



Dear Friends in Christ, and people loved by God:

Quick! What are two words that you think best describe Jesus Christ?

I would not be surprised to hear that most people first thought of the word, “loving”. Or they may have thought of “compassion”. At the very least, those are the words that the average person in our world would choose. Yes, within the church we may choose words like holiness or divinity or glorious. We know that there is a great miracle and wonder in the person of Jesus Christ. It is overwhelming to think of the One who is True God, who also takes on our human flesh so that He can take His place with us, only to offer Himself in our place as the sacrifice that brings us forgiveness and then rise to give us life in His own glorious resurrection. To put it another way, how can you sum up all the wonder, majesty, glory and power of the Eternal Son in just a word or two? How can we even think that we could fit the oceans of the world in a small bucket?

Having said that, I do want to pick up on the one word that the world uses with Jesus more than any other—the word, “love”, although the world really doesn’t understand what love is. For many, the fact that Jesus is loving means that He is permissive, understanding and accepting of anything and everything. Jesus doesn’t worry about right and wrong or what we do or say; He just loves us. To be honest, this is anything but love.

There is no denying that love is an apt description of our Lord, but His love is far greater than the love the world thinks they see in Him. Jesus speaks of His love when He says: **“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”** (John 15:13, ESV) Paul reminds us: **“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** (Romans 5:8, ESV) And, of course, we know the promise of Jesus: **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”** (John 3:16, ESV)

The other aspect of God’s love that the world does not understand comes from Jesus’ command to us. First He assures us: **“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.”** (John 15:9, ESV) Then He tells us: **“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”** (John 15:12, ESV) So many people have love, but only for themselves. The love that Jesus has for us also overflows into a great love for others. These two truths go together throughout the Scriptures: God loves us, and so we love one another. They are so intertwined that **“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”** (1 John 4:7–8, ESV)

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The world struggles to love, especially when it comes to loving others. Blessed by God's love and empowered by His Spirit, we pray that His love will be manifest among us. As we begin many of our activities again, we will want to draw on that love to guide us in our service to one another. We will want His love to help us care for one another and forgive one another. We will seek to have love that reaches out to the loveless and unloved around us.

Quick! What is the word that best describes the people of God? The word, "love" is a good place to start. God grant that we truly may love as He has loved us!

In His Service,

Patricia Hand M. Bosh

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING WINNIPEG, JULY 2022



FLC Elders & Board Chairs

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Financial Secretary	Gary Ring

Library Work Underway

The library has been closed during the days of COVID, but we are working to get it open again. We are blessed through the help and service of Michelle Funke and Barb Vincent, who are working to get books shelved and the room ready. Due to copyright issues, we have removed the videos and music CDs. The shelves for the discs are available to anyone who could make use of them—we have 4 available at present.

We hope that we will see the room open and useful in the near future. Even now, you can access books for learning, for encouragement and for Christian inspiration.

REGIONAL BALL TOURNAMENT REVELSTOKE, AUGUST 2022



Children & Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:14-15

School is beginning again, along with all the host of other activities available for children. Sunday School begins on September 11th! Please consider Sunday School not just another activity, but a place in which your children learn those things which will make them "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus". This year we will be taking a walk through the New Testament, beginning with the angel's announcement of Jesus' birth.

Children age 3 through grade 5 are welcomed each Sunday morning at 9:00 am. We begin with an opening all together in the Fireside Room; after which children will go to classes for their age level. You should have received registration forms in the mail. Please complete them and return them to Deaconess Miriam, so that we can plan our classes.

Parents, we commend you for embracing the task of teaching your children through the ups and downs of the pandemic. You've developed the habit of talking about God's Word at home, spending time in it together, and encouraging your children in their study of it. God bless you as you continue to grow together!

Our upcoming lessons include:

Sep 11	An Angel Announces (Jesus Birth Foretold)	Luke 1:26-56
Sep 18	Silence Before a Son (John is Born)	Luke 1:5-35; 57-66
Sep 25	The Temple Testimonies (Jesus' Birth and Presentation)	Luke 2:1-7; 22-40
Oct 02	His Father's House (Boy Jesus in the Temple)	Luke 2:41-52
Oct 09	<i>Thanksgiving No Sunday School Class</i>	
Oct 16	The Pointing Profit (John Points to Jesus)	Matthew 3; John 1:29-34
Oct 23	A Temple Cleansing (Jesus Clears the Temple)	John 2:13-22
Oct 30	The Born-Again Truth (Jesus Teaches Nicodemus)	John 3:1-21

SUMMER VBS



VBS happened in person this year! We ran July 4-8 under a water rescue theme, with each lesson connected to Jesus' baptism for us, and looking at the rescue from sin, death and the devil that happens in our own baptism.

