

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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A Prayer Upon Entering: You suffered, O Lord, so that one day we might never suffer again. Forgive us, we pray, for not always acknowledging the depth of Your sacrifice for us, and not always showing You how grateful we are for all that You have done.

O Son of God, eternal Savior, we owe our lives to You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Heart of Worship; Ancient Words; Build Your Kingdom Here;
..... Lead Me to the Cross; Shine Jesus Shine

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 50:4-10

EPISTLE LESSON: James 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:14-29

SERMON: *Is Your God Too Small?* - Mark 9:14-29

WELCOME: We gather to rejoice this day in the goodness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with His love as you go through this coming week!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY, as 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.

To help us with registration, please sign the list on the table and the stand in the narthex. One family member and the number of attending is helpful.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Music..... Contemporary Musicians

Ushers..... Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene



THE FLOWERS WHICH GRACE OUR ALTAR this month are from the Heumann family in loving memory of Christine's mother, Dorothy Graham, who is missed and fondly remembered.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Saturday	11:00 am	LCC AGM Webinar
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Morning Worship
	12:00 pm	Voters' Meeting

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Who is my Neighbor?" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don't know who our neighbors are and we go out of our way to avoid them (Luke 10:25-37). 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/ Communion	Wednesday
September 5	124/83	16

Attendance numbers include online participants

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,490.00	\$456,800.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$255,418.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$316,246.15	-\$60,828.15

Miscellaneous Offerings: Visitor 1,700.00; Parking Revenue 1,200.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Seminary 50.00; LWML 25.00; Organ Fund 300.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

The Gospel is for all people in all sorts of circumstances. The Concordia Lutheran Mission society, formed by mission minded LCC individuals, seeks to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present.

TODAY IS RALLY DAY, our celebration of Christian education and nurture. In many ways this marks the beginning of our fall programmes. Our Sunday School begins the fall season with a look at the life and work of Moses. Confirmation resumes, too. Watch for other bible study and growth opportunities.



Please pray for our teachers, that God may equip them to share that good news with students of all ages. Pray that we may all continue to grow in His Word of Life! We can never say it enough—be in the Word! Read, mark, learn and take it to heart, for it is a treasure beyond anything this world can give.

IT'S BEEN SOME TIME since we have been able to have coffee following service, but we are planning to begin hosting simple coffee times on non-Communion Sundays. The present COVID restrictions have delayed this a bit, but we are working towards a date in the near future. We will offer coffee and tea, served from the kitchen, and possibly an individually wrapped snack. We seek to act with the greatest care out of Christian love for one another.

After our long hiatus, we need to rebuild and reorganize our coffee teams. We would love to have your help! Speak to Sarah Knudtson if we can include you in our scheduling.



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Gale and Dean Ortis and family at the death of Gale's mother, Eleanor Schmidtke. We pray that God would comfort this family with the hope that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

CHOIR IS POSTPONED (NOT CANCELLED!!) INDEFINITELY: There is still much hesitation around gatherings and the spreading of the virus and its variant, that in the best interests of everyone involved, we will gather the choir together at a later date to be announced. In the meantime - stay well everyone!

OUR STUDENT RESIDENCE IS OCCUPIED AGAIN, after being "empty" for the past year. We welcome the students living among us this year. We hope that you will get to know them, and we pray that God would bless them in their studies. Our residents are: Rachel Glessing (Coldstream, BC), Celeste Olson (Ohaton, AB), and Jessica Tonn (LaRonge, SK)

VOTERS' MEETING: Please mark **September 19th** in your calendars and plan to attend our next Voters' meeting. We will meet following the service that day. While we are not able to provide lunch, we encourage you to consider bringing something to tide you over. In consideration of the struggles during COVID, we will set a strict 1 ½ hour limit for the meeting, which will run from 12 noon – 1:30 pm. Voters' packets are available on the Welcome Desk.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: From ushering to hosting coffee; serving as greeters or as counters/financial stewards, there are many ways of serving the Lord and His people as we use our gifts together. **The altar guild** is looking for helpers for the set-up and clean-up of Holy Communion. Sunday School will soon begin again, and there are opportunities to serve through this ministry to children. God has given each and every one of us a gift to be used, as St. Paul says, “for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, ESV) How is God calling you to serve?

