



***“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*** (Lamentations 3:22–23, ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ:

Some days just seem so special. In our families it may be the birthday of a family member, or a wedding anniversary. It may be the day when a child or grandchild is baptized. Graduation day or the first day of school may be a time to remember and to celebrate. Pivotal moments or milestones of life are the days we tend to celebrate and for which we give thanks.

In the church we have days that are special. These days help us to remember all that God has done for us and to rejoice in the grace He has revealed to us in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, we see Israel following a cycle of festivals and celebrations that reminded them of all that God had done to bring them out of slavery and to bring them into the land He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to their descendants. We have the same thing in our *church year*. We divide our year into two parts—the ***festival half*** of the church year in which we remember and rejoice in the life of Christ, beginning with the promise of His coming (Advent); the message of His birth (Christmas); and His ministry among us (Epiphany). We then move into Lent, remembering His suffering and death for our sins, culminating in our celebration of His resurrection (Easter). We give thanks that He has returned to His heavenly throne to rule over all things for the sake of His church (Ascension) and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost).

After Pentecost we observe the ***non-festival half*** of the church year. It begins with Trinity Sunday and flows through to the last Sunday before we begin the cycle again in Advent. Compared to the festival part of the church year, it may sound as if this season is rather ho-hum and boring. Yet in the time of the church we continue to rejoice as we focus on growing together in the life we have in Christ.

There is great joy that comes in the various seasons of the church year. Yet in all of these things is an even simpler truth: that each and every day we see new and wonderful reasons for celebration. The prophet Jeremiah may have said it best: ***“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”***

I wonder if we lose sight of that great promise as we struggle with the reality of life in this world. I’ve used this verse before in writing for the newsletter. I love the promise of this verse. It reminds me that it may not always

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be Christmas, but we have the blessings that come from His taking into Himself our human flesh. It may not always be Easter, but we have the forgiveness and life that come from His resurrection. It may not always be Pentecost, but the Spirit dwells within us to be our Helper and Comforter.

The glorious truth is that life is never void and hopeless because our God has revealed His mercy and grace to us. His blessings in Christ continue to surround us. That was (and is) true in the midst of COVID; it is true when we wonder what the events in Ukraine and Russia will mean for friends and family or for our world as a whole. It is true when we face any of the ups and downs of life.

It really doesn't take too much effort to see the truth of this promise. April 4<sup>th</sup> marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation. God has blessed us with His Word of Truth throughout all these years. Yes, there have been changes. There have been moments of strife and disagreement. There have been sad moments when we have had to say a worldly goodbye to dear friends. Yet we know that we look forward in hope to the reunion in heaven. We now look ahead to some revival after our long COVID 'drought'. We pray that God will deliver us and restore us. We do it in the confidence that His mercies are new every morning.

Some days are special. Yet every day is a gift of His grace. Every day the Lord is with us to bless us and to see us through. We remember and we celebrate the high moments, but we also celebrate this day—today—for we are the baptized children of God. We have a Lord who watches over us and who has *“delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”* (Colossians 1:13–14, ESV)

Let's celebrate, with thanksgiving, that fruit of the Gospel, rejoicing day by day in God's blessings to us!

In His service,



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## Mission of the Month

### *APRIL: Our LCC Seminaries*

Jesus bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38, ESV). We help support that work by our support of the seminaries. Your gift to this Mission of the Month helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.

### *MAY: Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots*

LAMP missionaries provide spiritual witness and nurture within remote northern Canadian communities, often accessible only by plane. Various programs bring the Gospel to these areas.

# Children & Family Ministry

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Lord; teach me your statutes!" Psalm 119:11-12*

Sunday School continues with the option of children either attending in person, or joining us for a Zoom opening and having Sunday School at home with their parents. We hope that, as we get further into relaxed restrictions, that we will see more children attending in person. We have two groups of teachers, one group ready to receive Preschool-Grade 1 students, and another group already receiving Grade 2-5 students. A weekly e-mail is sent out with materials and a Zoom link for all families, so that families can decide what will work best! ***To allow our teachers to plan well, we are asking that you let us know by Friday noon if your children will be attending the following Sunday.***

Our teachers continue to meet monthly for Bible Study and planning, and we are grateful for the diligence they show in their own study so that they can teach our youngest members.