Seventy-three children attended for the week, including 7 Volunteers-in-Training, who will be ready to help out in various areas next year. We give thanks to God for the 24 teachers, helpers, and activity leaders who committed their week to making sure that our participants heard about the work of their Saviour, Jesus, for them. Thanks also to those of you who prayed, baked, and offered encouraging words to our workers.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Two ladies' study groups are currently running. New members are always welcome! Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information to join us.

Our **Tuesday evening** group meets at **7:30 pm** at the Church and in September will begin at a study entitled *Promised Rest: Find Peace in God's Presence*.

Our **Thursday afternoon** study meets weekly at **1:30 pm** for an in-depth study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Faith at Home

As a congregation we are encouraging the families of our congregation to adopt a Faith-at-Home lifestyle, where parents claim their God-given role as primary faith-teachers of their children. There are two sessions offered this month.

"My Bible", happens in two parts, with parents presenting Bibles to their children during the services on **Sunday, September 11th**, with a time together for parents and children after worship.

"My Church" will be presented on **Sunday, September 25th** in the sanctuary during Sunday School.

See the invitations for more details on pages 4 and 6 and mark your calendars now!

Family Time in Christ

It's September and families are preparing for the return to school. Schedules will change again, and extra-curricular activities will become part of many families' daily and weekly routines. Don't let busy schedules push out your time together in Christ. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Practice praying as you take a walk around your neighbourhood together. Have everyone keep their eyes open and look for reasons for prayer. As you walk by a neighbour's house where someone might be sick or unemployed, pray for them. As you walk past a home where there are children who will be starting school, pray that their fall transitions will be smooth. If you pass a family where you know there is no faith, pray that you can be a witness to them. As you walk past a school, pray for the teachers who are getting ready for the year, and for the students who will be received by them. As you pass a sports field, pray for the players, that they would be safe and practice good sportsmanship. You will not lack a reason to pray.

When you get home, read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 and have a discussion about prayer.

- When does God want to hear our prayers?
- Why do we pray?
- What kind of prayers are there? We sometimes recommend PAST (please, ask, sorry, thanks) or ACTS (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication).
- What does it mean to "give thanks in all circumstances"?
- What does prayer have to do with God's will for us in Christ Jesus?

Prayer is a discipline. Support each other in your ongoing efforts to "pray continually"!

God's blessings to you and your families,

Deaconess Miriam



Sunday, September 11th, 2022
My Bible

God's Word is truth, and He gives us His Word in the Bible. Your child is old enough to begin to explore God's truth using his or her very own Bible.

On Sunday, September 11th you will fulfill one of the promises you made at your child's baptism as you place a Bible in his or her hands during the worship service. A copy of the Faith Alive Student Bible will be provided.

Then join us after worship for a time for parents and child together to learn about their Bible and how to use it. Children will have an opportunity to create their own Bible cover.

RSVP TO: 403-284-1342

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Designed for parents with children born in 2015.

LWMLC

LWMLC ABC District Hybrid Convention June 2-4, 2022



The Parkland Zone hosted the final LWMLC ABC District Convention at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Red Deer. The worship services, Bible Studies, and mission presentations enforced the theme: “One in Him”, based on Galatians 3:28(b): “*For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*” What an inspiring and uplifting time we had, renewing acquaintances and meeting new friends! Our Foothills Society was presented with a 40th Anniversary Certificate to acknowledge our 40th year as an LWMLC society. Wow, 40 years!

On Thursday afternoon, we gathered around servant events which included: volunteering at the Red Deer Food Bank, making blankets for Central Alberta Sexual Assault Support Centre, and creating valentines for war veterans.

Mission grants were chosen for 2022-2024. Offerings were given to Mites, The Rock Lutheran Inner City Society, Edmonton, and BC Mission Boat Society. Proceeds from the mission walk were given to Central Alberta Child Advocacy Society.

