

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Christ Jesus, You came to earth for a purpose--to release us from the power of sin and death. And You gave us a mission, too--to follow You. May we continue to walk in Your way and trust in Your purpose and plan for us.

Obedient Son of the Father, may we obey Your call to live as Your disciples.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Lead Me to the Cross; 543; 425; 427; Lord of Hosts

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-38

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

Week of:	Attendance/Communion/Online	Wednesday/Online
February 21	49/49/40	17/11

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Cantors Trevor and Michelle Heumann

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$9,484.00	\$456,800.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$49,399.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$70,276.92	-\$20,877.92

Miscellaneous Offerings: Facility Rentals 100.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 95.00; Organ Fund 13.60.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we will study “*A Deacon Delivers*”. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, “Who helps us understand Scripture today?”

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (February 28) Where a Kid Can Be a Kid"
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An impossible situation need not be a hopeless one. (Mark 10) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Mon	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
Tues	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
Wed	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship/Communion
Sat	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sun	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

- *Worship services are in-person and at [Facebook.com/foothillslutheran](https://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran)*
- *Online registration is accessed at <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>*
- *Bible studies and meetings are via Zoom*

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 125 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 50 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this coming Saturday at 9:00 am. While we won't be serving breakfast, you are free to bring your own! Masks and social distancing are required. Come and join us!



MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Fatima Lopez serves the Lutheran Church in Matagalpa as an instructor of the faith with Pastor Pedro Adolfo Quintero. **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 Lopez 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 forever. **C: Amen**

AT LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES-SOUTHERN ALBERTA SOCIETY (LHM-SAS) our mission is to: "Bring Jesus' healing and promise of salvation to Lutherans who are in hospitals or care facilities, and their families." The Annual Meeting of Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta Society is on March 20, 2021. Copies of the official notice are on the Welcome Desk.

LIVESTREAM CONNECTION CARD: We live-stream our Sunday and Wednesday services at www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran so you can join us online (no Facebook account required!), and the service video will also be posted at <https://vimeo.com/foothillslutheran> later in the week. If you join us virtually, whether live or later in the week, please fill out our Livestream Connection Card at <https://forms.gle/R235qLEQ7VbBRajE7>. You can also find this on our website: www.foothillslutheran.com. This record of fellowship helps us feel we are in touch with you, our members, even when we are apart. You can also use this card to leave a prayer request or request contact from the ministry staff.



RETURN TO THE LORD: A LENT BIBLE STUDY: All members and friends of Foothills Lutheran Church are invited to join in a six-week study on Mondays at 7pm during Lent. The study began **February 22 and will continue through March 29**. It is held on Zoom, and will also be recorded and available later through our website. For more information and to register,

visit www.foothillslutheran.com. *“Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” (Joel 2:13)*

WHAT WILL EASTER LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR? At the present point in time we don’t know if we will be allowed to have more people gather in person than our present cap of 49. We hope that there may be a change before then, but only the Lord truly knows what the days before us will bring. As we look to the coming Holy Week we will be holding services on:

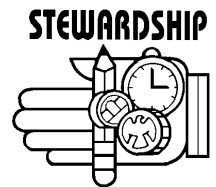


Palm Sunday (March 28)	10:15 am
Maundy Thursday (April 1)	6:30 pm
Good Friday (April 2)	10:15 am
Easter Sunday (April 4)	10:15 am

We are prepared to add services to Easter Sunday if our allowable cap is still 49. We could have the Sunrise Service, and even another service in between, if necessary. It would help in our planning if we had some idea of our members’ desires. Perhaps you could send an email to the pastors or the office (addresses are on the front of the bulletin), saying, “Yes I want to be in the Lord’s House on Easter. I/My family would attend an earlier service” (Or perhaps a later service?)