Parents, God bless you as you continue to guide your children in their learning of God's word! The lessons for April and May are:

Apr 03	Promising Prophet (God Calls Isaiah)	Isaiah 6:1-8; 52:7-53:12
Apr 10	We will show children's Easter movie.	
Apr 17	EASTER SUNDAY—Christ is Risen! Alleluia! No lesson today.	
Apr 24	Enduring Exile (Israel Goes Into Exile)	2 Kings 17:6-20; 24-29
May 01	The Praying King (King Hezekiah)	2 Kings 18:1-13; 28-35; 19:14-20; 32-37
May 08	The Restoring King (King Josiah)	2 Kings 22
May 15	A Fiery Marvel (Three Men in the Fiery Furnace)	Daniel 3
May 22	Victoria Day Weekend. No lesson today.	
May 29	Abomination Nation (The Lord Leaves the Temple)	Ezekiel 8: 1-19; 36:22-28

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY OPPPORTUNITIES

Our Tuesday and Thursday ladies' studies continue to meet weekly:

Our **Tuesday evening** group meets at **7:15pm**, in person at the church, with a Zoom option for those who wish to join remotely. We are looking at a study from the Lutheran Spirituality series entitled, *"Community: We are Not Alone"*.

Our second ladies' study now meets **Thursdays at 1:30 pm** for an in-depth study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Some of us come in-person to meet at the church, and some join in by Zoom.

**New members are always welcome!** Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information or to join us.



## Family Time In Christ

In April we observe the most important week in the Church Year – Holy Week (beginning with Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>). Take some special time during this week to remind each other how God’s plan of salvation came to fulfillment in His Son during Holy Week.

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday: Bring home a palm branch from church and put it behind a cross or a picture of Jesus. The word that was shouted to Jesus as He entered Jerusalem – Hosanna – means “Lord save us”. Jesus was welcomed as a king. He really did come to save us! Save your palm branch until next Ash Wednesday, when you can burn it to make ashes.

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Jesus healed the blind and the lame in the temple, and children sang hosannas to Jesus. Take time to pray for the sick and homebound in our congregation. Make a card for someone that you know, telling them that Jesus, their Lord, loves them and came to save them too.

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Jesus told His disciples that after two days He was going to be handed over to be crucified (Matthew 26:1-2). He was getting ready to finish what God had sent Him to do. Together, make a cross out of materials that you have at home. Put it somewhere where you can see it this week.

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – There is no record of what Jesus did on the Wednesday of Holy Week. We know that every day of this week, He was coming closer to doing what He had to do to save us from sin, death and the devil. Talk about some of the things you do when you are getting ready to do something very difficult. Do you spend some quiet time? Do you pray? Take some quiet time today to read a Bible story that reminds you how much Jesus loves you.

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday - Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Passover feast together. During this meal, Jesus took bread and said “this is my body”, and He took wine and said “this is my blood”. This was the first Lord’s Supper. Talk about when you hear those words now. At the beginning of the supper, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet. This was a way the host of the meal showed his care for the guests. Jesus, our king, also came to care for us. Talk in your family about how what He does that shows His care for you. Try washing each others’ feet before supper.

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – This is the day when Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world. He traded places with each one of us. He took the punishment that should have been ours. It is a sad day, but it is a good day too. Read Romans 5:8-11. Talk about why we can call this day “good”? Look for a rock outside that can remind you of the stone that sealed up Jesus’ tomb.

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday: This was the Sabbath, a day of rest. Jesus’ body rested in the grave. On this day spend some time together doing a quiet activity like colouring eggs or baking hot cross buns (<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/hot-cross-buns-i/Detail.aspx>) Remember that because Jesus died, your sins are forgiven.

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday: When the women went to Jesus’ grave that morning, it was empty, and an angel told them the good news. Jesus appeared to Mary and to His disciples to show them that He is alive! When you wake up in the morning, greet each other like this: One of you will say “Christ is Risen!” The person you are greeting will say back “He is risen indeed!” And then you will both say “Alleluia!”

### Vacation Bible School

#### Jesus, Our Lifeguard

Registration is now open for our Summer Vacation Bible School! *Jesus, Our Lifeguard* will run July 4-8 from 8:50 am – 11:45 am. We will be looking at water rescues in the Bible, and learning about the rescue from sin, death and the devil that we have through Jesus! For more information or to register, see us online at [www.foothillslutheran.com/christian-education/vbs2022](http://www.foothillslutheran.com/christian-education/vbs2022)

We will of course be looking for volunteer teachers, classroom helpers, and crafts and games leaders and helpers. Contact Deaconess Miriam if you have any questions or to volunteer!