Scriptures and Garments is an outreach project of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. The congregation provides essential clothing items and age-appropriate Bibles to children in local schools. We contributed underwear and socks as well as some cash donations to this cause.

The convention ended with a wonderful banquet, where we honored past ABC District Presidents, some of whom were able to join us in person! We then had our closing worship service, featuring prelude music by harpist Janet Lutz and worship leader and song writer, Brooke Nicholls from Toronto.

Our next monthly meetings will be September 26th and October 24th 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 at (403) 851-2049 (home) or (403) 660-3887 (cell).

God’s blessings,

Cheryl Lemke, Foothills LWMLC Society President

“Patchwork of Prayers” Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thanks to all of you who donated wool and/or knit or crocheted squares for our “Patchwork of Prayers” shawl initiative! Geraldine Chimirri-Russell crocheted the squares together to create a shawl for one of our congregational members who is going through a difficult time.



Board of Fellowship

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

This past July we were able to once again hold a Stampede Breakfast at the church. The breakfast was held in the Fellowship Hall as well as a number of tables on the front lawn near the grills. Thank you to the approximately 25 volunteers who made this event possible on July 17, 2022. We hosted approximately 150-160 people!

Special thanks goes out to those who took on a leadership role during this event: Heather Sommers (Kitchen), Tim Roth (Set-up), Amanda Kiefer (Hostess), Brenda Bode (Kids Centre), Stacey and Colin Bablitz (Stuck around after working so hard to help with cleanup!), and the Elders who led on the grills.

COFFEE TEAMS

Our coffee teams are up and running again, and we have FANTASTIC teams serving coffee and treats every Sunday! Please take a moment to express your gratitude when you get your coffee after church. We love to be able to have this wonderful time of fellowship after worship, and it will only continue with willing volunteers. Would you like to give it a try? Contact Sarah at knudt-son.sarah@gmail.com or the office if you would like to sign up!

Prayer Chair A Blessing for Pray-ers and Members

Does God answer prayer? Yes! How do we know because we have seen the evidence.

Our Prayer Chain has long been an important part of our church's ministry to its members. We have had requests for prayers for family, for friends; for people we know and for people we don't know. We have had requests for prayers for people who remained anonymous, and for situations of which we did not always know the specifics, only that someone was in crisis and in need of our prayers. We have not always been informed of the results, but we have also had requests for prayers of thanksgiving, flowing from God's wonderful answers to our prayers.

We have seen the results of our prayers: God has graciously granted strength and healing to those for whom we prayed; He has brought release to those who were burdened; He has granted a peaceful departure from this world to others.

Would you like prayers from those serving on our prayer chain? You simply need to call the church office, or email Deaconess Miriam. If you wish to remain anonymous or do not feel that you can be specific about the problem, speak to one of the pastors, and they will pass the need on in a way that protects your privacy.

Does God answer prayer? **Yes! In His own time and in His own way, God will give the answer that is best for us. Yes, God answers prayer!!!**

Mission of the Month

September: Concordia Lutheran Mission Society

An auxiliary organization within LCC, CLMS works to support various missionary, educational, and social ministry projects in Canada and around the world. They are an independent mission society, but work in partnership with Lutheran Church—Canada, seeking to enhance our efforts to reach out with the Gospel. Your gift helps with this wonderful work!

October: BC Mission Boat

A group of people living on Vancouver Island, had a vision to build a boat in 1999 and travel to remote parts of the BC Coast to share the love of Jesus Christ with people living in remote communities. Between the years 2000 and 2010, they did this by taking teams in a boat to each community. Since that time the BC Mission Boat Society takes teams using various modes of transportation including car, water taxi and ferry to these communities. Various teams from all over Canada and the USA join us throughout the year to offer kid's club, men's and women's bible studies, family games nights, elder breakfasts and spa nights for the people living in the communities we travel to. Our hope is to encourage believers in the communities and share the love of our Saviour to the people.

My Church



Sunday, September 25 @ 9:15 am

What is the church? What are all the special things in the church? What happens at church? Why does God want us to be together in church? Come with your child and share a special treasure hunt that will help you to answer these questions!

Please bring your child so you can participate together. Sunday School is available for older siblings and younger children are welcome in the session so that mom and dad can come together.

RSVP TO: miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for parents with children born in 2018

Board of Elders

As I write this, I pray that all FLC members have had a wonderful and safe summer.