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Odily Neyra serves Iglesia Luterana Jesús Nuestro Salvador, Nicaragua.



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 Neyra 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**

AS STUDENTS MOVE AWAY FOR SCHOOL, or move to Calgary for their studies, we want to encourage them in their spiritual life. If you, or someone you know, is moving to another city for study, please share that with Pastor Eric. We'll try to get them connected with a local church. If you know a student moving to Calgary, let Pastor know that, too, so we can reach out to them and invite them to join us.

OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How do we memorize? For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening.” Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

This week's verse: Psalm 145:18

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October – December are available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today!



THERE IS NO DENYING THAT THESE COVID DAYS MAKE IT HARDER for us to be regularly in Bible study. We know that many of our members have been taking extra time reading and studying on their own, but there is something special about sharing in that Word together. Some studies have been on hold and may continue to be on hold for the near future, but we also want to start

others again. Pastor Bode is planning to begin a Tuesday morning bible study here at the church, from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. We can return to a LifeLight study, if there is a desire for that, or we can continue with the format he had been using online last spring, following the *Longer Look at the Lessons* studies.

He also hopes to resume his *Front to Back* study. This has traditionally met at his home but could be moved to the church. It would also be possible to have this study become another LifeLight opportunity.

At present, due to the city masking bylaw, all our gatherings do require us to be masked. We look for the day when God does deliver us from this pandemic and from the constant frustration of changes and regulations. Even so, we do hope that we will find the ways of sharing together in God's Word.

If you are interested in either a Tuesday morning or Thursday evening study, please contact Pastor Bode at the church office (403-284-1342) or via email at flcpastor@foothillslutehran.com

“Confessing Christ is the most important activity in Christian life; on it one must venture life and limb, goods and honour. The evil one does not severely assail anyone who believes the right thing and lives a good life in private just for himself. But to come out into the open and spread, confess, proclaim and extol one’s faith for the good of others also, this he cannot bear.” - Martin Luther



Growing **FAITH** at home

12 September 2021

SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about a time when you carried something heavy.

2

Jesus says that if we want to come after him, we must pick up our crosses and follow him. What do you think he means?

3

Do you think it is hard or easy to follow Jesus? Why?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
M	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
T	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
W	Philippians 3:7-16	Running towards the goal
T	Hebrews 12:1-13	The example of Jesus
F	1 Peter 5:6-11	God will restore those suffering
S	Psalm 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
S	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, give us strength, courage and faith to take up our cross and follow you. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's goodness give you peace in your heart and your mind. May the Lord protect you with kindness.

Take up your cross
and follow.

Creative Response

How can we remember the
cross of Jesus each day?

We can make the sign of the cross a regular practice. This is an ancient Christian tradition that reminds us that we are people saved through the cross of Christ.

Make the sign of the cross with your thumb, index and middle fingers together. Place them on your forehead, then move them down to your heart, then from left across to your right shoulder.

Visual reminders of the cross are also a way of communicating our faith.

What crosses do you have on display in your home?



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, as we chew and as we swallow, make us strong to love and follow. Amen.

verse for the week

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

MARK 8:34

Service



We serve others not only through what we do but also through what we say.

James 3:1-9 encourages us to use our tongues to bless others, not hurt them.

Aim to be God's 'sacred agents' this week in your home, places of work or education, church and community. Set out each day to give at least one compliment or affirmation to someone else.

'I'm proud of you for...'
'That's ok, how can we learn from that?'

'I'm sorry'
'I love you no matter what'

