upon Entering: Compel us, O Lord, to gather in Your name as often as we can. As we pray and worship together, sing songs and rejoice together, comfort and care for one another, reveal Your presence with us in a more profound way, that we may grow to know each other even more as brothers and sisters in Christ.

O Lord of unity, bring us together to glorify You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: as printed

HYMNS:686, 948, 821, 920

FIRST LESSON:..... Ezekiel 33:7-9

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:1-20

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 WILL 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 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital: 2 members at FMC

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 6) “Jesus in the House” - Luke 19:1-10. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors – three signs of a spiritually vibrant household. Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,280.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$265,929.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$286,057.69	-\$20,127.99

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Organ Fund 76.55

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS		
Monday		Labour Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible study at Bodes'
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

LOOKING AHEAD: We will hold our **Men's Bible Study** on Saturday, **September 12th** at 9:00 am. We are not able to provide breakfast, but you're invited to bring a brown bag breakfast or to stop at Timmies on your way to the church. We will still be practicing all physical distancing protocols, As this is a private meeting (please let Pastor Bode know you will attend), masks are optional. You will need to bring your own bible, as we will not be providing these, as we would have to sanitize them, too!

MISSION OF THE MONTH – CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society is a group of volunteers who give their time, talents and money to raise financial support for Christian mission activities around the world. CLMS is an auxiliary of Lutheran Church Canada.

A CONFIRMATION MEETING for new and returning students and their parents will be held Tuesday, **September 8th** at 7:00 pm. Letters were mailed to the families we know should be enrolled. If you did not receive a letter or an email, or think your child should be in Confirmation, please speak to the pastor.

HELPING HANDS KITCHEN: We had planned on doing this in October, but with all the restrictions on being safe, we will not be able to meet in the kitchen to make meals. BUT, there is an alternative – would you be willing to make a few meals and put them in the kitchen freezer? If you would consider doing this, please let me know and I will provide the containers for you. Also let me know what you would like to make so as to keep track of what is coming to the church. We have so many people now in need of everyday things like meals, and I would ask that you prayerfully consider helping people who need our assistance. I thank you for your past contributions and let's make this a successful ministry. There is no time limit to this and can be brought to the church at any time. Please call me with any questions. In God's grace we all go forward. ~ Christine Heumann (403) 710-8347 or christineheumanncg@gmail.com



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: The summer months are an excellent time to stock up on some items for your shoebox(es). T-shirts, balls, skipping ropes and small toys are all available and school supplies are often on sale in August. Boxes will be available in the fall.

THERE ARE MANY THINGS BEGINNING AGAIN, including here at the church. Of course, many of them are looking different in these “new normal” days.

- Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study all begin next Sunday at 9:00 am. We will be observing physical distancing protocols; masks will be required; sanitizing stations will be available. We ask you to bring your own bible, as we will not be distributing books for general use at this time.
- Door access is restricted, as we are to maintain separate doors for entrance and exit. We do ask that you only use the main doors. We ask the Confirmation students to use the preschool doors. Sunday School students should enter through the lower north (glass) doors.
- Please do not ‘wander’ in the building. Contact areas will have to be sanitized after use. Help us keep those areas to a minimum.
- Sunday School opening will not be in the sanctuary. Openings will be held in the student's classrooms for now. We will be in touch with Sunday School families next week with specific instructions and will have someone directing traffic at the entrance.
- Meetings are considered small, private gatherings and fall under different guidelines. As they are not open to everyone, masks for these meetings will be optional.

Worship service continues as it has; we will still be doing screening and contact tracing; we will seat our members in ways that make the best use of our space. Masks are required.

We are working hard to provide the opportunities for our growth and fellowship while still recognizing the needs for safety and caution, especially so we care for all our members. As we have noted in the past, please do not attend if you have any symptoms, have travelled, etc. (you know the routine!) Let us continue to pray that God, in His grace, would deliver His people from this pandemic and bring us together in the joy of our lives as His children in Jesus Christ!

MISSION PRAYER: **Rev. Hernaldo Varela Méndez** serves as pastor of Lutheran Church of Christ, Truth and Life, in the City of Somotillo. Rev. Hernaldo Varela Mendez is also the vice-president of the Lutheran Church Synod of Nicaragua (ILSN). **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Méndez, 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.**

AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN THE SUMMER MONTH our stewardship has dropped off from a rather positive beginning under COVID. We continue to seek to be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, and pray that we all may be faithful in using what He has first given to us, to the glory of His name.

AS STUDENTS MOVE AWAY FOR SCHOOL, or move to Calgary for their studies, we want to encourage them in their spiritual life. If you, or someone you know, is moving to another city for study, please share that with Pastor Eric. We’ll try to get them connected with a local church. If you know a student moving to Calgary, let him know that, too, so we can reach out to them and invite them to join us.



Jesus calls us to make things
right with others.

Caring Conversations

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

1

What does it mean to forgive someone? Do you find it difficult or easy to forgive? Why?

2

How does God's forgiveness change the way we see and treat other people when they sin against us?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
M	Exodus 12:1-14	The Passover
T	Luke 6:37-42	Forgive and you will be forgiven
W	Luke 17:1-4	If your brother sins
T	Colossians 3:12-15	Forgive as the Lord forgave you
F	Romans 13:8-14	Love fulfills the law
S	Psalms 119:33-40	Teach me the way of your decrees
S	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
help us to
forgive others
and make
peace with
them. Amen.

BLESSING

May you
be a peace
maker.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

As part of your household devotion times this week, spend a few minutes admitting your sins to each other, and asking for and receiving words of forgiveness.

Each person may say,
"I am sorry for (name a particular thing) and ask you to forgive me."

Others may respond,
"God has forgiven me, and I forgive you in his name."



mealtime prayer

As two or more who gather here, we thank you, Christ, for coming near. Please bless this food and our home too, that we may shine with love for you. Amen.

verse for the week

If your brother sins against you, go to him. Tell him what he did wrong. Keep it between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won him back.

MATTHEW 18:15

Service



Romans 13:9 tells us that whatever commandments there are can be summed up in this one rule:
"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Challenge members of your household to each do at least one act of kindness for another person every day this week (whether at school, work or at home). Report on your efforts at evening mealtimes. Share about how your acts of kindness were received by others.