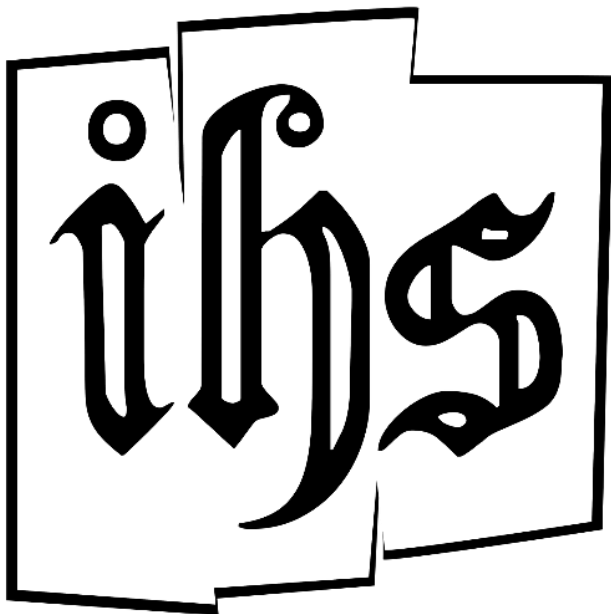


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”



The Circumcision and Name of Jesus *January 1, 2023*

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Jesus, born in Bethlehem, be with us now as we journey on the path of life. Keep us safe from all danger, and guard and protect us as we travel from place to place. Wherever we may be, help us to remember that You will never leave us or forsake us.

O Jesus Christ, our Lord, bless us with Your presence.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 896; 900; 373; 362; 390; 393; 898
FIRST LESSON:..... Numbers 6:22-27
EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29
GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:21
SERMON: *Living Up To His Name* – Luke 2:21

WELCOME! It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the church.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY 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.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS: We are blessed through the faithful stewardship of God's people. Many of our members have chosen to give their gifts either through pre-authorized payments or by e-transfer. If you wish to give your gifts to the Lord by e-transfer, you can do it through your online account. The transfer address is: financials@foothillslutheran.com.

Offering plates are at the door, both before and after service, for those who want to give their offerings in God's house. These will be brought to the altar during the service.

In all things, let us remember that we give from the bounty that our Lord first bestows upon us. Thanks be to Him for every good and perfect gift!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Brian and Barb Vincent; John Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
		Pot blessing luncheon hosted by LWMLC

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Out of Egypt" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. With these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. (Matthew 2:13-23). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

NEXT SUNDAY IS EPIPHANY SUNDAY: Following the worship service, the ladies of Foothills LWMLC Society will be hosting a pot blessing luncheon. Donations of "finger food" (sandwiches, vegetable and fruit trays, cheese and crackers, cookies and squares ...) are appreciated.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:		Wednesday/Communion
Dec 24-31	Christmas Eve Services 259	12/8
	Christmas Day 52	

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$14,840.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$415,254.78	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$431,000.00	-\$15,745.22

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 360.00; Visitor 590.00; CLWR 150.00; Lutheran Hospital Ministries 25.00; Lutheran Hour 1500.00; VBS 250.00; Other 100.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

Based on the biblical story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), "mites" – offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the synod – are collected by women of Lutheran Church-Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML-Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML-Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions.

January 8th we will celebrate LWML Sunday, and during this month we are giving all our members an opportunity to support this work through our Mission of the Month.



PLEASE START USING YOUR 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

TODAY: We made some adjustments to the numbers, so your envelope number may have changed. Please **do not** use your old envelopes anymore. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. If you need offering envelopes, but don't presently have them, please let the office know.

How much should you give? Scripture says: ***Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*** (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) But as we look at the Scripture guidelines for giving, we would note that we should:

- ***Give regularly*** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- ***Give faithfully*** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- ***Give generously*** – its not about our fair share or simply giving to the budget. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God.

May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE SWITCHED THEIR GIVING to electronic contributions and no longer require offering envelopes. We will order our 2024 offering envelopes in January to take advantage of early order discounts. Please let the church office know if you no longer require offering envelopes and we will adjust our order. If we don't hear from you, we will proceed with ordering envelopes for you. Regardless of the way, may God enable us to be faithful stewards of His gifts first given to us!