It is almost a given that we will not be able to all gather in one service for Easter. Help us in our planning, so that we are ready to worship together to thank, praise and rejoice in the Lord who conquers sin, death and the grave for us.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURES: Earlier this month we discussed Stewardship of our time and talents and this week we are focusing on Stewardship of our treasures. Stewardship of our treasures starts with recognizing that all our wealth is a gift from our Lord. When we are giving to the church to further God’s work, we are giving back to the Lord what He has already blessed us with.



Offerings to the church are critical for our congregation and church at large to continue to operate and do God’s work in the community and abroad. Our operating budget this year is approximately \$508,000.00. This is what is required to run our church, pay our church workers, and support mission work through our donations to Lutheran Church Canada, Lutheran Bible Translators in

Cameroon, and Lutheran Hospital ministries. We are budgeting for offerings of \$425,000.00 this year (which is a 2% increase over last year) and other income of about \$32,000.00 that brings our total receipts to approximately \$457,000.00. This leaves us with a projected deficit of about \$51,500.00 which as a congregation we have chosen to fund out of our savings. We are comfortable doing that this year due to the financial impact of COVID-19 on many of our members. We do, however, need to increase our giving more substantially in the future if we want to balance our budget without pulling from our savings every year.

I ask each of you to prayerfully consider if you can increase your giving this year to help us, at a minimum, meet our offering goal and to get closer to balancing our budget so we don't have to pull as much money out of our savings. The amount we give is a personal decision that we should willingly and cheerfully make out of thankfulness for all He has done for us,. In 2: Corinthians 9: 6-10 the Bible says: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

TIME AND TALENT FORMS: We ask that each member (all household members) fill out a time and talent form before March 14th so we can match our members gifts with the various ways to serve our Lord within our congregation and in the community. You will have received an email or letter this week with a copy of a "Time and Talents" form attached. Please fill out this form and either return to the church office, put in the offering plate, or email to Dale Dusterhoft at daledust@shaw.ca. You can also fill out the form on-line through the following link. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYRS39N>. Thank you for your participation.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE RECENTLY? There are certain things that are always new—like the weekly worship that is posted online; the bulletin is available; the information for Bible studies is posted, including our Lenten study. Is there other information you would like to see here? Let us know through the office!



Growing
FAITH
at home

28 February 2021

SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

Caring Conversations

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

1

If you had all the power to do what you want, what would you want to do?

2

What does it mean to pick up your cross? How is it difficult to pick up your cross and follow Jesus?

3

How do other people know that you are a follower of Jesus?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
M	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-18	Sign of the covenant
T	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realised through faith
W	Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man betrayed
T	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up the cross
F	Mark 10:32-45	Jesus again predicts his death
S	Psalms 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
S	John 2:13-22	Jesus clears the temple

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 follow you today, putting your will ahead of what we want and others think. Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you a strong faith, so that you trust in his promises and live to please him.

Lent is a time to follow
Jesus.

Creative Response

Jesus tells us that following him will mean **TAKING UP A CROSS** - that is, saying no to ourselves and sometimes even suffering for him.

Design crosses from wood, card or other craft materials.

Attach your crosses to a wall in your home.

Print out the Verse for the Week and place it underneath your crosses.

Throughout the week share ways in which you have denied yourself for Jesus' sake.



mealtime prayer

Thank you, God, for you are good - you call, you guide, you feed. Help us to share from all we have with those who are in need. Amen.

verse for the week

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

MARK 8:34

Service



Making pretzels is a
Lenten tradition.

Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer, and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Use the following recipe to make pretzels (the recipe lists the amount of ingredients per person):

Have each person sprinkle $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of yeast into 3 tablespoons of warm water. Stir to dissolve. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour and 2 tablespoons of grated cheese. Stir, then knead until smooth. Cut the dough into 4 pieces and roll into a snake shape. Shape the 4 pieces like pretzels, then brush them with a beaten egg. Sprinkle with coarse ground salt. Bake on a baking sheet at 220 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes.

