



Dear friends in Christ:

*My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?*

*Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!*
(LSB 430, st. 1, 7)

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Those verses from one of my favourite Lenten hymns fit so well with the things we see around us in the world. Stores are filled with cards and candy and offers for flowers all tied to Valentine's Day. For the next few weeks the world will seem obsessed with love and romance. Husbands will be urged to give their wife the perfect Valentine's gift—and jewelers will tell you that diamonds are a girl's best friend. Restaurants will be booked for romantic dinners. Young couples try to find ways of making the day special. It's all about what we can do to acknowledge our love, express our love, profess our love.

As an old song says, "love makes the world go round". Love is important in our homes, in our church and in our world. When Jesus is asked, "what is the greatest commandment?", He sums up the whole of the commandments by saying, ***"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*** (Matthew 22:37–39, ESV) If only we could do that! If only love was seen in the world throughout the year, and not just around Valentine's Day!

In reality, all loves in this world fall short. Thankfully, there is a perfect love, and that is the love that God has for us. We all know that ***"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) Paul declares that ***"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*** (Romans 5:8, ESV) That is why I like the hymn, *My Song is Love Unknown* so much. While Valentine's Day is all about showing love to those who love us, (or people we hope will love us), Christ shows His love to the loveless—to people who aren't worthy or deserving of His love. The hymn says, "Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine." As God says through Jeremiah: ***"I have loved you with an everlasting love;***

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therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.” (Jeremiah 31:3, ESV)

So much of our worldly love is fleeting. There would be far fewer country music songs if it were not for broken hearts, unrequited love or love grown cold! But how blessed we are to sing the many hymns that acknowledge the great, undying, eternal and fervent love of God, made known to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just to name a few: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (LSB 700); *What Wondrous Love is This* (LSB 543); *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (LSB 425); *O Perfect Life of Love* (LSB 452). I could keep going, but you get the idea.

You are so loved, my dear friends! God has loved you as only God can love. Yes, ***“We love because he first loved us.”*** (1 John 4:19, ESV) What a blessing it is when we who are loved truly do love as He Himself has loved us. May we see that love for us leading us to a greater love for one another—a love that makes Valentine’s love so pale by comparison!

In His love and ours,



LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES



Man of Sorrows, People of Joy paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew’s Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Shepherd’s crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and

true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him.

Our Lord Jesus, though divine in nature, took on human form and thus became intimately acquainted with our griefs and sorrow (see Isaiah 53:1-6). That God would send His Son to bear our sins and die on our behalf is testament to God’s unbounded love—a love that declares believers innocent through the Savior’s triumphant resurrection.

Printed copies in regular and large print will be available on the Welcome Desk.

Mission of the Month

FEBRUARY

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church has been the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries for many years. Through ministry programs such as The Lutheran Hour, International Ministries, Men’s NetWork, MISSION U and others, LHM is calling our communities, our country, and our world back to God. Your gift to this mission of the month helps bring a message of rescue, restoration and renewal in Jesus Christ to millions of people who desperately need to hear it.

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

It is Job who 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)

Job understood something we all know, but often try to avoid, and that is 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 11th**, 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. We will begin with 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 to your family and to the pastors. Join us that day. Let Pastor Bode know if you are interested in attending.

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

Paul’s words to Timothy are words for all of us in our walk of faith. But they require a grounding in that faith, which begins in childhood. Thank you for your prayers and support of our Sunday School, which partners with parents in teaching Scripture to our youngest members.

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. Thank you to our teachers who willingly give of their time each week to prepare and teach lessons.

Thank you to the 10 children, 5 Confirmation students and 4 youth who presented “*Illustrations of Immanuel*” on December 18th. The children enjoyed leading the congregation through the images in Scripture that point to Jesus, our Saviour. The images that they made are now displayed in their Sunday School Rooms.

