

# FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH



June/July/August  
2021

***“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.”*** (1 Corinthians 13:12, ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

It is interesting how it is often the small things that are the most irritating. During these less than joyful COVID days, I have become annoyed with the number of times I have to clean my glasses. I am sure that those of you who wear glasses know what I’m talking about: with the masks, glasses tend to fog up and all that air that we exhale tends to leave a bit of a smudge or whatever on the lenses. It doesn’t help that I’m not as young as I used to be, and that my eyesight is changing anyway. I probably am starting to develop cataracts. All of these things make it necessary to clean my glasses and even then, my eyes tire from the extra time with online meetings and activities. Even reading with the mask on can be a challenge as my glasses fog up and I have trouble seeing the page!

That frustration made me think of the words of Paul, who speaks of us looking at life—and, yes, looking at the truth of God—through a mirror dimly. The word for dimly actually means that which is difficult or impossible to understand—‘that which is puzzling, like a riddle. It is a colloquial way of speaking of something that just isn’t clearly understood.

Paul had been speaking of love, especially of God’s perfect love, and how that is seen in our lives. He also spoke of things that last and things that will pass away. He notes that God has not revealed everything we could know or that could be revealed through ongoing prophecy. God simply calls us to live by faith.

So much of life today seems to be under a fog. We tend to see things “dimly”. In our prayers we ask, “how long, O Lord?” How long will this COVID stuff continue? How long until we worship without limitations and restrictions? How long before we get back to the fellowship and sharing together in the ways we once did?

We don’t have answers for those questions. To say that “only God knows” is not an overstatement. We can’t see as clearly as we wish we could the plans and purposes God has ordained. Yet, Paul does remind us that we ***know in part***. We do know all that God has done for us in giving His Son to suffer and die for our sins, and to conquer death and the grave for us in His resurrection! Luther, in his explanation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> article of the Apostles’ Creed tells us that *the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.* (SC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Article) He has enlightened us. He’s opened our eyes to see clearly. Paul put it this way: ***“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”*** (2 Corinthians 4:6, ESV)

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## Pastor's Message (cont'd)

We can be frustrated by the answers that are unavailable to us. We can complain about the clouds that hide God's plans from us. Yet we can rejoice in this—that we know what really matters; that God has given us reason for rejoicing, for He has taken away our sin. We can praise Him, who has freed us and given us life with Him forever. It's not what we can't see, but what we are blessed to see, and that is God's love for us in Jesus Christ, our Saviour. In that confidence, we go on day by day, knowing the day is coming when the fog will lift; when the clouds will be dispersed, when what is dim will be clear. Trusting in Him, we wait patiently in the firm confidence that it will all come together by His grace for our good.

May He help you to see clearly that His love for you is so great, you have nothing else to fear. Look to Him, and all your days will be bright!

In His Service,



**Thank You!** **WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!** Every week, there are people who have worked to ensure that our worship service is able to reach you in your homes. Among them are the cantors, who are singing for all of us while we are kept from raising our voices together. We thank Trevor and Michelle Heumann, Christine and Rob Heumann, Tim and Sarah Knudtson, Rob Kaut, Mark Kihn, Amanda Roth, Monica Schultz, Ellen Wagner for leading our hymns. In addition, we have those who run the Power-Point and sound—Trevor and Michelle Heumann, Evan and Sydney Stene and Brian and Barb Vincent. Brenda Bode continues to run the camera for us until our new equipment is installed. We are also blessed through the organ preludes and accompaniment of Deaconess Miriam. God bless you for your faithful service to the Lord and His church.

**SIMPLE GIFTS:** That may be the way that we see our offerings. Yet they are great gifts when entrusted to the God who first has given us all that we need to support this body and life.

We truly are grateful for the stewardship of God's people. We are blessed through those simple gifts. Yet it does seem that another reality of COVID is that we are facing some "offering fatigue". After doing fairly well in terms of our stewardship last year, our offerings are falling off and the deficit has continued to grow. We continue to do all we can to keep costs down. It is true that many of our expenses are less because of COVID. Yet there are still needs that are to be met as we carry out the work of God's church in this place.

There are several ways you can support your church.