At this time, I thank our departing Elders, who have served FLC very well through the challenging time of Covid. These devoted gentleman have served several extra years as Elders at FLC. Thank you to Gary Anderson, Colin Bablitz, Thomas Benz and Lorne Rosenau for your dedicated service and knowledgeable insight and recommendations for the care of our church staff and FLC members.

Going forward myself (Hans Dueck) and Austin Voss are the only returning Elders for this year. Joining us on the Board of Elders are Rob Kaut, Tim Knudtson and Ralf Hinterleitner.

I know that the Board of Elders are not always visible to the congregation, but we play an important role as to the spiritual well-being of the congregation and to the FLC staff. Some of the material the Elders are involved with can be very sensitive issues. We do try to communicate frequently amongst ourselves on very important church matters. The Elders are always ready to listen to the needs of the congregation, and it has been my experience to best communicate with an Elder by email; however, we are always ready to hear members concerns. Although we don't always agree on how to handle certain issues, there is a great deal of respect for each other, as to how to come to a conclusion on the issues brought before us. (Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding)

As we move past our Covid restrictions and into the Fall season, I am still sensing some hesitation from FLC members to congregate after service with one another. I fully understand this hesitation, and I hope that one day most members and guests will stay for coffee (and treats) after service. Having been at FLC for several years I have noticed many new faces over the past few months, this is great to see.

Once again, as we move into the Fall season (and a lot fewer covid restrictions) we look forward to Sunday School starting up for our feature members, and the Sunday morning Bible study that happens at 9:00 am every Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

Hans Dueck

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth group, or LYF (Lutheran Youth @ Foothills), is for youth in grades 7 to 12, and friends are welcome! After September, we will now be meeting every second and fourth Friday, whether it's a long weekend or not, usually from 7 to 10 pm. If you have questions about youth events, please ask Pastor Eric, Evan, or Michelle, and stay connected with youth news by giving Pastor Eric your email address.

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering in Winnipeg in July! We had a great time, and appreciate all the support from Foothills. Watch for more info about it in the next issue of *The Canadian Lutheran*, or check out the *NYG Facebook page*.

September 16: Games at the Church

We're kicking off the new school year with games and a devotion - bring a snack, a friend, and wear your running shoes! We'll be at the church from 7 to 10pm.

Sunday, September 18: Foothills Family Slo-pitch

Watch for an announcement with the time and location of our third annual Foothills vs Foothills ball game.

September 30: Creation Ministries Presentation

Starting at 6:30pm, Gus Olsthoorn will be presenting two sessions: "Amazing Evidences for a Young Universe" and "Noah's Flood: The Catastrophe that Changed the World," as well as a Q&A session. There will be snacks, a freewill offering to support the work of CMI, and an opportunity to buy books and DVDs. It will also be livestreamed to the church Facebook page, and everyone who's interested is invited.

October 14: Crafty Night

We'll be at the church from 7 to 10pm doing crafty things that might get your clothes dirty, and will definitely get your hands dirty. Watch for more details closer to the date.

October 28: Laser Tag

Watch for details about timing and cost!

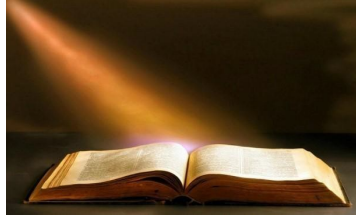
Save these dates:

November 11 and 25, and December 9 and 23.

Purdy's Fundraiser

Chocolate at Christmastime is always pretty popular - watch for details about our upcoming fundraiser later in the fall!

Board of Christian Education Update



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

Summer has been a busy time. There have been lots of different activities happening, sorting, cleaning, painting and organizing as well as planning for the upcoming programs and events in the fall.

VBS was held July 4-8th. It was a fun-filled week for the children, staff and volunteers. The children spent 5 days together learning about “Jesus, Our Lifeguard”. Time was shared listening to God’s Word, singing songs, making crafts and playing outdoor games.

NYG was held in Winnipeg at the University of Manitoba from July 15-19th. Youth from across Canada gathered together for 5 days. The theme was “IN NOT OF” based on Philippians 3:20. This was an event that has been postponed since 2020 due to Covid so it was a true blessing to have young people gathered together in-person. Each day was filled with worship, music and activities. Throughout the gathering, one afternoon was spent enjoying the zoo and the following day everyone took part and assisted in an on-campus servant event. It was a wonderful opportunity for youth to connect, be encouraged and grow in their faith.

