

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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A Prayer Upon Entering: Inspire us, O leading Lord, to speak Your message and share Your blessings with people living in places all over the globe. Give us courage, too, to witness to the people in our own communities and the people we spend time with day after day.

O Jesus, our Prophet and King, make us faithful messengers of Your Word.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 583; 849; 856; 643

FIRST LESSON:..... Ezekiel 2:1-5

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-13

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Cantors Mark Kihn; Ellen Wagner

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Clearly Christian: Scientific" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christians are not against science. They just don't expect science to answer questions beyond its reach. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Attendance	Wednesday/Communion
June 27	103	21/18

SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY—YOU CAN WORSHIP IN GOD’S HOUSE!

We come together to worship and praise our God and to be fed through His Word. Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 pm or Sundays at 10:15 am—or both! You will also find us online at: www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Tues.	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
Wed.	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Sun.	10:15 am	Worship

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,495.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$179,534.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$228,400.00	-\$48,866.00

Miscellaneous Offerings: Plate Offering 50.00; Benevolence 50.00; Organ Fund 20.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS (“CLBT”)

CLBT is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole program.



“JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD” – ONLINE VACATION

BIBLE SCHOOL: Preparations are under way, with crafts being assembled, video lessons, openings and music being planned and recorded, and registrations being received. Children who were registered as of June 15th will pick up craft packs the week of

July 12th, and videos will be available to anyone beginning July 19th on YouTube. Let your family and friends know about this amazing opportunity to learn about their Good Shepherd, Jesus!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL OUTDOOR SERVICE on July 18, as we remind ourselves of the ways we have traditionally observed the time during the Stampede. We will not be holding a breakfast this year. Please dress appropriately and feel free to bring a lawn chair!

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we remember **Reverend Olexsiy Navrotskyy** who serves as Lutheran Church–Canada’s missionary-at-large in Ukraine. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before you Rev. Navrotskyy, 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 WE ENTER INTO THE SUMMER MONTHS some of our Bible studies will recess for the next two months. Our Tuesday morning study is one of them, as is our Men’s study. Others may be changing from week to week and may also be affected by vacation times, so please watch the bulletin for details. We can always look to other studies if there is interest among the members. Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam if you want a study that is not available.

NEW AND IMPROVED STREAMED SERVICES! We have been working for some time to get better equipment for our streaming, and thanks to the efforts of Trevor Heumann and the financial gifts of our members, that equipment has been installed. We appreciate his efforts in getting the system installed and running. We’ll have some training for the operators in the near future, and will put it into service for the days ahead.

While it is our hope that most of our members will be able to join us once again in person, we will continue to stream services for the sake of those who are unable to attend. We will also be posting these services to our website, as we have for the last few years. This is another way of our sharing the Word of life while also giving our members opportunities to join in worship. May God bless the work of sharing His Word!

THE COVID COMMITTEE OF OUR CONGREGATION met in anticipation of the stage 3 opening for the province of Alberta. We know that the coming days are being met with excitement by many. We also know that there are those who are wary and uncertain of what will happen as we “open for summer”.

Throughout the days of COVID there have always been more questions than answers. We have tried faithfully and lovingly to navigate these things for the good of our members. We know that we have not been able to satisfy each and every member of the congregation. We are a diverse family, and as such we have a multitude of different feelings and ideas on many things. Yet, as St. Paul says: **“so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”** (Romans 12:5, ESV)

We want to care for family in Christ. Our congregation is comprised of many who are among the most vulnerable and susceptible to COVID. Our love and concern for them is a key factor for our considerations.