- *By Direct Deposit:* Forms are available from the office. This does require bank account details to authorize auto debit; presently processed the 20th of every month; more frequent dates may be made available. Contact the church office and a copy of the form can be emailed to you, you can fill it in, scan it and send it back or drop by the church and fill in the information.
- *E-transfers:* Transfer funds directly from your bank account much like any other electronic payment. Our recipient email address is: [financials@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com). As we are set up for auto deposit, no security question is required. This should be a visible option on your online banking screen.
- Mail or drop off your offering at the church office.

God has called us to be good stewards of all that he has given us. It is very important that we continue to practice this good stewardship during these difficult times. May we be faithful, in using God's gifts to us for our good as He intended, but also to His glory in Jesus Christ.

The cross is the only ladder high enough to touch heaven.

What kind of church would my church be if every member were just like me?

# Children & Family Ministry

## SUNDAY SHOOL

*“Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.” Psalm 119:49-5*

We’ve finished our high-level look at Scripture, and have begun our in-depth look at key Old Testament accounts, beginning with creation, and the crown of God’s creation, man and woman. As we move through the Old Testament, we see God’s promise of a Saviour being passed down from generation to generation.

God bless all of our parents, who have taken up the challenge of teaching Sunday School at home during this time of health restrictions. We’ve been privileged to support you through Zoom Sunday School openings and the provision of materials. What a blessing to see how you have adjusted your routines to make sure that your children are still able to learn from God’s Word.

Your Sunday School teachers miss you, and look forward to the time when we can be together in class again! Watch through the summer for news about our plans for September.

Sunday School lessons will be provided to June 21<sup>st</sup> (see below). Watch your e-mails for more information about our closing activity on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Jun 06	A Family Reunites	Genesis 42:1-28; 43:11-30; 45:1-15
Jun 13	A Basket of Hope	Exodus 1:1-2:10
Jun 20	Signs of the True God	Exodus 7
Jun 27	Closing Activity	

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Tuesday evening Bible study is meeting weekly – Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm for study and prayer. We have recently begun a study of Philippians, entitled “JOY”.

Our Wednesday afternoon study also meets weekly – Wednesdays at 1:15 pm – for an in-depth study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Both studies are currently meeting on Zoom. New members are always welcome! Contact Deaconess Miriam for more information on our summer schedules or to join us.

## SUMMER VBS - JESUS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

Beginning July 19th families with children age 4 to 11 are invited to join us for our online VBS this summer to learn how all of God’s promises are kept in Jesus, our Good Shepherd, leads us, guides us, and cares so much for his sheep (us!) that He even lays down his life for us. Register your children, or invite grandchildren, a friend or a neighbour to have their children participate!

Each day children will learn a portion of Psalm 23, and see how it connects with Jesus’ work as our Good Shepherd. Their activities will be guided by teachers and crafts leaders on pre-recorded videos posted for families to access on a schedule that works for them. Children will learn from the Bible, see how Jesus shepherds them through their lives, and have an opportunity to make a fun craft (supply list and instructions will be provided).

In order to receive a craft pack for your children, **please register by June 19<sup>th</sup>**. Registrations received after that date will be provided with a craft supply list and parents will be responsible for providing the materials required.

You may register online at [www.foothillslutheran.com](http://www.foothillslutheran.com) OR by completing a registration form, available on the welcome desk.



## Organ Fund—All Good News

As an update, we have made great progress on the church Organ Fund during the past two years.

In late February 2019, the church members, in a special meeting after the church service, voted to proceed with a new organ purchase. The new deluxe organ arrived at the end of summer, built by a company in Ohio. We have been enjoying it ever since.

As of late May, and thanks to FLC members' generosity, there is only about \$20,000 owing on the initial purchase price of more than \$100,000. As many of you will recall, we graciously received a dollar bequest in former members' Will. That gift paid for roughly half of the purchase.

We have been quietly and steadily pushing that dollar amount owing downwards in the past two+ years. We used various fund-raising methods, but mainly "word-of-mouth" and just setting out the need to our church members. These efforts, along with the faithful stewardship and offerings of our members have brought the blessings of roughly \$1,000 per month (\$14,000 in 2020).

Do not hesitate to contact me on this effort.

Our great God has given us the resources to manage this cost effectively. May we continue to use this musical instrument to sing His praises.