Our upcoming lessons include:

February 05	The Seeing Sign (Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind)	John 9
February 12	A Resurrection Sign (Jesus Raises Lazarus)	John 11:1-44
February 19	<i>No Sunday School—Family Day Weekend</i>	
February 26	A Trusting Widow (Jesus Teaches About Offering)	Mark 12:41-44
March 05	The Kingdom of Children (Jesus Blesses the Children)	Luke 18:15-17
March 12	The Passion Prediction (Mary Anoints Jesus)	John 12:1-8
March 19	The King Arrives (Jesus Rides into Jerusalem)	Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 24 7-10
March 26	<i>No Sunday School—Spring Break</i>	

LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Our Tuesday evening group meets at 7:30 pm at the Church, and is working through 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. Deaconess Miriam has resources for families to help them fill this role at every age and stage. She’d love to talk with you! In **February** we offer a session on “**Technology Boundaries**”, and in **March** we offer a session entitled “**Forgiveness in the Family**”. You and your children will receive an invitation to the sessions appropriate for their age.

Sunday School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning is under way for this summer's Vacation Bible School. We are finalizing our curriculum, but mark your calendars for **July 24-28**, and plan to bring a friend. Children age 4 to those who have completed grade 5 are welcome. We'll also be having another Volunteers-in-Training class for those who are entering grade 6, or who have never volunteered with us before. Registration will open in early March. As usual we will be looking for volunteer teachers, helpers, and games and crafts leaders. Talk with Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric for more information!

ONE-DAY VBS MAY 29TH

We're trying something new this year. We've booked space at Capitol Hill Community Association to hold a one-day outreach VBS in the community. That is a non-instructional day in Calgary Board of Education, so children will be off school. The VBS will be based on the lost and found parables of Luke 15, and will include all of the things we would normally do at VBS, only for a whole day. Registration will be open for this day by mid February. We would love to have our member children attend, and bring an unchurched friend!

FAMILY TIME IN CHRIST – FAMILY PRAYER

One of the great privileges we have as Christians is that of talking to our heavenly Father in prayer. As we are told in the catechism, He “tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father” (these words are from the explanation of the introduction to the Lord's Prayer). And parents are given the great privilege of teaching their children to pray.

Our little ones learn about prayer even before they are able to speak. Pray over your baby as he lies in his crib. Encourage your toddler to fold her hands when you say grace at the table. Teach new speakers to say “Amen” when you pray with them. Use simple prayers repetitively, so that they can learn to say them with you, and, with simple explanations from you, begin to understand what they are saying. Young children will begin with a “thank you” (Dear God, thank you for...) and a “please” (Dear God, please...). As they become accustomed to praying, you can add an “I'm sorry” - teaching them that when we sin, we say “I'm sorry” to God, and that He is always ready to forgive. Discuss with your older child what Jesus has done for them, or things in creation that they especially appreciate, and include an “I praise you for...” sentence in your prayer.

Prayer can be both routine and ad hoc. Certainly, make prayer a daily part of your time together as a family. But also let your children see you turn to your heavenly Father as things arise during the day. A prayer for healing over a scraped knee; a prayer for safety in your travels before the car starts for a trip; a prayer of thanksgiving when good news is received – all help your child to see that prayer really is for all circumstances! Here are some creative ways to encourage your children to pray, taken from the December 2010 edition of *Home Base*, an LCMS e-journal on Christian family life. (Reprinted with permission of LCMS Board of National Mission). Some will be more appropriate for older children, some for younger children.

- Bandage Prayer - Provide a band aid for each person. Name one person who is experiencing pain, who needs a prayer for God's healing.
- Birthday Candle Prayer - At a birthday (or baptism birthday) gathering, give each person an unlit candle. Carry the cake around the table, asking each guest to place their candle in the cake, naming one thing about the birthday person for which they thank God. Then, light the candles and sing.
- Christmas Card Prayer - Keep your photo Christmas cards this year and take a moment to pray for these one of these people each week.
- Christ Among Us - Light a candle at your table, reminding all that Jesus is the light of the world, the light that came into the darkness and whom the darkness could not overcome. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus and for the opportunity to let your light so shine before others that they will see Jesus.
- Siren Prayer - When you hear a siren or pull over for a squad car, an ambulance, or a fire truck, pray aloud for the person(s) that is hurt, scared, sick, or in trouble.
- Map Prayer - Spread out a map (local, province, Canada, or world), give each person three Cheerios, and ask all to place their cereal circles on a place where there is a person, event, or place for which they'd like to pray.
- Newspaper Prayer - Take the first section of your newspaper, split it along the spine, handing one sheet to each person gathered. Ask each to skim their page, looking for one item for which prayer is needed and one item for praise or thanksgiving. Then, pray together.

