

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



HE SAW THE HEAVENS  
OPEN AND THE HOLY  
SPIRIT DESCENDING  
ON HIM.

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*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 24, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Christ of the nations, may we carry Your message of good news from country to country and shore to shore. May more people be compelled to commit their way to You. And wherever Your followers may be, may there be an eagerness to say yes to You.

*Gathering Lord, draw more and more people into Your band of believers.*

***OUR WORSHIP TODAY***

***ORDER OF SERVICE:*** ..... As projected

***HYMNS:*** ..... 856; I Will Follow; 826; Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

***FIRST LESSON:*** ..... Jonah 3:1-5, 10

***EPISTLE LESSON:*** ..... 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

***GOSPEL LESSON:*** ..... Mark 1:14-20

***SERMON:***

**WELCOME** to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY**, 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:***

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Attendance/Communion/Online</b>	<b>Wednesday/ Online</b>
January 17	49/46/55	9/8

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

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
 Cantors ..... Contemporary Musicians  
 Acolyte ..... Faith Dueck

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08*	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Operating Receipts Received Last Week	\$9,255.00	\$425,000.00*
Total Operating Receipts Received to Date	\$16,595.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$24,519.23</b>	<b>-\$7,924.23</b>

\* These numbers will be updated when the 2021 budget is adopted.

**Miscellaneous Offerings:** Lutheran Hour Ministries 1,000.00; LWML 100.00; Organ Fund 81.95; Initial Offering 35.00.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (January 24) "Why Jesus Told Parables"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus' parables draw His followers out of the crowd and into the circle of His disciples. (Mark 4). 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)



**THE FLOWERS** which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Robert and Christine Heumann in remembrance of Rick Bennetts.

**THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS**

<b>Mon</b>	1:00 pm	LWML - Zoom
<b>Tues</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study – Zoom – contact Pastor Bode
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – Zoom - contact Deaconess Miriam
<b>Wed</b>	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – Zoom - contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Worship/Communion in-person and at Facebook.com/foothillslutheran
<b>Sun</b>	10:15 am	Worship/Communion in-person and at Facebook.com/foothillslutheran

**IF YOU ARE AN 80+ SENIOR** who needs help shoveling snow on occasion, please call the church office and we will arrange for some help for you.



**OUR VOTERS MEETING TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR 2021** has been rescheduled to **Saturday, February 6 at 1:30 pm.**

The draft of the budget will be available for distribution through the church.

Our meeting will be in person, but we will provide an opportunity, as requested, to join via Zoom to observe and listen to the discussion. Please note that while we can share the information, we will not be providing discussion online. Registration will be required and can be entered at our registration site: <https://reopen.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>.

**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 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "A Revealing Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. On Easter afternoon, Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. Discuss how you, too, can share this amazing story.

*Thank You* **OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:** You have again shown your love for us, the pastors and workers in this church with a gift this Christmas. We are blessed through your thoughtfulness and appreciate your kindness. We truly hope that you know we return that love and appreciation to you. We thank God for you, for your kindness and for your support. May He continue to bless us in our work and service together, to the glory of His name!

**UPCOMING QUEST - THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE:** Concordia Lutheran Seminary is offering a Quest course, featuring LCMS theologian Rev. Dr. Jeff Kloha, Chief Curator at the Bible Museum in Washington D.C., who will cover this important history: From Manuscript to Modern Translations... including a virtual tour of the museum. Quest is scheduled for March 2-23 (finishing before Holy Week begins). The course is only offered via Zoom. For more information, visit the seminary website: <https://www.concordiasem.ab.ca/home/engage>

**LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING MONDAY:** All ladies are welcome! We will meet on **January 25 at 1:00 pm** by Zoom. We begin with Bible Study followed by a short business meeting. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at [cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca](mailto:cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca) or phone her at (403) 851-2049.