Peace and Joy your way.

Mark Kihn, for the Organ Fund

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE WORKS THROUGH SPRING

We don't want to bore you with statistics, which only tell part of the story, but the Evangelism Committee has again kept busy during these COVID days.

In mid-February we decided to deliver the contents of members' church mail-slots. Many slots had not been emptied since December, and yes, a few contained Christmas cards. Most of them contained their FLC Offering Envelope boxes. By mid-April we had made drop-offs to 37 homes. We had many porch (or parking lot) visits. Also during that time, we handed off 38 tax receipt envelopes just to do extra service with our home visits.

In mid-March, a generous church member handed us 16 boxes of chocolates and so we spread those around. The recipients received their unexpected gifts with smiles and graciousness.

## Mission of the Month

### *June*

#### *Lutheran Church-Canada ("LCC")*

We rejoice in the opportunities we have to proclaim the Gospel. Through LCC we train pastors and deacons; we work together to send missionaries throughout the world; we support work in remote communities; we provide resources and encouragement to congregations. We 'walk together' so that the message of forgiveness in Christ may be brought to all people everywhere. Your gift truly helps in this work.

### *July*

#### *The Mustard Seed*

It is always a strange paradox: there are so many, who have so much, but there are also those who don't even have a warm and dry place to sleep. Through the work of The Mustard Seed, the hungry are fed and the homeless are given shelter. There is also vocational training to help people make a new start. Your gift to this mission of the month reaches out, as Jesus would have to do, to the least of these, my brothers. (Matt. 25:40)

### *August*

#### *Foothills Benevolence Fund*

There are many times when our members have been in need of help and support. While our Board of Human Care Ministries has a budget to help with the needs of those who come to us, this fund is for the support of the members of Foothills Lutheran Church who may be at risk of being without their basic living needs. The fund is not a budgeted item, but is supported through the free-will offerings of our members. You can support this effort with your gift, simply designate it, "Benevolence Fund." May God bless our efforts to care for one another, with the gifts He has first given to us.

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## Family Time In Christ

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### STORING UP GOD'S WORD

*"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you". Psalm 119:11*

Can you finish these rhymes or songs? With actions?

"Pat-a cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man..."

"Itsy bitsy spider....."

"I'm a little teapot...."

Chances are, these are little verses that you learned in your childhood, are now forever in your brain. Many of you remember also the actions that go with the verses – in fact for some of you the actions are what helped you learn the verses. Moms and dads, maybe you do these little verses with your child.

Now let's try these:

"In the beginning God created..." (Genesis 1:1)

"The Lord is my shepherd..." (Psalm 23:1)

"God is..." (1 John 4:16b)

Jesus said, "I am the light..." (John 8:12)

"God so loved the world that He gave..." (John 3:16)

These are simple Bible passages. Some of you can finish these passages because you were taught them at a young age. You heard them and said them repeatedly and they have stuck. Things that we hear and learn when we're young stick with us.

We learn Scripture because it is truth. Jesus says "If you abide in my Word you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). The Word of God is grasped by faith. Your child received the gift of faith in Holy Baptism, and that gift is nurtured as you talk to your child about Jesus and His love, as you read simple Bible stories to your child, and as you incorporate faith-language as part of your everyday interactions with your child. You as parents are asked to surround your child with God's Word, and to teach it to him or her.

Bible memorization is often associated with Confirmation. Should we wait that long to hide God's Word in our children's hearts? No! God promises that where His Word goes it will not return empty. Where His Word is, His Holy Spirit is also there, creating and nurturing faith. God's Word is a daily reminder of His love and mercy. When we plant God's Word in our children's memories, we are

planting something that cannot be taken away from them – something that they will grow into, and that will help them to grow in faith and love for Jesus. How can we do this?

- Use the "Growing Faith at Home" bulletin inserts (note that our bulletins are available online on our website as well as at worship). A short "verse for the week" is always noted on the second page. Work on that verse together at supper time or before bed so that you all know it. That verse connects to the readings for the week, so it will give you something to talk about as well as to memorize.
- Use a Bible memory verse story book, which pairs Bible accounts with a memory verse to put it into context and assist with learning.
- Learn a Bible song together. Music is a wonderful way to ingrain a text into memory. See Deaconess Miriam for some resources that can help.
- Have young children "fill in the blanks" as they learn key words of the passage.
- Pair actions with words. Use American Sign Language (<https://www.signasl.org/>) or other actions to emphasize key words in a passage.