Beginning today, we observe the following protocols for our Foothills family:

1. We no longer require registration for worship, since the restriction on numbers have been lifted. We will not be asking people to go through a screening, although we will continue good sanitization practices. The tables creating traffic flow will be removed; we will have hand sanitizer available throughout the building, at various places in the narthex. Please remember to self-monitor and stay home if you are not feeling well.
2. Seating will no longer be assigned, and distancing will not be necessary. We do encourage people to maintain cohorts as much as possible.
3. Masks have been a concern for many—both those who see no benefit in them, and those who feel strongly about being masked. We discussed this at great length, as we do want to make everyone feel safe and welcome in God’s house. We must continue to follow the city of Calgary bylaw on masking, which means that masks will be required for the immediate future. Even if that bylaw is rescinded, **we will continue to require masks for the month of July.**

We see this as an act of love and care for those who, again, are more vulnerable, including unvaccinated children. We do know that this is an inconvenience for some, but we are moved by the words of Holy Scripture: *“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* (Philippians 2:1–4, ESV)

4. We can join in singing God’s praises in our worship, but we will continue to mask at this time.
5. Activities such as sharing the peace, handshaking and hugging are “on hold” as we come back together. Since the weather at this time of the year makes gathering outside permissible, we ask that people not remain in the narthex or the parish hall, but visit outside instead. We will not have chairs and tables available in the parish hall for this reason.
6. We will not be resuming our coffee fellowship following the service until September. This provides both an extra time of safety as well as a time to ‘gear up’ again for this activity.

7. Due to the struggles with the sanitizing of books, we will not replace the hymnals and bibles in the pew racks until September.
8. Once the mask bylaw in Calgary is lifted, the pastors will not wear masks when directly involved in leading worship, provided that they are maintaining a 2 metre distance from the congregation. This is a common concern that is expressed, that the masks have made it harder for people to hear and understand the pastors. They will wear masks when seated, for hymns and at any point where they are not involved in the liturgy.
9. Holy Communion will continue to be done “pilgrim style”, with no kneeling at the altar. The pastors will continue to be masked for the distribution of Holy Communion.

We know that there is a great deal of information here. In some ways we are getting back to normal, and yet we still have some restrictions. Our practices are not intended to show any disrespect or disagreement with the government regulations, but to respond to the needs of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ. It is our love for one another that leads us as we look to the coming days. There may be some discomfort for all of us, but how blessed we are to be able to gather, to share in the Word, to provide that mutual consolation and to do it as we make every effort to love and care for one another as the people precious to the Saviour who died and rose for us all. May His name be glorified among us!

May God truly bless us as we look to the days ahead under His grace.

In His service to our congregation, Foothills COVID committee.



Growing FAITH at home

4 July 2021
SIXTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Caring Conversations

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

1

When you go on a trip, what things do you like to take with you?

2

Jesus sent out his twelve disciples to preach to others and to help them (Mark 6:7-13). He told them to go without food, money and bags. Why do you think he told them to take so little with them?

3

The disciples needed to rely on God to provide for them as they went out to do his work. In what ways do you need to look to or rely on God more?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
M Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
T 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's visions
W Jeremiah 1:4-19	The Lord sends Jeremiah
T Philippians 4:2-14	Giving encouragement and thanks
F Luke 10:1-20	Jesus sends the 70
S Psalm 123	A prayer for mercy
S Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
give us faith
and courage
this day to tell
others about you.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord
show you his
grace. May he
fill your life with
his power.

Jesus sends out his disciples.

Creative Response

In your home devotion times this week make a list or draw pictures of ways you have seen God's power at work e.g. in nature, or in people or events around you.

Give thanks for those things.

Look up and discuss these verses which speak of God's power:

- Matthew 19:26;
- 1 Chronicles 29:12;
- 1 Corinthians 1:25;
- Psalms 89:8-9, 11, 13;
- Isaiah 40:28-31.



mealtime prayer

Lord, all good things come from you. Give us hearts that are grateful, and lips that are thankful. Amen.

verse for the week

"My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak."

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Service



When Jesus went back to his home town of Nazareth, he was not made to feel very welcome, even by his own family (Mark 6:1-6). We can easily take family, friends and acquaintances for granted.

Think of those around you and work on showing appreciation for their efforts and contributions to others. Name things that others are good at or that make them a positive influence in the lives of others.

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