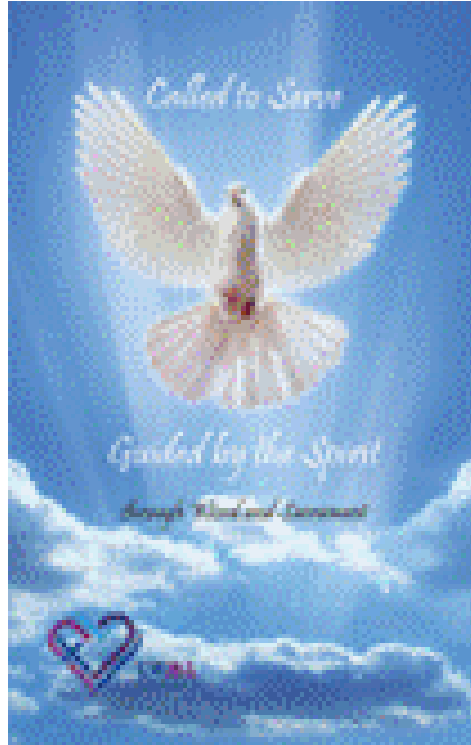


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Second Sunday after Christmas*

*January 3, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** From the beginning of time, O Jesus, You have made Your presence known in the universe. But now You have made yourself known to each of us by coming to earth in human form. May we be enlightened and encouraged in our life because You are here.

*O Word Made Flesh, live among us now.*

### ***OUR WORSHIP TODAY***

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....as projected

**HYMNS:** ..... 381; 696; 384; 784

**FIRST LESSON:**..... 1 Kings 3:4-15

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Ephesians 1:3-14

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 2:40-52

**SERMON:**

**WELCOME TO ALL**, especially our visitors this morning! We are happy to have you with us to praise the Lord together. Visitors, please honour us by signing our Guest Register before you leave, and, if you do not have a regular church home, please consider joining us here at Foothills.

**WE 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 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 we will know how to respond.

### ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (January 3) “Too Much” – Mark 1:1-2:12.** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Gospel according to St. Mark shows us the Savior Who is always on the move. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>In-person Attendance</b>	<b>Online Views</b>	<b>Communion</b>
December 20 10:15 am	46	50	38
December 24 4:00 pm	40	59	n/a
December 24 6:00 pm	47	n/a	n/a
December 25 10:15 am	38	22	34

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

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
 Cantors ..... Tim and Sarah Knudtson  
 Acolyte ..... Eden Knudtson

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Offerings Received Last Week	\$11,030.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$399,943.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	425,000.00	-\$25,056.30

*\*Note: All data includes offerings for Dec 24, 25 and 27.*

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** FLC Designated Fund Offerings 209.60; Miscellaneous Internal Designated Funds 1,315.00; Expense Recoveries/Reimbursement 15.00.

**THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS2910**

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Worship in-person and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Worship in-person and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran

**DON'T FORGET:** **HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX LATELY?** We accumulate a great deal of mail that is left unclaimed for even months at a time. Please check your mailbox—and why not take the mail of someone who hasn't or can't be here. It is a good way of sharing with them and helping them stay connected to the church. If you're not sure you have a mailbox, take a moment to check. If we don't have a mailbox for you, please let the office know.

**A NEW FLOWER CHART** is posted on the Worship Bulletin Board by Deaconess Miriam's office. We appreciate the gift of fresh flowers to beautify the Lord's altar. We thank Joan Copeland for the work she has been doing in providing flowers on the altar.

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH: LWML-CANADA**

Based on the biblical story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the synod— are collected by women of Lutheran Church–Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML–Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML–Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions.

**Today we celebrate LWML Sunday**, and during this month, we are giving all our members an opportunity to support this work through our Mission of the Month. Your gifts will help with the mission projects you will find on the insert in the bulletin.

**REGISTER FOR WORSHIP:** With the ongoing reality of COVID, we do require registration for worship, which at present is limited to 49 people. Registration keeps us from having to turn anyone away and allows us to make the best use of the space that we have available. Our online registration is accessed by going to <https://reopen.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>. No internet? Call the office by noon on Friday to register for the Sunday service. For Wednesday registration, please call / go online by Tuesday noon. If you need to cancel, you can do this online. If you have any difficulties, please call the office.



**PLEASE START USING YOUR 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES.** We made some adjustments to the numbers, so your envelope number may have changed. Please **do not** use your old envelopes anymore. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. If you need offering envelopes, but don't presently have them, please let the office know.

How much should you give? Scripture says: **Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) But as we look at the Scripture guidelines for giving, we would note that we should:

- **Give regularly** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- **Give faithfully** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- **Give generously** – its not about our fair share or simply giving to the budget. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God.

May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!

*Thank you for Praying!* **WE WERE BLESSED THROUGH THE MEMBERS** who joined our Prayer Vigil on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. We thank you for bringing the church and its people before the Lord in prayer. We also thank Michelle Heumann and Deaconess Miriam for organizing this, as we seek God's grace and blessing through prayer as we enter 2021.

**GET BACK INTO THE BIBLE!** We've said it before, and we'll say it again: the new year is a great time to rededicate yourself to spend more time in God's Word! A good article on this was in *The Canadian Lutheran* which is available at the church right now.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

3 January 2021

SECOND  
SUNDAY AFTER  
CHRISTMAS

## Caring Conversations

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

1

How does God show us his love through Jesus?

