

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*To be fair and just and
merciful and to walk
humbly
with your God.*

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Blessed Lord, we know what You desire of us, yet we still fall short. Forgive us for those times when we have not been the merciful, pure-hearted, peace-making people You want us to be. And help us to live more and more as members of Your kingdom and givers of Your love.

O Great Teacher of us all, may we learn more and more from You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service 4, p. 203
- HYMNS:** 849; 851; 842; 427; 540; 700; 922
- FIRST LESSON:**.....Micah 6:1-8
- EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- GOSPEL LESSON:**Matthew 5:1-12
- SERMON:**

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!

THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Rentz in loving memory of her husband, David Sr.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Acolyte..... Kieran Chan
Lector..... Rick Goebel
Ushers..... Ellen Wagner; Bruce Winstanley
Coffee Team for Voter's Meeting..... Sarah Knudtson; Ellie Marshall;
..... Bill & Erika Schultz; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	12:15 pm	Voter's Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:00 pm	Lorraine Kruger Funeral
Saturday	1:00 pm	Elfrieda Stewart Memorial Service
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Hopelessly Hopeful". Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca



OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet one week later than usual, due to the funeral on February 4th. We will gather on Saturday, **February 11th** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Kathy and Laurie Kruger, at the death of their mother, Lorraine. Her Christian funeral service will be here at Foothills on **Thursday, February 2nd** at 1:00 pm. May God comfort this family in their grief.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday/ Communion	Education Hour
January 22	131	17/15	36

* Attendance numbers include online participants

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46*	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,940.00	\$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$33,443.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$33,153.85	-\$289.15

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 640.00; Sunday School 5.70; Facility Rent 520.00; Parking Revenue 800.00; LWML 135.00; Initial Offerings 20.00.

***Please Note:** Our offering numbers/needs will be updated when the new budget for 2023 is adopted.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week's lesson is "Lost-and-Found Wonders." Jesus shares three parables demonstrating our heavenly Father's concern for the lost. The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep to seek one that was lost. A woman sweeps the house to find one of ten silver coins. In the parable of the lost son, a young man squanders his inheritance, ending up in squalor. Determined to plead for his father's mercy and beg to return as a servant, the son instead receives a celebration. Angered at his father's welcome for the prodigal, the older son confronts his father. The father's gentle response reassures the young man of the father's everlasting love and care.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES SOUTHERN ALBERTA is in need of a computer monitor for their office. If you have one that you would be willing to donate to LHMSA, contact Heather Graham-Navis at lhmsac@gmail.com or at (403) 264-4045. Thank you for your prayerful consideration with this request.

FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Friendship February Square Dance at the Church: We are looking to gauge interest in holding a social square-dancing event with a dance-caller at the church on **February 3** at 7:00 pm. This would be a fun time for the whole family, all ages and experience levels welcome! The professional "Caller" tells you each step as you go so it's very learner friendly. If you want to come just to watch, that is also allowed! January 29 is the last day to express interest in attending.

PRESCHOOL TOYS: Some of the Preschool toys and supplies have been donated to sister preschools in Lethbridge and Rocky Mountain House, and some items have been taken to Goodwill. We are now inviting our members who may be interested in toys, games, and puzzles for preschoolers to come to Room 6 on our lower level and take items which could be of use to you and your children. The room will be open following the Voter's Meeting on January 29th, and Sundays after worship through February. Please note that we will not "hold" items for pickup for more than a few days.



POWERPOINT AND A/V VOLUNTEERS: We are grateful for the faithful servants that we have had to run our PowerPoint, sound and cameras for Sunday services. We don't want to wear them out, so we are asking for those interested (including youth!) in helping out in these areas to contact Deaconess Miriam by February 17th. We will put together a list, schedule a training session, and incorporate you into a schedule. Thank you in advance for considering serving in this way.

ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MAY 29TH. We are planning to have a one-day VBS outreach on Monday, May 29th, which is a non-instructional day for children attending public school. We plan to have it offsite, in a nearby community. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for that day. We will need teachers, helpers, a crafts leader, and games leaders. Talk with Deaconess Miriam and Pastor Eric if you are interested and watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.



MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Lixia del Carmen Chevez serves the Principe de Paz Lutheran Church in Las Marias, Nicaragua as an instructor of the faith. **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 Chevez 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**

THE CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE for Elfrieda Stewart will be here at Foothills on **Saturday, February 4th** at 1:00 pm.

We will be hosting a reception for those who attend. If you can assist with this by providing sandwiches or sweets, please contact Cheryl Lemke. Her email is: cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022 will be available in your mailbox over the next couple of weeks. We will leave them there until mid-February then if not picked-up, will mail them out. If you would like your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.



THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, hosted by the youth group, will be returning on **February 21**, and pancakes and ham will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm (gluten-free pancakes will be available as well). Please sign up on the sheet on the youth bulletin board

by Sunday, February 19, so we have an idea of how many people to prepare for, although you are welcome to attend even if you don't sign up.

Donations to the 2025 Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering are appreciated!

Youth, come at 4pm, or as early as possible, to help set up and cook. You'll get to eat dinner, and help clean up, too!



JOB MAKES THE OBSERVATION: *“Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not.”* (Job 14:1–2, ESV)

We often try to avoid the reality of death. Yet we often find ourselves unprepared and overwhelmed in the face of death, especially as we deal with a whole host of details and plans. One of the best things we can do for ourselves and for those we love is to look ahead, and plan for that unavoidable day. In that preparation, we can give our best and finest witness to our confidence in the Lord—the same confidence the psalmist has, as he says: *“I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.”* (Psalm 118:17, ESV)

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, we will hold a funeral planning workshop. This workshop will give us an opportunity to discuss such questions as, “What is a funeral?” “Does it matter whether I am created or buried?” “What do we need to do when someone dies?” We will discuss how your funeral can be a testimony of faith, and other important information.

The workshop on Saturday, March 11 will run from 9:30 - 12:00 pm. We will provide a “continental breakfast” for those who come. We know this will be a helpful time for you, and an opportunity to make your service wishes known. Join us that day. Let the Pastor know if you are interested in attending.



Growing **FAITH** at home

29 January 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

JESUS
TEACHES US
THE WAYS
OF GOD



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to stand up for what is good and right?
2. Is there someone you admire or respect? What have you learnt from them?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Micah 6:1-8

What God wants
from you

2nd reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

God's power and
wisdom

Gospel reading

Matthew 5:1-12

The sermon on the mount

DISCUSS

Jesus taught his followers that God blesses those who are humble, those who stand up for what is good and right, those who are forgiving, and those who work for peace. Share some real-life examples of these.



ACTION RESPONSE

The prophet Micah told God's people that he wanted them to worship him not only with their words but with their actions. He wanted them to show kindness and mercy to others. Decide on a 'Micah' challenge you can take on as a household to bless your community this month.



PRAYER

God, help us to live in peace with one another, and to bring peace where there is trouble. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God, you have blessed us with daily bread. Bless us also with gratitude, generosity and compassion for others. Amen.



BLESSING

May God make your life a great blessing to others.

THE LORD HAS TOLD YOU WHAT HE WANTS FROM YOU: TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT TO OTHER PEOPLE, LOVE BEING KIND TO OTHERS, AND LIVE HUMBLY, OBEYING YOUR GOD.

MICAH 6:8

VERSE OF THE WEEK