God bless you as you hide God's Word in your child's heart!

### Evangelism Cont'd . . .

We put together four grocery hampers and delivered them. One was to a non-church member who had a long quarantine time-line due to COVID restrictions. We also did some grocery shopping trips for members.

In later April, I made a deal with the Co-op grocery store at Brentwood. They had many extra big jugs of a new Heinz vegetable juice. I obtained 18 at a discount and distributed those. I thought the juice, which contained 10 different vegetables, tied in with the soon-to-be vegetable planting/gardening season.

With these hand-offs and front-step visits (and occasionally making special trips), we gratefully and graciously accepted any offering plate \$\$ contributions for Foothills Lutheran Church, as an extra service to our members.

And as always, our great God continues to bless us and keep us during these trying times.

## Report from the President

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It has been over a year that we have endured the restrictions placed on our congregation in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. Now many of us have been vaccinated and we look forward to the day when the restrictions are eased back and we can return to regular worship at church, a return to active fellowship with our church friends and a return to in-person Bible studies, Sunday School, youth events and VBS.

For the present we must remain vigilant regarding wearing of masks, social distancing and frequent washing of hands/hand sanitizing. Still, we can thank our Lord for keeping us safe during these times and we look forward to the time when we can thank Him for ending this pandemic danger.

The Parish Planning Council continues to function, meeting by ZOOM, to oversee the background planning and work of the congregation. As you read the reports of the various committees, you will see that much work has gone on in spite of Covid 19.

I have been working with Brad Otke on issues that come under the Church Properties Committee. We have met with our insurer for an on-site inspection of the church property. The insurer produced a "Risk Assessment Report" and we are taking steps to correct problems pointed out in the report. As well, we are initiating a review of our insurance needs and coverage. We will be doing some comparison shopping to make sure that our coverage is complete and as economical as possible.

Another subcommittee at work is the Nominations Committee. We are planning to have a Voter's meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Elections will be held for the following positions: President, Elders, and the Chairpersons for Fellowship, Evangelism and Church Properties committees.

Please consider volunteering your time to help on any of our congregational committees in the coming year.

Finally, thank you to our ministerial staff for the great work they have done to keep our church worshipping regularly. As well, I wish to thank our office administrator and our church caretaker for their exemplary service to the congregation.

Tim Roth  
President of Foothills Lutheran Church

## Report from the Treasurer

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### DESIGNATED FUNDS

#### Update to May 18, 2021

- a. We have received a series of advice MEMOS from the Metrix Group regarding the three designated funds that were included in the Submission documents plus the LS Ministry Fund which we later added to the project.
- b. We have since added Dale Dusterhoft and Lorne Rosenau to the Designated Funds Committee joining Robert Heumann.
- c. We are working on formulating a process document which will outline next steps. To be approved by PPC.
- d. The committee is studying the Metrix Group recommendations in order to fully understand them and the ramifications thereof.
- e. We will develop a list of recommended options for any re-designations of the Restricted Funds.
- f. We will develop the recommended steps required to implement said recommendations.
- g. We will prepare a presentation with our recommendations for PPC approval.

### RECORDS RETENTION POLICY

#### To May 18, 2021

- a. PPC approved a formal Records Retention Policy.
- b. We have sorted through most of the buckets and boxes stored in the Fellowship Hall and in the lower level.
- c. Twenty-one buckets/boxes were separated for shredding. Thank you to Mark Kihn for dealing with the shredding part.
- d. Next steps include the creation of the process for digitizing the appropriate remaining records. Process to be presented at a future PPC meeting.

Submitted by Robert Heumann



## Board of Stewardship

Our congregation designated February as Stewardship month and the Board of Stewardship focused our congregation on the importance of stewardship of our time, talents, and treasures. As part of our focus on time and talents, we asked every member to complete a “Time and Talents” survey so we could match the various talents and skills of our members with the volunteer opportunities within the congregation and in the community. We had 33 responses to our time and talents survey which is down about 40% from the previous year. Our church cannot survive without active members who are volunteering their time. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider what your talents are and donate some of your time to our congregation. As soon as our congregation is back to normal operations, we will be looking to assign member talents to the various committees and boards in the church. If you missed filling out a survey in February, do not despair as you can still fill one out any time. They are available from the church office.