Rally Sunday is set for **September 11th**. Sunday School class, Confirmation and Youth Bible study will begin at 9am. Sunday school opening will be held downstairs in the Fireside Room, Confirmation class will be down the hall in Room 4&5 and Youth Bible study will continue in the Youth Room. Sunday School teachers are looking forward to seeing their students and reconnecting in-person. There are some prospective new families planning to join us on Sunday mornings so watch for some new faces.

Adult Bible studies will be resuming in the fall. Sunday morning Bible study has been available throughout the summer months in the morning at 9am. As well, there has been a Ladies Bible study that continued in July and August. While other studies took a break, they will be resuming in September. There are several opportunities throughout the week during various times of the day, one is held in the morning and others during the afternoon or evening. If you are interested in joining a group, email

the board at education@foothillslutheran.com or contact the office for further information.

We are very excited to re-open the Library. Many hours have been spent preparing the Library for Rally Sunday. A big thank you to our helpers. They have been very generous with their time and their hard work is greatly appreciated. There are many resources available so take a moment to have a peek inside and look over the material. The door will be open every Sunday morning until after worship service and coffee time has finished up. Arrangements can be made through the office if you need to drop in during the week.

The preschool storage room is being sorted through and organized. A number of items have been passed along to the preschools of sister congregations. They have appreciated this opportunity to add some toys, books, games and puzzles to their classroom, top up on some craft supplies and bring in some toys that will offer the children some new activities. We are grateful that these items can continue to get good use and enjoyment. Discussions will be held at the board’s upcoming meeting to decide what the next steps will be for the remaining items and then recommendations will be put forward to the PPC.

Save the date! A Creation Ministries event will be held here at Foothills on **September 30 @ 6:30pm**. Gus Olsthoorn will be speaking on the topics titled “Amazing Evidences for a Young Universe” and “Noah’s Flood” followed by a question and answer session. This is an event for families and we encourage you to invite friends and relatives to attend with you. As the date gets closer, keep an eye on your bulletin for further information. It has been a few years since CMI has been with us and we hope that we will see you.

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 :

Christian Education Cont'd

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- 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 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/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!

As schedules and routines change, Kayla Moffett will continue her role as a board member. The Board of Christian Education works hard to serve all our congregation members. Feel free to email us if there is anything that we can be of help with. God's blessings to each of us in the upcoming days!

The Board of Ed is:

Chair – Tobi Stene

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

Board Members – Kayla Moffett, Michelle Heumann, Trevor Heumann

Treasurer's Comments

December 31, 2021 financial statements are available at the Welcome Desk. If you prefer a pdf copy please request one at the church office. Please forward any questions to your treasurer.

Robert Heumann CA CFP CPA
Treasurer

Operation Christmas Child

Good News. Great Joy.

"...being one in spirit and purpose." (Philippians 2:2) from Operation Christmas Child.



We have been given the opportunity again this year to fill shoeboxes for children in war-torn, poverty-racked, or natural disaster countries. Shoeboxes are filled with school supplies, hygiene items and toys. OCC asks that one 'wow' item be put in your box such as a doll, stuffed animal or soccer ball.

Boxes and brochures will be available in October.

Human Care Ministries



Do you have a heart for care and service? The Board of Human Care is looking for people to help with the event planning for the next year. Let's join together and look at ways that we can engage our members in more events as well as ensuring they are cared for in contact and prayer. We'll set a date in September when we can all meet. For more info, please contact Christine Heumann at 403-710-8347 or christineheumanncgy@gmail.com.

MANY JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!



Come and rejoice with us as we start a new season on **Wednesday, September 7th** at 7:30 pm sharp in the choir loft. We'd love to hear your voice join us in praise and worship through song. Think you can't sing well or have never sung in a choir?? JOIN US!!! Do you have a favourite song that the choir has sung in the past and want to hear it again or a song you can't remember the choir singing? Send me a note! Watch Sunday bulletins for more information.

For more info, please contact Christine Heumann at 403-710-8347 or christineheumanncgy@gmail.com.

Christine Heumann
Choir Director