## Board of Elders

As Covid restrictions are relaxed and removed, it is good to be on a path of getting Foothills back to where we were pre-Covid. I am not sure when the various programs and ministries will be back to “normal” but we look forward to Christian education resuming to pre-Covid involvement, fellowship occurring after the service, youth events growing in participation, and choir enhancing our worship services, to name just a few.

It is speculated that after a major event like Covid-19 a portion of the congregation will immediately return to active participation as “restrictions” are lifted, a portion will return slowly, and a portion will fail to return to their home church. As Elders, in direct conversation with many of our members, Covid has affected all of us in a myriad of ways. Some of our members are part of the vulnerable population, who have remained quite isolated for the past 2 years. They have not had a family Christmas nor gone to a restaurant since the onset of Covid. For these people returning to public worship may be a slow process. Other members have been comfortable with the protocols of masking and social distancing and have tried to continue to participate at church the safest way they can. Others have concluded that this is a good time to transition to another church for a variety of personal and family reasons. We will miss seeing these people on a regular basis at Foothills, but we pray that they will remain steadfast in their Christian faith. The Board of Elders are also aware that the pandemic has caused some divisiveness between some of our members.

Our pastors and deaconess have always ensured that we follow all government and AHS regulations, guidelines, and protocols. They, along with the Board of Elders, have always sought to do what is safe and best for our congregation and the community at large. The pastors have repeatedly commented that our church will not break the law. The apostle Paul, in his letter to Titus, writes “Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.” He is referring to all forms and levels of human government and although believers are citizens of heaven we must also submit ourselves to earthly government and do good for the people. 1 Peter 2:13 states “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men.” In our Lutheran Study Bible it explains for this verse that “Indirectly, when one disobeys a human ruler he disobeys God, who ordained the system of human government.” We know that Satan is always working very hard to separate the church and cause division between its members.

I encourage everyone to be patient with one another as together we get through this next stage of Covid. Our members will return to His house when they feel safe and ready and we will welcome each other with the love that our Lord taught us and expects of us. We pray that God will soon bring an end to this pandemic and we can worship Him together, sing His praises, fellowship with one another, and carry out the work that He has for us at Foothills, as we did some 2 years ago.

Lorne Rosenau (co-chair)

### Catechism for Life



**Take it Home!**  
**Sunday, May 29, 2022**  
**Following our Worship Service**

Luther's Small Catechism is a roadmap to the Bible, and a lifelong companion. At this session you will have an opportunity to fulfill one of the promises you made at your child's baptism by placing the catechism in his or her hands! A copy of "My First Catechism" will be provided.

Please bring your child so you can participate together. Younger children are welcome in the session so that mom and dad can come together.

Lunch will be provided.

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Designed for children born in 2014 and their parents.

# Whole Life Stewardship

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## How are my gifts and offerings making a difference?

In 2021 our members donated approximately \$424,000.00 to support our congregation's ministry and mission efforts. A question you may ask is how is that money used?

In 2021, your gifts have:

- Enabled the ongoing sharing of God's Word through regular online and in-person worship services, Christian education instruction, and pastoral ministries (such as baptisms, funerals, counseling, etc.). A large portion of our donations supports a ministry team consisting of two pastors and a Director of Parish Services that all work together to support and strengthen our members and bring the Word to the community through various outreach programs. We also employ staff that supports their efforts.
- Encouraged the sharing of the Gospel and teaching about Jesus at the University of Calgary through Pastor Eric's ministry. In 2021, Pastor Eric was in contact with 154 students of which 87 were on a regular basis.
- Energized children through the holding of a virtual summer Vacation Bible School (VBS). Although attendance was down again due to us being only able to offer a virtual experience, we still had 67 students from 40 families participate over the summer, and had 1274 children fully view our videos on-line. We reached a lot of children with our VBS outreach program.
- Continued our Faith at Home events (virtual or in person as families requested) and had numerous other members participating in Sunday School (some in person and some taught by parents at home, with materials and weekly encouragements provided by church staff). Family confirmation continued with 6 families attending.
- Continued our Bible studies that consisted of:
  - Two ladies Bible studies with a total of 15 ladies participating.
  - A Tuesday morning Bible study with 12 people attending.
  - Resumed our Sunday morning Christian Education hour.
  - Conducted a Saturday morning Men's Study attended by 8 men on average.
- Substantially supported the mission work of Lutheran Church Canada (LCC). LCC provides numerous services to all congregations in Canada and also has significant outreach programs in Canada and throughout the world. Some of the programs that we support through our donations are:
  - Prepare church workers and offer continuing education to others through Concordia Seminaries in St Catharines and Edmonton. Without these seminaries we would not have access to Lutheran trained pastors.
  - Train church workers for international mission work through the pastors with alternative training program.
  - Support active mission work in Canada through 30 Lutheran schools and pre-schools.
  - Supports the LAMP program (Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots) and the BC Mission Boat Society which provides northern remote communities accessible by airplane and boat with pastoral support, VBS and other ministry services. Other domestic ministries supported are inner-city ministry in Edmonton and Regina, Lutheran Hospital Ministry in various locations in Canada, and deaf ministries throughout Canada.
  - Has an active French ministry program in Quebec and Moncton, NB.
  - Has provided support for mission work in Windsor and Kingston, Ontario.
  - Support active international mission and humanitarian work in Nicaragua, Cambodia, Thailand, Costa Rica and Ukraine. LCC trains and supports pastors in these regions, provides scholarships and education to residents, supports youth events, and is involved in humanitarian programs that provide meals to children, housing and disaster relief.
  - To see more information on Lutheran Church Canada's mission you can visit their website at [lutheranchurchcanada.ca](http://lutheranchurchcanada.ca).
- Provided substantial support for Pastor Kuhn and Kara's ministry in Cameroon through our donations to Lutheran Bible Translators. To see more about the ministry of Lutheran Bible Translators visit [lbtc.ca](http://lbtc.ca).

# Whole Life Stewardship

- Provided financial support for Lutheran Hospital Ministries (LHM) which supports a pastor and volunteers to provide hospital visitations in Southern Alberta. LHM also trains volunteers for to be hospital visitors. Please see their website at lhmsa.ca to view more of what they do.
- Supported many other activities and initiatives within and outside of our church through the various ministry programs of our congregation. Covid-19 made this more difficult over the last two years, but our work has continued.

## **“Looking ahead, how will Foothills be stewarding my gifts?”**

**Overall, we will strive to be ‘all about Jesus’.** In all that we do, our purpose is to connect people with God. Under that umbrella, our focus areas (toward which resources will be directed) are:

- Christian growth and pastoral support of our existing people, as well as people who develop new connections with us. Equipping our members to “Go and make disciples of all nations”.
- Continue to support domestic and international mission work through our support of Lutheran Church Canada, Lutheran Bible Translators, and Lutheran Hospital Ministries.
- Continue to focus on our family and university ministry and outreach.

We have been given tremendous opportunities to share Christ, and with your support and partnership, we will seek to continue to connect people to Christ through worship, relationships and service. There is so much that can be done, and so we ask you to prayerfully consider if you can increase your financial support in 2021, so that just as you have been blessed, we can increasingly help others to grow in Christ.

## **Thank-you for your support!**

Foothills Lutheran Church strives to faithfully and responsibly steward the gifts with which you entrust us, just as you strive to faithfully steward all the time, talents, and treasures that God has given you. Thank-you for giving to God out of gratitude for how He has blessed you, and out of your desire to see more people come to know God. As God’s ‘hands’, we are making a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Dusterhoft



## **Let's Pray!**



## **Take it Home!**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
**Following our Worship Service**

What happens in families who pray for and with each other? Learn how a simple daily discussion about the highs and lows of the day can lead to regular family prayer.

Bring your family and your lunch, so you can all learn together!

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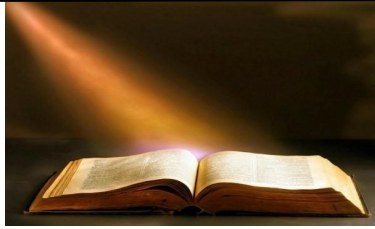
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**Designed for parents with children born in 2017.**



# Board of Christian Education Update

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

The Lenten Bible study is well underway. We are fortunate to have this study of “Prayer” offered to individuals in-person as well as to those who are joining online. Pastor Bode and Pastor Eric alternate weeks with each group and great discussions are shared each evening as we continue to learn about God’s love for each of us and the many blessings we receive from Him.

