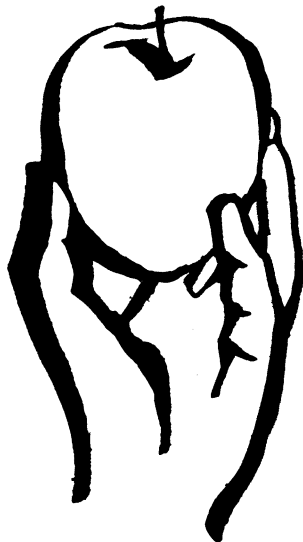


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”

HOW LOVELY AND FRESH
LOOKING IT WAS! AND IT
WOULD MAKE HER SO
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G E N E S I S 3 : 6

First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Since the time of Adam and Eve, Your people have been tempted to go astray. And we are no exception. Forgive us, O Lord, for even thinking of abandoning You and going our own way. May the words of Scripture give us the strength to turn away from Satan's lures and turn back to You.

God, whose promises are sure, guide us away from the devil's false hopes.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 418; 434; Lead Me to the Cross; 781; 451;
..... When I Survey/The Wonderful Cross
FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 3:1-21
EPISTLE LESSON:Romans 5:12-19
GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 4:1-11
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.

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 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).

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Robert Kubke; Bruce Winstanley
Acolyte..... Quinn Alcock
Lector Stacey Bablitz
Coffee Team..... Michelle Funke; Colleen Judiesch; Ellen Wagner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	11:30 am	Faith at Home – Technology Boundaries
Monday	1:00 pm	LWMLC
	7:00 pm	Lenten Leaders Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship (Pastor Dressler)
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
	11:30 am	Pot Blessing

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:



OUR MEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, **March 4th** 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we study “The Passion Prediction.” In the week before His crucifixion, Jesus goes to dinner in Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had just raised from the dead. Martha serves as Jesus and Lazarus recline at table. Meanwhile, Mary anoints Jesus’ feet with expensive ointment while wiping them with her hair, preparing Him for burial. When Judas voices his objections, Jesus tells him to leave her alone and points to His upcoming death.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/ Communion	Wednesday/ Communion	Education Hour
February 19	127/89	26/24	10

* Attendance numbers include online participants

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "It Begins with Who I Am" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. The desert is a place of testing. The desert places of our lives are like that, too. 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

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,747.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$65,579.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$66,307.69	-\$728.69

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 420.00; FLSR Rent 500.00; Lutheran Hour 310.00; Youth 10.00; Accounts Receivable 195.00.

**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".

ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MAY 29TH: We are planning a one-day VBS outreach, entitled “*Treasured by God*”, focusing on the Lost and Found parables of Luke 15. This will take place on Monday, May 29th, which is a non-instructional day for children in 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.

LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, **February 27th**, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is an in- person event. We’ll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. The Fellowship Hall will be set up to allow for social distancing and masks are optional. All ladies are welcome!

OUR LENTEN LEADERS BIBLE STUDY begins on Monday, **February 27th** 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.

POT BLESSING: We will be having a pot blessing lunch **March 5th** immediately following worship service. 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: While some of the Preschool equipment has been donated to sister preschools, 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.



WE WILL BE STREAMING OUR LENTEN SERVICES: While this is a poor substitute for our gathering together as God's family around His altar and in His Word, this does provide you an opportunity to hear that Word if you cannot be with us. This will only continue for the midweek Lenten services. You can join us for the live stream at www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran.

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.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Financial Stewardship is giving back to God some of the money that He has provided to us out of thankfulness for all that He has given to us. Our church has an offering budget this year of \$431,000.00. These offerings will be used to pay our church workers and to operate our church and are also used to further our mission ministry with our members and to others. Some of our ministry programs include outreach at the University of Calgary, family ministry within our congregation and to others in the community through Bible studies and Vacation Bible School, and support of Lutheran Church Canada's (LCC) outreach ministry. LCC has active outreach and support programs in Ukraine, Nicaragua, Cambodia, Thailand, and Costa Rica. They also have numerous programs in Canada ranging from Lutheran Schools to ministry in northern communities. If you want to learn more of all that Lutheran Church Canada does, please visit their website at lutheranchurchcanada.ca. Your financial support of our congregation is appreciated. Our jobs and wealth are blessings from our Lord, and we should cheerfully give our treasures to God. For as God has told us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES as we look at "*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:

March 1: Pastor David Dressler

March 8: Pastor Markus Zeuch

March 22: Pastor Moffett

March 15: Pastor Mark Rekken

March 29: Pastor Bode



JOIN US FOR OUR FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP! On **Saturday, March 11th, 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.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to be tempted?
2. What helps you make the right decision?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Genesis 2:15-17;
3:1-7**
The Fall

2nd reading

Romans 5:12-19
Life through Christ

Gospel reading

Matthew 4:1-11
The temptation of Jesus

DISCUSS

How did Jesus respond to the devil's temptations? What can we, as Christians, do to help resist temptation? What can we learn from Jesus' responses?



ACTION RESPONSE

Genesis 2:15 says that God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to 'work it and take care of it.' Volunteer some time as a household to assist a neighbour with their gardening or outside cleaning, or to help maintain your church grounds or a local recreation area.



PRAYER

Lord God, give us courage and strength when we are tempted. Help us to make the right decisions and stay strong in our faith. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for giving us this day and our daily bread. Amen.



BLESSING

May God keep you safe with his life-giving words.

PEOPLE DO NOT LIVE ON BREAD
ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT
COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

MATTHEW 4:4

VERSE OF THE WEEK