God's blessings to you and your families,

Deaconess Miriam

Notes from the President

COVID RESTRICTIONS AND THE OPERATION OF OUR CONGREGATION

As Covid restrictions have been relaxed, we have had after service coffee fellowship and additional fellowship events that include meals and/or desserts.

It was felt that members that mask wearing was optional but members should feel free to wear a mask as their fears of Covid direct them.

HANDLING OF THE “DESIGNATED FUNDS”

The Designated Funds committee has done a ton of work to ensure that all donors to the Mission Building Fund had a choice of: a) directing those funds to Foothill Lutheran Church or b) refunding the amount with a warning of the tax implications. Robert Heumann will have reported on the status of these funds in his reporting.

SAGE PROPERTIES GROUP

We have been monitoring the Sage Properties Group, who oversees the funds that once were invested by individuals and churches in the former Church Extension Fund (“CEF”). When possible we have approved removal of our congregation’s money.

Prince of Peace School has been leased to the Third Academy for the next 10 years. It is hoped that they will choose to purchase the school in the near future. The Harbour, the Manor, and the parcel of land to the north of the school have been put up for sale. The water line has been completed, tying the property into the Rockyview County supply.

Sage Properties Group held their Annual General Meeting on January 13, 2023 at the Prince of Peace Manor. I attended on behalf of Foothills Lutheran Church.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The leadership of our congregation want to return to the work of creating a new constitution that has been on hold during the Covid crisis. All members of the Parish Planning Council are reviewing their duties and responsibilities under the old constitution (2005). I hope to have a new version of the church constitution ready for review and ratification by the September Voter’s Meeting.

OTHER

The church organ is completely paid for. The PPC decided that the old organ could be donated to the Canmore Lutheran congregation at no cost (previously we had asked for \$2000).

We now have 4 students living in the Student Residence (the old parsonage), for the 2022-23 winter session at the university (September – April). I am happy to report that they have been worshipping on Sundays on a regular basis.

Tim Roth, President

CHRONICLES OF THE KING



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. 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 this year 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. Join us for a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm before worship.

Ash Wednesday - February 22: Pastor Bode

March 1: Pastor David Dressler

March 8: Pastor Markus Zeuch

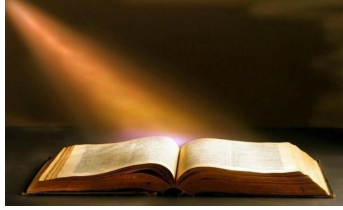
March 15: Pastor Mark Rekken

March 22: Pastor Moffett

March 29: Pastor Bode

Join us each week for our journey with Christ to the cross!

Board of Christian Education Update



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

The Children’s Christmas Service took place on December 19th during morning Worship Service. It was titled “Illustrations of Immanuel”. There were 10 Sunday School students, 5 Confirmation students and 5 Youth who participated. They did an exceptional job of sharing the message of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We were excited that we could once again do this in-person as it has been presented as a video recording for the past two years.

Thank you as well to the staff, teachers and parents who all worked together to make the presentation come together so nicely.

Some of the preschool toys and supplies have been passed along to our sister preschools while some items have been donated to Goodwill. The remaining supplies have been offered to our members who might have an interest in puzzles, games, toys and interactive activities to use in their homes with their children and family. The door was first opened after the Voter’s Meeting and will continue to be open on Sunday after Worship throughout February.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Lent Bible Study. It will be planned as an in-person study held on Monday evenings at the church beginning on February 27th. Further details will be provided in the Sunday bulletin.



The Library is looking great. Thank you to our volunteers, Barb Vincent and Michelle Funke who continue to dedicate their time and effort in making the Library an organized and welcoming spot for all of us. We are looking to add some new material to the Library to complement what we presently have on the shelves. So if there is something that you are specifically interested in, email the Board (education@foothillslutheran.com) or contact the office and we will look into what might be available. The Library will be open and available to our members after Sunday worship as well as throughout the week.