Your support in the Lord's work is highly treasured and we are pleased to be able provide you with a pre-authorized alternative of giving. Should you prefer this style of offering, please contact office@foothillslutheran.com. We will provide you with an agreement from the Bank of Montreal where you will be

asked to provide your identification and financial institution details. A 'void' cheque is helpful as well. Once this form has been completed, return it to the church office.

"FAMILY" BOARD GAMES NIGHT: The whole Foothills family is invited to join the youth on **Friday, January 13th** for our annual board game night from 7 to 10pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend and bring a snack and come prepared to try some new games and meet some new people! Please RVSP to Pastor Eric by January 11 so we have an idea of how many people to set up for.


PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW. With the busyness of the days, we did want to give our staff a "New Years" break, too. Many things resume Tuesday, so please take note of the activities and be involved in the things we do together!

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR is posted on the Worship Bulletin Board by Deaconess Miriam's office. We appreciate the gift of fresh flowers to beautify the Lord's altar. We thank Joan Copeland for the work she has been doing in providing flowers on the altar.



THANK YOU: On behalf of the family of Irma Lucht, I would like to thank the members of the congregation for their prayers and their messages of sympathy. A special thanks to Pastor Bode, Pastor Eric and Deaconess Miriam for organizing and streaming the Memorial Service at this busy time of year, and to Heather Sommers for setting up and serving the coffee.

Irma appreciated getting to know many of you during her time in Calgary and she was especially grateful for the spiritual care and guidance provided by Foothills Lutheran Church.

 **OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **Saturday, January 7th** at 9:00 am. We start with breakfast at 9:00, followed by our study. We wrap up by 10:30. We invite the men of the congregation to join us.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we remember **Reverend Klan Chan** who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in the village of Rotanakiri, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Chan, 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.**



DO YOU FILL IN A “COMMUNION CARD?” These cards help in a variety of ways. First, by reviewing the card, you are reminded of the ways that you can prepare to take the Lord’s Supper in a worthy manner. They help you remember the precious gift Jesus gives us as He gives us His body and blood. When you fill them in, it also helps us know our attendance at communion, which helps in our preparing the altar, and which helps the Elders and Pastors as they minister to the needs of God’s people. It only takes a moment, and it does help us help you. Please remember to fill them in each time you come to Holy Communion!



GET BACK INTO THE BIBLE! Many people have their New Year resolutions—why not resolve to spend more time in God’s Word? We have bible reading plans for the year; our bible studies are also great opportunities to talk, to share and to see what God has to teach us. As we look for guidance for our lives in the new year, the best place to look is in God’s Word. It is

OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY resumes again this Tuesday, as we continue our look at the second half of the Gospel of John. We’re also looking ahead to our next topic. We welcome you to join us for this time in the Word. We meet at 10:00, and finish at 11:30.





Growing FAITH at home

1 January 2023

FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What makes you sad?
2. What do you do when you feel sad?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

Isalah 63:7-9

Remembrance
of grace

2nd reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

Abraham's
descendants

Gospel reading

Matthew 2:13-23

The escape to Egypt

DISCUSS

A time of great sadness came to the town of Bethlehem soon after the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:16-18). Why were they sad?



ACTION RESPONSE

Who in your congregation or community is experiencing a time of sadness? Prepare a 'thinking of you' card to send to them. Choose a Bible verse to insert into the cards. Children may wish to draw a picture to include with them.



PRAYER

Lord God, you have done many good things for us. Help us to stay true to you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God, we thank you for this time to share a meal with those for whom we care. Please bless this food so that it gives us strength to serve you. Amen.



BLESSING

May God be loving and kind to you. May he lift you up and carry you all your life.

I WILL MAKE KNOWN THE LORD'S
FAITHFUL LOVE AND THE LORD'S
PRAISEWORTHY ACTS, BECAUSE OF ALL
THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US.

ISAIAH 63:7

VERSE OF THE WEEK