Our giving is on a downward trend so far this year. We are running about \$15,000.00 behind last year and the current deficit to our operating budget is about \$51,000.00 and about \$35,000.00 behind our budget. As some of you may know, we chose to run a deficit budget this year and pull money from our savings to pay for operating our church and supporting our mission work. Unless we reverse this trend in giving, this deficit will be significant. The Board of Stewardship asks 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. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup>Now 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.”* The Pastor, in his column, has outlined the many different ways in which you can make offerings to the congregation.

We thank each of you for your service to our congregation and look forward to the day we can again worship together with no restrictions and use our time, talents and treasures to further the work of our Lord.

In service to our Lord,  
Dale Dusterhoft  
Chairman – Board of Stewardship

## Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

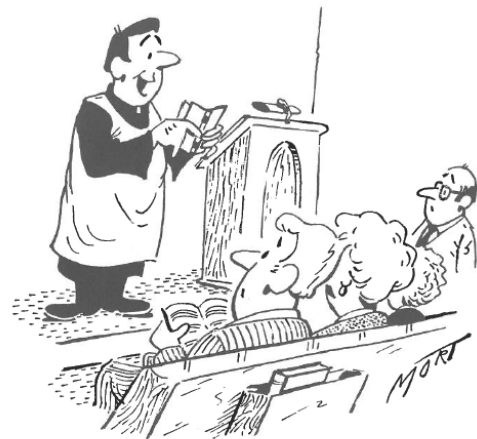


I hope all of you are keeping well as these Covid days are stretching on. We can trust in God's reassurance that He is in control and we can put all our anxieties and worries on Him.

Operation Christmas Child will be going ahead this year, God willing. Boxes and brochures will be available in the Fall.

If you are going shopping this summer it is an excellent time to pick up bargains on school supplies, clothing and toys. Please call me at 403-295-0271 if you have any questions.

Elke Bittmann



“We'll sing the first verse, hum the second, and lip-sync the third.”

## LWMLC



The ladies of Foothills LWMLC Society wish to thank all of you for giving your time, talent and treasures in helping us with our mission projects. We all miss our worship and fellowship times together and pray it won't be too long before we can get together in person again. In the meantime, we have to be thankful for our modern technology which helps us stay in touch.

### LWMLC VIRTUAL EVENTS

#### Bible Study Webinar

**“Praying the Psalms”** May 01, 2021

Pastor Jonathan Kraemer, ABC District LWMLC Pastoral Counselor, led us in this informative Bible Study. Check out his website:

<https://www.canadianlutheran.ca/praying-the-psalms-with-the-body-of-christ/>

#### South Alberta Zone Rally

**“A Love That's Never Distant”** May 08, 2021

Hosted by Grace LWMLC Society. Pastor Mark Ruf led us in a Bible Study on James 1: 1-18. He said he chose this passage because James' audience was enduring hard times too. He ended this inspiring study with these words: “In these unsettling times, may we look to the unchanging character of God as revealed in Christ, and prayerfully, without doubt, strive to reflect that image to a world living with failing hope.”

At our rallies, donations are given to a local charity. Grace LWMLC Society chose Ronald McDonald House. A presentation was given by one of their representatives. Their slogan is: “Family Is Medicine”. The whole family is supported as they go through the crisis of having a sick child. You can help in little ways by: rounding up your order when stopping at McDonald's, visiting McDonald's on McHappy Day in the fall, and buying their delicious cookies.

#### Upcoming National LWMLC Convention

**“Christ Lives In Me”** July 8-10, 2021

We are looking forward to worshipping and learning with our sisters in Christ across Canada. We will also be choosing recipients for our mission grants. Please consider joining us! For more information, go to: [www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca).

Our monthly society meetings resume again in September. May God grant you a healthy and pleasant summer.