**CREATION
MINISTRIES
INTERNATIONAL**

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:

- 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.

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

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth group, or LYF (Lutheran Youth @ Foothills), is for youth in grades 7 to 12, and friends are welcome! We meet every second and fourth Friday, whether it's a long weekend or not, usually from 7 to 10 pm.

We also have Bible study every Sunday (except for long weekends) in the youth room at 9 am.

If you have questions, please ask Pastor Eric, Kayla, Evan, Trevor, or Michelle, and stay connected with youth news by giving Pastor Eric your email address.

February 10: Games night

We'll meet at the church from 7 to 10pm for some games (human foosball, anyone?) and a devo. Bring a friend, a snack, a water bottle, and your running shoes! If you have a request for a favourite youth group game, let one of the youth leaders know!

Tuesday, February 21: Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner

We'll be serving the congregation by hosting dinner from 5:30 to 6:30, so meet in the church kitchen by 4pm, or as soon as possible after that, and we should be done by about 7:30. If you are able to help, please let Michelle know as soon as possible, and if your family wants to come for dinner, please sign up on the youth bulletin board by February 19th.

We will have a basket out for donations, and the proceeds will go towards the 2025 National Youth Gathering. We expect that youth who go to gatherings will participate in fundraising events, and the confirmation students are invited to help as well.

February 24: Bowling

Details TBA!

March 10: Bible study

We'll be at the church from 7 to 10pm for Bible study and games. Bring a friend, a snack, and a water bottle!

March 24: Trampoline park

Details TBA!

Save April 14 and 28, and watch for details about an overnight event to Edmonton on May 12 to 13!

IMPACT Youth Gathering dates:

April 11: deadline to be registered online and to have your paper forms to Pastor Eric.

May 28: lunch for the families of the youth who are going to the gathering (*note the date change due to the voters' meeting now scheduled for June 4*)

June 30 to July 2: the Gathering



THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

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!



LWMLC News

LWMLC Epiphany Sunday — January 8, 2023

Thank you, Foothills, for supporting our mission projects. Your monetary mite donations help us meet our mission grant obligations. We are also appreciative of your delicious food contributions which made our fellowship time together so enjoyable!

Ongoing Mission Projects

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are wearable hugs, crafted with prayer and yarn, from maker to recipient. Prayers and thoughts are imbued in the shawl with each stitch. They may be prayers for healing and comfort for someone in distress or celebratory thoughts for upcoming events such as baptisms, confirmations or weddings. When worn, the shawls are tangible reminders of the love and care shown to the recipient.

“Patchwork of Prayers”

Thanks to all of you who knit/crocheted squares! Some of these squares have been skillfully crocheted together into shawls by Geraldine Chimirri-Russell and Jutta Colhoun. Two have been gifted to congregational members and two have recently been donated to *The Pregnancy Care Centre*. Many more squares are awaiting assembly and we do not need any more at this time.

We know many of you have embraced this ministry and have made shawls for congregational members and friends and family. We encourage you to continue doing so. For shawl patterns and examples of prayers, visit the website: prayershawl.com.

Other Knitting/Crocheting Projects

Scarves, mittens and neck warmers are always welcome gifts at *Inn from the Cold* and *The Mustard Seed*. Please put them in the designated bins in the church foyer.

We have a box of donated wool at the church. Leave some, take some!

Used Postage Stamps and Eyeglasses

Please continue to save your used postage stamps and eyeglasses and place them in the designated bins in the church foyer.

Used postage stamps are sent to *Canadian Bible Society* where they are sold by weight to stamp collectors. Proceeds go toward the purchase of Bibles for inmates in Canadian prisons. (Please leave ¼” border around the

stamps.)

Used eyeglasses are donated to *Optiks International* where they are sent to overseas missions. (Please take them out of the cases.)

Upcoming Society Meetings

February 27 and March 27 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!



Prayer Shawls for Pregnancy Care Centre

Board of Fellowship

The Board of Fellowship continues to organize coffee time after church and supply beverages and condiments. We rely on the congregation to provide goodies, so keep them coming if you like to have a nibble after church with your conversations! We are also in need of more volunteers to keep this service happening, so if you are interested in occasionally helping in the kitchen, please sign up on the fellowship board in the Narthex or contact Sarah Knudtson (knudtson.sarah@gmail.com). Thank you!