**HOSPITAL VISITOR TRAINING & COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Would you like to learn about becoming a Trained Visitor in a hospital or care facility setting and at the same time enhance your communication skills? Join us for an initial Visitor Training Session, sponsored by Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta Society. The class will be held on **Saturday, February 13**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We plan to meet in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66-7<sup>th</sup> St. NE Calgary (D.V.). Bring a bag lunch. We will have room to social distance. Please have a mask. The class provides opportunity to learn and to practice visitation skills. There is no charge. Please contact Pastor Mark Rekken at 780-718-4472 or [mrekken@princeofpeace.ca](mailto:mrekken@princeofpeace.ca) for more information.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Since 1965, Meals On Wheels, volunteers make this organization what it is today. Volunteers deliver not only meals, but also flowers, birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, and invoices. As such, the opportunities are not limited to meal delivery! It is a thriving, innovative production facility that prepares, packages and delivers nearly 3,000 meals every day and over 660,000 meals a year. This program is available to anyone, regardless of age or income.

Foothills Lutheran Church has been blessed with volunteers with Meals On Wheels for many, many years and it is through these volunteers that have been warming the hearts and delivering food to many people in need. The Human Care Ministry is asking for volunteers to help us deliver these much-needed meals. Our route consists of 4-5 deliveries every Thursday. Most volunteers take 1 month at a time, and sometimes have a buddy with them for company. Please prayerfully consider if you might assist in delivering these meals. For more information, please contact Christine Heumann at [christineheumanncg@gmail.com](mailto:christineheumanncg@gmail.com) or 403-710-8347. Your heart for volunteering is much needed!!!

**MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Mariela Sánchez** serves the Lutheran Church in Somotillo, Nicaragua as an instructor of the faith. **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 Sánchez 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**



**REGISTER FOR WORSHIP:** While we all look to the day when we won't have to deal with all the COVID protocols, we still 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. Online registration is accessed at <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.

**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR HELP WITH OUR STREAMING SERVICES.** We have some preparations for making this better for all our members, but we can't do it without two people each week to run the system. We have a couple of volunteers, but are looking to have 3 teams, so that we always have the ability to do this. Can we count on you? Please let the pastors know that you are interested!

**YOU CAN ALSO HELP SERVE IN THESE DAYS** by helping with ushering, as cantors or helping our COVID committee. To assist with any of these areas, please contact Sarah Knudtson ([knudtson.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:knudtson.sarah@gmail.com)) or the church office.

## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Pastor does believe in a "literal 6 day creation" even though his sermons can seem like millions of years.



# Growing FAITH at home

24 January 2021

THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

## Caring Conversations

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

1

What is the difference between being a leader and being a follower?  
In what ways are you a leader? In what ways are you a follower?

2

What did Simon, Andrew, James and John give up to follow Jesus?  
How do you think they felt?

3

What does it mean to be a 'fisher of people'?

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls disciples
<b>M</b>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Jonah goes to Nineveh
<b>T</b>	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Live without anxiety in daily life
<b>W</b>	Genesis 12:1-9	God calls Abram
<b>T</b>	Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints the twelve
<b>F</b>	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Live the life assigned to you
<b>S</b>	Psalms 62:5-10	God is powerful and kind
<b>S</b>	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus casts out an evil spirit

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

## Rituals and Traditions

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you call us. Thank you for your love that gives us the courage and the faith to follow you.  
Amen.

### BLESSING

May God be your King and help you to follow his Son.

Jesus calls us to follow him.

## Creative Response



For many centuries the fish has been an important Christian symbol. In the time of the early church, it was dangerous to be known as a Christian in some parts of the Roman Empire; so believers developed a "code language" to reveal their faith to other Christians. A Christian would draw on the ground the upper half of a fish symbol. If the other person was a Christian they would recognise this and add a second curved line to complete the drawing of a fish.

- Make a list of names (perhaps in the shape of a fish!) of people you know who do not know Jesus. Pray for them.
- Go on a "chalk walk" in your local community. Use chalk to draw the fish symbol on footpaths in your neighbourhood. When you do so, pray for the people who work or live nearby, that they may live with faith in Jesus.
- Come up with your own household "code language" to symbolise your faith in Jesus.
- Pray for those who live where it is dangerous to be a Christian.

### mealt ime prayer

Come spirit of God and make this food sweet. Give strength to our hands and guide our feet. Amen.

verse for the week

'Come follow me',  
Jesus said, "and  
I will make you  
fish for people."

MARK 1:17

## Service



On Australia Day  
various official  
honours and awards  
are given to citizens  
who serve in their  
communities and  
country.

Think of someone in  
your community or  
congregation whom  
you admire for their  
service to others.  
Make them a thank  
you card to show your  
appreciation.

