

# Foothills Lutheran Church

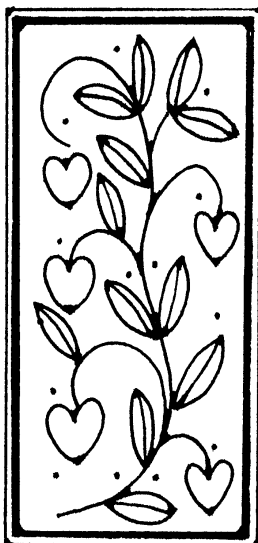
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*“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”*

*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*February 12, 2023*

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COMES



FROM  
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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Lord, You know our every thought and action. Nothing we say or do can be hidden from You. Forgive us for thinking that we could keep things from You, or could sin "just a little," as long as no one found out. Purify us through and through and may every part of our being bring glory to You.

*O Fulfiller of the Law, may Your will be fulfilled in us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... 10,000 Reasons; Cornerstone; Mighty to Save;  
..... How Can I Keep from Singing; Jesus Messiah  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Matthew 5:21-37  
**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 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.

**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](mailto: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.....	Contemporary Musicians
Acolyte.....	Karl Wong
Lector.....	Carl Berdahl
Ushers.....	Carter Stene, Jaxson Stene
Coffee Team.....	Tim, Sarah & Eden Knudtson

### THIS WEEK AT FLC

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*



### Altar Flowers

**THE FLOWERS** that grace our altar for February are given to the glory of God in remembrance of Rick Bennetts (Michelle Heumann's father) and Iain Graham (Christine Heumann's father).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Shine Like Stars"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A social media star with a million followers can't possibly know all one million of them. However, there is one really famous Person with billions of followers Who knows--and loves--each one. (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**DEACONESS MIRIAM** is in Ontario this weekend, attending the joint seminary Board of Regents meeting in St. Catharines. She and Bruce are also taking time to visit family. She will return next Sunday. We pray for safe travel and for blessings upon the seminary meetings.

**TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022** are in your mailbox. We will leave them there until February 20<sup>th</sup> then if not picked-up, will mail them out. If you need your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/ Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
February 5	149/96	16	43

\* Attendance numbers include online participants

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,766.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$45,024.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$49,730.77</b>	<b>-\$4,706.77</b>

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 20.00; Visitor 10.00; Sunday School 5.05; FLSR 500.00; CLWR 75.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; Lutheran Hospital 50.00; LWML 50.00; A/R 65.00; Board of Fellowship 150.00; Initial Offerings 25.00.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH  
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry affiliated with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church - Canada and Lutheran Women in Mission. Its mission is "Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church".

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Jesus performs an amazing miracle in “A Resurrection Sign.” Mary and Martha’s brother, Lazarus, falls seriously ill. When word of his illness comes to Jesus, He delays two days, assuring His disciples the disease would not lead to death but to God’s glory. Despite death threats, Jesus reassures the disciples when deciding to return to Judea. They set out for Bethany, arriving four days after Lazarus is placed in the tomb. Jesus tells Martha that He is the resurrection and the life, as she boldly confesses, “I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God” (John 11:27). Deeply moved by their grief, Jesus calls Lazarus back to life.



**POT BLESSING:** We will be having a **pot blessing dinner March 5<sup>th</sup>**. There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship board so you can see what others are bringing. This helps make sure we don’t all bring dessert! Thank you for joining us and bringing your favourite dish!

**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 after worship through February. Please note that we will not “hold” items for pickup for more than a few days.

**ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>:** We are planning to have a one-day VBS outreach, entitled “*Treasured by God*” and focusing on the Lost and Found parables of Luke 15. This will take place on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, which is a non-instructional day for children attending public school. We plan to have it offsite, at Capitol Hill Community Centre. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for that day. We will need teachers, helpers, a crafts leader, and games leaders. Our member families are invited to attend, and we encourage your children to bring an unchurched friend. Talk with Deaconess Miriam and Pastor Eric if you are interested and watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.



**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!



**THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY,** February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we will hold special services to lead us to the cross and a deeper appreciation of all that our Saviour has done for us in His death and resurrection.

Our theme is “*Chronicles of the King*”, and through a look at some of the kings who followed in the line of David we will look to the rule of the coming King—the Christ, who will sit on the throne of his father David forever.

We will have a Lenten rotation, sharing together with St. Matthew's, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, and Prince of Peace. Pastors will be travelling to each church to share a sermon each week. Our services begin each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We hope you will join us for these services:

**Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22)** Pastor Bode

**March 8:** Pastor Markus Zeuch

**March 22:** Pastor Moffett

**March 1:** Pastor David Dressler

**March 15:** Pastor Mark Rekken

**March 29:** Pastor Bode

***DON'T FORGET OUR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS*** before the services each week. We start with dinner at 5:30, followed by our worship. Please sign the list on the bulletin board to help provide soup for these times of fellowship together.



***JOIN US FOR OUR FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP!***

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 cremated 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 will run from 9:30 - 12:00 pm, beginning with a “continental breakfast” and time of fellowship. 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 Bode know if you are interested in attending.

***THE LATEST COPY OF FOOT PRINT*** and a calendar of our Lenten / Holy Week services is available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up a copy today!

***OUR LENTEN LEADERS BIBLE STUDY*** begins on Monday, **February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm. We will be looking at our wounded Saviour and the wounds of betrayal, apathy, denial, mockery and abandonment. These wounds came from those close to the Lord, who suffered for us. We hold these studies as times of spiritual refreshment for our leaders, but you are invited to join us. Let one of the pastors know you would like to attend.



***MISSION PRAYER:*** This week, we remember **Reverend Angel Antonio Salazar Macías** serves as pastor in three churches, in Potosi, Monte Olivos and in Las Marias, Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Macías, 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.**

***IN RESPONSE TO THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE*** in Turkey and Syria, Canadian Lutheran World Relief is joining Canadian aid agencies in the Humanitarian Coalition to raise funds to rush assistance to people in need. Your donations to CLWR will support our local ACT Alliance partners responding with emergency shelter, blankets, clean water, food and healthcare. Please join us in prayer for those affected and consider donating. Visit [clwr.org/earthquake](http://clwr.org/earthquake) or call 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm CST) to learn more.



## Growing FAITH at home

12 February 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY  
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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Is it good or bad to have rules and laws?
2. Is there a rule you actually like to follow? Why?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Deuteronomy  
30:15-20**

Warning against  
turning away

2nd reading

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

The church and  
its leader

Gospel reading

**Matthew 5:21-37**  
Teachings of Jesus

DISCUSS

Why does God give us laws to follow?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Without law and order in society, our lives would be in absolute chaos. Law and order are good gifts of God to us. Plan an 'appreciation visit' to your local police station. Pray for God's ongoing protection and blessings for them.



### PRAYER

Lord, help us to grow up in our faith, so that our beliefs are matched by our actions. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for food to eat and gifts to use. Amen.



### BLESSING

May you be filled with love for Jesus and listen to his voice.

CHOOSE LIFE! BE COMPLETELY FAITHFUL  
TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, LOVE HIM, AND  
DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.

DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20

VERSE OF THE WEEK