God's blessings, Cheryl Lemke

## Board of Christian Education



**“Teach...that the next generation may set their hope in God” –  
Psalm 78**

Summer is soon here. Sunday School and Confirmation will be wrapping up for the next few months. Some Bible studies may also be taking a break, while others may decide to continue through July and August. All programs will resume again in September, and we pray that we can gather together in person at that point.

The Sunday School teachers are looking at options for a virtual wrap up for our Sunday School families in June. Details on that will be sent out as the time draws closer. Plans for VBS are also well underway. That will begin online in July.

We have many Creation Ministries resources in the Narthex on the rack as you walk towards the registration table. In addition, you will also find some new response booklets from Concordia Publishing House. They are:

- A Biblical Response to Divorce
- A Biblical Response to Transgenderism
- A Biblical Response to Suicide

Please help yourself to those that are of interest to you. If there are other topics you would like to learn about, email the board at [education@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:education@foothillslutheran.com)



Have you joined the (private) Facebook group for Foothills' members who want to connect to Christian Ed via social media?

[www.facebook.com/groups/flchristianed/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/flchristianed/) We post announcements and event reminders to the group; if you use Facebook more than you read the bulletin, this group might be for you!

We wish you all a safe, healthy and relaxing summer filled with lots of sunshine!

The Board of Ed is:

Co-Chairs – Kayla Moffett and Tobi Stene

Staff Members – Pastor David Bode, Pastor Eric Moffett and Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Board Members – Michelle Heumann, Trevor Heumann



## Board of Elders

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Thank you to the Elders for their commitment and dedication in carrying out the duties of the Elders during these difficult “Covid days”. The Elders are: Gary Anderson, Colin Bablitz, Thomas Benz, Darcy Drysdale, Hans Dueck, Goodluck Nwaerendu, and Lorne Rosenau. The Elders focused their attention, this past year, on two ongoing objectives: i) caring for the spiritual health of the congregation and ii) supporting the Pastors and Deaconess and their families.

The Elders have been cycling through their “Shepherding Lists” since the onset of the Covid pandemic a year and a half ago. We apologise for not contacting some of our active members as often as you might have liked. Hopefully you can appreciate that the Elders would have preferred to have made contact with you face to face during our fellowship time on a Sunday morning rather than making a telephone call to you in the evenings after work. We recognise that the isolation periods, of varying degrees during the pandemic, have been very difficult for some of our members. If you have concerns that you would like to address with your Elder please contact him directly or call the church office and one of the church staff will put you in contact with an Elder. Our primary objective is the spiritual health of our members; however, during these days we are also concerned with your emotional and physical health as well.

Likewise, the Elders have been available to support our Pastors and Deaconess; however, the three of them have remained very strong and active during the past year. The Elders supported the needs of Pastor Eric and Kayla during Covid to ensure Kayla had a safe and healthy pregnancy and delivery of their twins. We continue to support them, as needed, as new parents of Wesley and Wren.

Recently, the Elders began an initiative entitled “Lost Sheep”. We are concerned about the spiritual well-being of our past confirmands. If we go back to the year 2000, we realize that those past confirmands are up to 35 years old with professional careers and families of their own. We chose one year, at random, and have endeavoured to make a telephone contact with each member of that particular confirmation class to encourage them to continue their Christian walk with our Lord.

At the present time there are 7 Elders; however, a few of them may be stepping down as their second two year term is ending in June 2021. Ideally, we would like up to 12 Elders on the Board. If you are contacted by the Nom-

ination Committee to let your name stand as a candidate as an Elder, I ask you to prayerfully consider the nomination.

The Elders have worked very closely with the worship staff ensuring that FLC strictly adhered to the changing AHS guidelines and restrictions during the pandemic. We thank you for your patience and cooperation in following those guidelines. The registration, check-in, entrance, exiting, and communion directional flow patterns were necessary in following the AHS protocols. We hope, as God is in control of this pandemic, that we all can worship together very soon.

Respectfully submitted in His service,

Lorne Rosenau – Chairman Board of Elders

## LYF in Christ (Youth)

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In April and May, we were able to have two online youth events. Sunday morning Bible study is continuing via email, working through the Gospels. When we can meet in person again, we hope to begin a series of topical studies.