RECENT FELLOWSHIP SPECIAL EVENTS

- Voter's Meeting Pot-blessing Lunch.
- Advent Tea and Talent Night was held in December with Deaconess Miriam with a relatively small but cozy group of people. We had a number of art displays and a few children who demonstrated their talents along with goodies to share. Children were also given the opportunity to make crafts. We also decorated the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

MOVING AHEAD

- Voter's Meeting Luncheon - build your own sandwich for those attending the meeting will be held on January 29.
- For the month of February we are hoping to host a Friendship February Square Dance Event on February 3 based on interest. 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! Please sign up right away on the fellowship board if you think this is something you'd be interested in doing, and watch for details in the bulletin.
- Maybe towards the end of February (especially if there is no dance) another pot-blessing lunch.



Perogy Bee November 2022

A great time was had by all at our long awaited perogy bee, with 25 people in attendance and over 2200 perogies pinched.

Board of Stewardship

FEBRUARY IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Stewardship is about giving of our time, talents and treasures to God out of thankfulness for all He has done for us. The most important thing to be thankful for is the gift of salvation and eternal life given freely to us by our Lord through Christ dying to redeem our sins. There are other gifts as well. We still live in one of the most affluent countries in the world that allows us the freedom to worship our Lord. When we examine our lives, we have many blessings to be thankful for and it is out of this thankfulness that we should cheerfully give back to the Lord of our time, talents, and treasures.

This February, we will be primarily focused on giving back some time to our Lord by volunteering in the congregation. Each of us has talents that God has granted us, and it is our responsibility as Christians to use those talents to further the work of the church in bringing others to Christ. We have the time as the Lord has blessed us with 24 hours of it every day and 8760 hours in a year. If we gave back just one hour a week, we would only be giving back 0.6% of the time we have in a year. There are numerous areas to volunteer in the church. During the month of February, we will be highlighting some of these areas. If it seems overwhelming to volunteer for some commitments, start small by volunteering for one off events or for things like coffee service that require service once per month. Please prayerfully consider what talents you have and how you can use these talents to give back to our Lord out of thankfulness for all He has done for us. At the end of the month, we will ask all members to fill out a Time and Talents questionnaire which will help us to use the talents of our members in the various volunteer opportunities and roles in the congregation.

I thank our congregations for the financial stewardship of our membership in 2022. For the most part, we met our giving budget which is a blessing and will ensure we can continue to offer the ministry programs that we have in the past. Our offering budget this upcoming year has been set again at \$431,000.00 and your continued support 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."

Please take the time in February to read the various Stew-

ardship information articles we will be providing, to fill out the Time and Treasures questionnaire and to personally and prayerfully reflect on the gifts God has given you and how you can give those gifts back to Him out of thankfulness for all He has given you.

In Service to our Lord,

Dale Dusterhoft

Chairman, Board of Stewardship

Human Care Ministry

The Board was busy over the Christmas season delivering our support to the Food Bank, Mustard Seed, Inn From The Cold, and Dress For Success. Christmas cards were given to every member of Foothills as well as "prayer of healing" card to the shut-ins and sick. We distributed meals and food hampers to 2 families in need, as well as helping with the Perogy Bee.

I have had two very gracious volunteers agree to help me the sending of cards as well as a driver for Meals On Wheels. We still need many hands in both of these areas to lighten the load on everyone. Please prayerfully consider if you could spare a couple of hours a month to help us.

Our "Christmas Blessings Tree" was a HUGE SUCCESS – thank you to everyone who either put a requested gift on the bag-tag or took a bag and purchased a gift for someone in need. We distributed 22 gifts from the tree.

My thanks to everyone for their phone calls and emails letting me know they have received their cards and gifts! Every time I write a card or send you an email, I say a prayer that God's grace and blessing will be with you always!!

Respectfully submitted by Christine Heumann

Chair, Board of Human Care Ministry

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.**

(CHORUS)

**Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.**

(CHORUS)

**Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile.**

(CHORUS)

**When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
'Have no fear, for I am near.'**

(CHORUS)

**When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.**

(CHORUS)

**I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.**