2

What does it mean to be human?

3

How can we show love to others?



## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	John 1:10-18	The Word became human
<b>M</b>	Ezekiel 37:15-28	God will dwell with his people
<b>T</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	The visit of the wise men
<b>W</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations come to the light
<b>T</b>	1 Kings 10:1-13	Sheba's queen visits Solomon
<b>F</b>	John 19:38-42	Nicodemus brings myrrh
<b>S</b>	Psalms 72	Kings will present him gifts
<b>S</b>	Mark 1:4-11	Jesus is baptised

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
please be our  
light in the  
darkness. Guide  
us to seek and  
worship you.  
Amen.

### BLESSING

Child of God,  
may Jesus  
bless you  
with his loving  
kindness,  
over and over  
again.

Jesus became human to  
show us God's love.

## Creative Response

The Gospel of John calls Jesus "the Word" (John 1:1,14). In his life on earth, Jesus said and did many things that "spoke out" God's grace and truth to us.

**As a household, make a list of your favourite sayings of Jesus.**

Print or write these out in large print, and display these on the walls of your home.

Say a prayer for all the ways in which you have heard of God's love through Jesus.

JESUS

### mealtime prayer

Come Lord Jesus, come. Come and bless our food  
and our home. Come to dwell with us. Amen.

verse for the week

so the word  
became human  
and made his home  
among us. He was  
full of unfailing love  
and faithfulness.  
And we have seen  
his glory, the glory  
of the Father's one  
and only son.

JOHN 1:14

## Service



God came in person in  
Jesus to show us his  
love. As a household,  
arrange to make a  
personal visit to the  
home of someone  
in your community  
(e.g. an elderly or  
homebound person).  
set out to show them  
God's love through  
your words and  
actions.





## *Called to Serve Guided by the Spirit Through Word and Sacrament*

Although COVID-19 has impacted so many areas of our lives, the work of LWMLC continues to spread the love of Jesus around the world and at home.

During the last months our Foothills Society has supported Lutheran Bible Translators, LAMP, and the Malabar Mission in India. Locally they prepared and delivered gift bags for each of the Manor Residents and continue to reach out to shut-ins. This year's "Christmas Stocking" donations gathered at monthly society meetings have been designated for a needy family.

However, funds are still urgently needed to honour commitments made to: Rancheria Feeding and Education Program, Nicaragua; Evangelists/Deaconesses, Nicaragua; Circuit Rider transportation, Atlantic Canada and the Evangelism outreach course, CLTS, St. Catharines. New projects will be approved at the LWMLC virtual Convention in July.

*Based on the biblical story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4, ESV)*

*And he [Jesus] said,*

*"Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."*

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH: LWML-C MITES**  
**January 2021**

We invite you to join us in this mite challenge as we contemplate our many blessings and endeavour to meet our mission commitments.

DAY	CHALLENGE	QUANTITIY	AMOUNT
SAMPLE	<i>0.25 for every cup of coffee you had today</i>	4	1.00
<b>1</b>	<i>\$1 for every grandchild</i>		
<b>2</b>	<i>\$0.10 for every inch of your waist</i>		
<b>3</b>	<i>\$1 if you had a walk today</i>		
<b>4</b>	<i>\$0.25 for every family member under 18yrs</i>		
<b>5</b>	<i>Donate led by your heart</i>		
<b>6</b>	<i>\$2 if you are a tea drinker</i>		
<b>7</b>	<i>\$2 if you plant a garden \$3 if you do not</i>		
<b>8</b>	<i>\$0.25 for every year of marriage</i>		
<b>9</b>	<i>\$ 1 for every television in your home</i>		
<b>10</b>	<i>\$1 for every pet you own</i>		
<b>11</b>	<i>\$1 if you dye your hair</i>		
<b>12</b>	<i>\$2 if you still have land line phone</i>		
<b>13</b>	<i>\$3 if you get a manicure or pedicure</i>		
<b>14</b>	<i>\$0.25 for every live plant in your home \$2 for artificial plant</i>		
<b>15</b>	<i>\$ 1 if you burn candles</i>		
<b>16</b>	<i>\$1 if you eat out at least once a week</i>		
<b>17</b>	<i>\$0.25 for every biblical décor in your home</i>		
<b>18</b>	<i>\$0.50 for every vehicle you own</i>		
<b>19</b>	<i>\$0.50 for every load of laundry in a week</i>		
<b>20</b>	<i>\$2 if your husband cooks for you</i>		
<b>21</b>	<i>\$0.25 for every pair of shoes in your closet</i>		
<b>22</b>	<i>\$0.10 for every coffee cup in your cupboard</i>		
<b>23</b>	<i>\$0.25 for every glass of water you drank today</i>		
<b>24</b>	<i>\$1 if you can survive on the food in your cupboard and freezer for a week</i>		
<b>25</b>	<i>\$1 for every bathroom in your house</i>		
<b>26</b>	<i>\$0.10 for every pair of socks you own</i>		
<b>27</b>	<i>\$0.25 every time you texted</i>		
<b>28</b>	<i>\$1 if you still preserve garden produce</i>		
<b>29</b>	<i>\$ 1 for every electronic device e.g. computer, laptop, cell phone</i>		
<b>30</b>	<i>\$ 2 if you saw the sunshine today</i>		
<b>TOTAL</b>			