Our tentative plans for upcoming youth events are:

- June 4: Parents’ session with Miriam, and a youth event
- June 18: TBA
- September 10: IMPACT...but shorter

We hope we’ll be able to play some slo-pitch in August - watch your email for more info!

Also save the dates of July 15-19, 2022, for the National Youth Gathering in Winnipeg. More info will be available in the fall, and thank you to everyone who ordered through the Coco Brooks fundraiser! We raised \$559.30 toward attending events like the NYG, and appreciate your support. Pastor Eric will be the main speaker, and we're looking forward to taking all our youth!

If you have any questions or suggestions for events/study topics, please talk to Pastor Eric or Michelle Heumann! And if you aren’t already on the youth group email list, give your email address to Pastor Eric to be included in news about upcoming events.



## Human Care Ministries

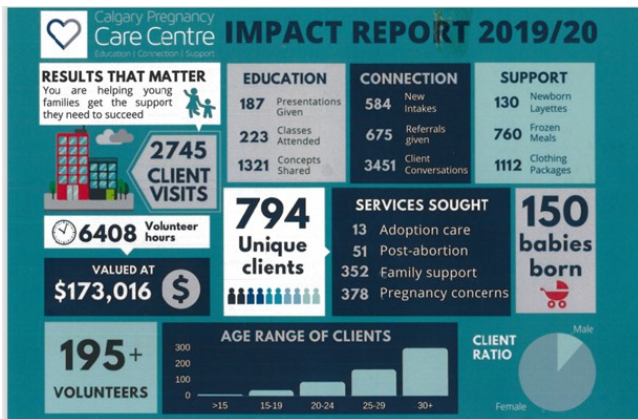
*“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4: 5-7

The Pregnancy Care Center started their Baby Bottle Campaign on Mother’s Day and will end it on Father’s Day. But due to COVID and the current Alberta Health restrictions, bottles will not be distributed.

Even with COVID, the Pregnancy Care Center has reached out to assist clients primarily via virtual classes and support. But volunteers met with families to deliver care packages and baby items. Thanks be to God for the 150 babies that were born and supported by the Pregnancy Care Center.

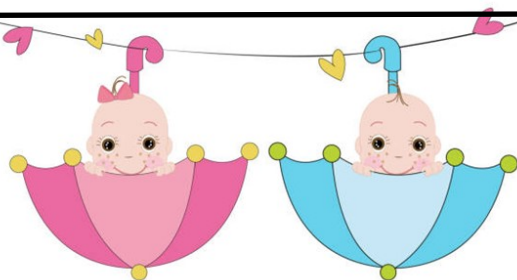
Please go online to donate or you can mail a cheque. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

Our gracious God has richly blessed us with the ability to reach out to members of our congregation and Calgary at-large through the difficult time of Covid-19. We have had an incredible year of finding ways to stay connected, while staying apart. As a church family, we have changed our ways that we serve, care, and connect with others. This Board Chair was empty for some time, and as 2021 has progressed, we are now ramping up our efforts again to stay in touch with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Typical activities have included the prayer chain, Meals on Wheels and all who volunteer their time to be a driver, support of the homebound, remembering our church families on birthdays, anniversaries and special events, and financial aid in our community and membership. As a board and working event committee, we are grateful for the service of Barb Refvik, Janet Davis, Elfrieda Heiden, Elke Bittmann, Elfrieda Stewart, and Carol Kehler in the church office for all her assistance.

## Blessings From Heaven



We continue to support the Food Bank, Mustard Seed, and Inn from the Cold by delivering congregational donations, delivering meals for Meals on Wheels every Thursday, providing prayer requests through the Prayer Chain email, sending cards to home-bound members and those from our congregation who are ill, recognizing birthdays and anniversaries of our congregants, reaching out to members who have experienced a death in the family with a series of booklets, delivering carloads of women's' items to Dress For Success, and distributing meals and food hamper to those in need.

As Pastor Eric and Kayla welcome their twins, people are excited to have a baby shower for the new little ones. Respecting the health of all and the current gathering restrictions, we look forward to planning something for July. Watch the bulletin for further details. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

FLC’s Covid Committee still volunteers for member registrations for Sunday, Wednesday and special event registration as well as scheduling ushers (thank you to Sarah Knudtson for this).

Respectfully submitted by Christine Heumann  
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