The sorting has gotten underway in the preschool. There have been volunteers who have offered their time to assist. They have been working to organize and group items in a way that the materials can be utilized here at Foothills with Sunday School, VBS or other future activities while some items will find a purpose elsewhere. Anyone who may have an interest in helping in any way can email the Board at [education@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:education@foothillslutheran.com), call in to the office or speak to a staff member.

The library is also a project that is waiting to get started on. We are currently looking for someone to fill the role of librarian. This could be one individual or two people who could share the leading role. We will also be asking for volunteers to assist the librarian with organizing and reshelving. If that is something of interest to you, email us at [education@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:education@foothillslutheran.com) and let us know. We look forward to the day when we can invite people in to enjoy the resources that are in it.

Regular scheduled adult Bible study opportunities continue to be available throughout the week for in-person study. Some of the Bible studies are also combined on Zoom to allow people at home to join in God’s Word. Sunday morning Bible study is on at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Plans for summer VBS are well underway as well as for NYG. Keep your eye on the Sunday bulletin for upcoming events and announcements.

We have many Creation Ministries resources in the Narthex. There are booklets available on a variety of topics including Noah’s Flood, Who Was Cain’s Wife, How Did We Get Our Bible, Is Human Life Special plus many more.

In addition, you will also find some 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. You can email the Board at [education@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:education@foothillslutheran.com) if there are other topics you would like to learn about.



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

[www.facebook.com/groups/flcchristianed/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/flcchristianed/)

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!

God bless us all as we continue learning about God and His great love for us. And a blessed Easter to everyone.

The Board of Ed is:

Co-Chair – Kayla Moffett and Tobi Stene

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

Board Members – Michelle Heumann, Trevor Heumann

## Operation Christmas Child (“OCC”)



I know some of you may be thinking why are OCC articles in the newsletter during the spring? Well, OCC is a year-round charity from packing and delivering shoeboxes leading to Christmas to filling online packages. These shoeboxes introduce children to the book *The Greatest Gift* which is a Bible study program that introduces them to Jesus and salvation and how to share the good news. If you have any questions or want to discuss anything please talk to me at church or leave a note in my mailbox.

Elke Bittmann



## Upcoming Youth Events

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Youth group, or LYF (Lutheran Youth @ Foothills), is for youth in grades 7 to 12, and friends are welcome! We usually meet every other Friday from 7 to 10 pm, although sometimes the dates and times change slightly depending on the event or to avoid long weekends.

We also meet every Sunday during the school year at 9 am for Bible study (except for long weekends and during the break between Christmas and New Year's). Stay connected with youth news by giving Pastor Eric your email address!

**Fundraiser:** By popular demand, we'll be having another Coco Brooks fundraiser this spring! Watch the bulletin and your email for an ordering link and more details.

### **April 8: Annual Church Family Board Games Night**

The whole Foothills family is invited to play board games from 7 to 10pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend, and come prepared to try some new games! Please RVSP to Pastor Eric by the 4th so we have an idea of how many people to set up for.

### **April 29: Games & Parents' Time with Miriam**

We'll be at the church from 7 to 9 pm for games, and Miriam will be hosting another discussion session for the parents of kids in grades 6 to 12, so the confirmands are invited to this youth event as well! RSVP to Evan or Miriam by April 25.

*God's Word tells us that He created us, male and female, and it was "very good". Our world today has a very different view of sexuality and gender. How do we lead our youth into a faithful but loving response to those who struggle with gender identity? Parents of youth and confirmation students are invited to learn more and discuss this topic on Friday, April 29, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.*

### **Sunday, May 15: Photo Scavenger Hunt**

After worship on Sunday, we'll be handing out the photo scavenger hunt clues, and you'll have all afternoon to complete them! Everyone from Foothills is invited to play - bring a bagged lunch and we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for instructions after the service.

### **May 27-28: Overnighter with Mini-golf**

We'll be sleeping over at the church, and heading south of the city for some championship mini-golf! Watch for details on timing and what to bring.

### **Saturday, June 4: Paintball**

It's been a while! Details on timing and cost will be available closer to the date.

### **Sunday, June 5: NYG Meeting after Church**

The NYG registration deadline was April 4, and the NYG is July 15-19. We are planning to leave Calgary on July 14 and return on July 20, and we'll talk about all those details at this lunch meeting after worship.

### **June 24: End-of-School-year-Games**

Our final event of the school year will be games at the church from 7 to 10, and those who are just finishing up grade 6 are invited as well.

## Update from the Fellowship Chair

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We are pleased to be able to slowly start our coffee time again! God has blessed us with the abilities to gather together in the Fellowship Hall with a safety-minded approach to coffee. This means we have begun serving individually packaged treats and coffee for our members and guests and distributing individual creamers and sugar packets all while wearing gloves and masks. Spacing around the hall is being encouraged through the placement of tables and chairs. As odd as some of these precautions may feel, please remember we do them to protect each other and to make as many people feel comfortable as possible.

At this time we are looking to expand to having this coffee time every Sunday again soon. In order to do this we will need to have volunteers who are willing to follow precautions and serve our congregants! Please contact Sarah Knudtson or Heather Sommers if you would like to join a coffee team.

We are also looking forward to bringing back our much beloved Stampede Breakfast again this year! Save the date for July 17<sup>th</sup> and let the Fellowship crew know if you want to be involved!

## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

Once again, we gave gifts to the residents of Foothills Manor and to some of our congregational shut-ins. Each received a plate of cookies and candies and a printed message about The Legend of the Shamrock. As the legend goes, St. Patrick explained the mystery of the Trinity by using the shamrock as an example. We also gave a shamrock plant to the Manor, where it has been placed in their fellowship hall. We are looking forward to the day we can host a tea and visit with the residents in person!

### "Patchwork of Prayers"



Thanks to all of you who knit or crocheted squares and/or contributed wool. We almost have enough squares to make a shawl for a congregational member! Please continue to support this initiative.

Perhaps you are busy creating a shawl for someone special in your life. Praying while you work is a blessing, not only to the receiver but also to you!

## South Alberta Zone Spring Rally

Saturday, May 14, 2022

### Sharing His Joy



*"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11*

Foothills LWMLC Society is hosting this hybrid event, with the option of participation in-person or online. Our theme: "Sharing His Joy" will be expanded upon through Bible Study, fellowship and outreach to "Dress for Success". A representative from "Dress for Success" will be our guest speaker. **You can help us by making donations to this organization; a list of acceptable items is posted on our bulletin board.** Over the past twelve years, many of you have given donations through Christine Heumann, who regularly delivers them. Thanks, Christine!

All ladies are welcome! Come and bring a friend! Invitations and registration information will be coming out soon.



## LWMLC ABC District Convention

June 2-4, 2022

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Red Deer, AB

Under the theme: "One in Him" based on Galatians 3:28b: "For you are all one in Christ Jesus", we'll gather for the last district convention. Please consider joining us! You have the option of participating in-person or online.

**Our next monthly meetings** will be April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. We begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode, followed by a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!

**Check out our bulletin board by the entrance to the kitchen.** Initiatives and events are updated regularly. For more information, please contact me by e-mail [cheyl.lemke@shaw.ca](mailto:cheyl.lemke@shaw.ca) or phone me at (403) 851-2049 (home) or (403) 660-3887 (cell).

God's blessings,

Cheryl Lemke, Foothills LWMLC Society President

## Easter Prayer Vigil



As we have in the past, we are asking you to join us in a prayer vigil, beginning at noon on Good Friday, and continuing until 7:00 am on Easter morning. Join with your brothers and sisters in praying for one another, for our church, for our community, and for the world. Our Heavenly Father promises to hear and answer us as we pray in Jesus' name.

You can sign up for the prayer vigil here:

<http://bit.do/Prayer-Vigil-2022> or here:



You will also find a guide for your prayer time here:

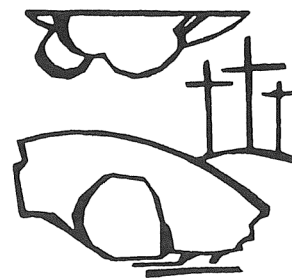
<https://www.foothillslutheran.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Prayer-Vigil-info.pdf>

If for some reason you are unable to access the sign-up sheet, let us know when you would like to pray, and we will sign you up, or fill in the paper sign-up sheet outside Deaconess Miriam's office. Don't hesitate to double up with someone else if your preferred time is already filled in.

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# Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE

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## If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. Everything seemed lost. It seemed like their God and Friend had been defeated and killed. They had even forgotten that Jesus told them He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdalene was crazy when she told them Jesus had come to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had really risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove He was alive. And by His resurrection, He proved to the whole world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! **ALLELUIA!**"

### FOR PARENTS

Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship where we speak of Jesus' resurrection. (The Creed is a good example.) Point out some of the symbols in the sanctuary that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!