

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 25, 2023*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Jesus, our Lord, when You sent Your disciples out into the world, You told them to be wise as serpents. Give us the wisdom to know when to speak and what to say. You said to be innocent as doves. Help us to be gentle and kind in our approach as we share the Gospel.

*Ever-leading Lord, guide us in our quest to spread Your Good News.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** .... 905; 727; 686; 659; Because He Lives (Amen); Whom Shall I Fear  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Jeremiah 20:7-13  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....Romans 6:12-23  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Matthew 10:5a, 21-33  
**SERMON:**

**WELCOME:** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honoured to have you here. If you are a member of this congregation, please be sure to extend a warm greeting and a friendly welcome to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Speak to someone you don't know before you speak to someone you know.

**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!

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR FIRST AID CERTIFIED MEMBERS:** While we truly hope we never need such help it is good to know who is available in case of need. Please let the office know if you are certified in first aid.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
 Ushers..... Lorne Rosenau; Ellen Wagner  
 Lector ..... Nora Jarowicz  
 AV Operators ..... Michelle Funke; Evan Stene  
 Coffee Team..... Bill & Erika Schultz

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>		Commissioning of Youth & Leaders Altar Guild Training
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWMLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Communion

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/ Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
June 18	158/111	9	17

\* Attendance includes online participants.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,755.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$173,189.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$207,211.54</b>	<b>-\$34,022.54</b>

*Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 10.00; Visitor 85.00; Facility Rent 520.00; Ukraine Mission 120.00; Youth 7.80; Board of Fellowship 500.00.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: UKRAINE MISSION**

Lutheran Church–Canada began its mission work in Ukraine in 1993 by sending a pastor and his wife to Lviv in northern Ukraine and another pastor to Dnipropetrovsk in southeast to work with a student Christian group, Alpha and Omega (A&O).

God has blessed the work, so that today there are 14 congregations, 5 mission stations, 3 humanitarian foundations and a seminary to train workers. Care ministry to refugees, the homeless, orphans and orphanages, and mentally and physically challenged individuals remain an important service opportunity. LCC fully supports one missionary in Nikolaev; the Seminary program in Osatovo, Odessa; the prison ministry in Nikolaev; orphan ministry; hospitalized children; summer Bible camps, Days of Faith seminars, vacation Bible schools, and several other projects. Your gifts will help with this work in a nation experiencing great turmoil as a result of the war at the present time. For more information, go to: <https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/missions/ukraine/>

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR NEWS BULLETIN:** To our valued listeners and supporters. Wednesday June 14, 2023 Bell Media announced mass lay offs and the immediate closure of several Bell Media radio stations. **This has directly impacted the airing of The Lutheran Hour.** Due to the closure of Edmonton, AB CFRN, Calgary, AB CKMX, and London, ON CJBK. The Lutheran Hour will no longer be aired on these stations. We are contacting sponsors and listeners through every avenue possible and are working diligently to find alternate stations to provide the Lutheran Hour in these areas.

*Although we are disappointed in this news, God has a plan!* At LLL we continue to seek out new opportunities and will keep you updated. We encourage you to reach out to us and let us know if you are not able to access The Lutheran Hour on a station near you.

Please keep those whose jobs have been affected and Lutheran Laymen's League Canada in your prayers as we work to *Bring Christ to the Nations!*

**TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR: "Tears, Fires, and a Song".** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise (Jeremiah 20:7-13). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).



**SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT:** This year's West Regional Slo-pitch tournament is in Golden B.C. August 11-13. If you're interested in playing, please talk to Pastor Eric or sign up on the slo-pitch board. Book your campsite, hotel, VRBO, etc. today!

**LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING, Monday, June 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.** 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. If you would like to socialize beforehand, come at 12:30 and bring your own lunch. Coffee and goodies will be served. All ladies are welcome!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today was our last time together before the summer break. This morning, students packed backpacks with school supplies that will go to children in need this September. Thank you to all who kindly donated to our box of supplies or gave a monetary donation. We are grateful for our students and their families, and especially for our teachers, who prepare diligently to teach students about Jesus, their Saviour! Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We've had an excellent response for our **July 24-28** summer VBS, "*Loved by God*". We are still taking registrations; however, as most classes are nearly full, we have begun a wait list. To register, go to <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2023/>



Thank you to all who have stepped forward to help with this week!

We are still looking for some volunteer helpers to round out our team, including people willing to put on a hot dog lunch on Friday July 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

The craft department is looking for donations of some everyday items! We are looking for jam jars, and 4oz. and 8oz. (500 ml) Mason jars, with lids. We are also looking for soup cans. If you can help supplying any of these items, please leave them in the box marked "VBS" under the mailboxes. We thank you for your help as we touch the hearts of children through this ministry.



**STAMPEDE BREAKFAST UPDATE:** We have enough volunteers to have a community event! This is, however, going to be a smaller community event, with invitations extended to particular neighbouring communities, not advertised city-wide. You are welcome to invite family and friends too!

We are looking for more gift basket draw prizes, so if you are part of a group that can get together to donate one, we would really appreciate it. Please drop it off at the office. We also are looking for a couple of propane tanks. Do you have a spare one laying around?

For those of you who signed up, **THANK YOU!** You have made this possible. Stay tuned for instructions as we get closer to the event, which is July 16.

**OUR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** during July and August will only follow worship on non-communion Sundays. Thank you for your understanding.

# Thank You

Thank you to those who joined in with their forks and appetites during Fellowship Hour for rhubarb cake and ice cream – *A Taste of Summer*. We'll do it again through the endless summer.

Thanks to those who helped: Hannah Edel and Jessica Tonn at the student residence; Rick Nelson and Lynn Morine; Anne Marie Kothari, Colleen Judiesch and Vi Dusterhoft as the ladies in the kitchen; Sarah Knudtson who brought the ice cream; and Tim and Tracy Roth who grew the rhubarb. And let us not forget Mark Kihn for baking the cakes. We handed off 75 pieces of still-warm cake.

**WE'VE INSTALLED 2 NEW MICROPHONES.** One is for the organ speakers, but only to provide the sound to be added to our online services. The second is on the lectern and is a higher quality, which should mean that it doesn't have to be adjusted by each speaker. The lectern is also now in a fixed location, as the microphone is connected to a fixed position in the floor.

**WE ALSO THANK** Trevor Heumann and Evan Stene for their efforts in replacing the pews after the installation of this equipment, and to Trevor for arranging this work. Oh, and do you notice anything else?



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Many of the shoeboxes packed in Canada for Operation Christmas Child are sent to warm weather countries. Summer is the ideal time to purchase summer clothes, toys and later in the summer; school supplies.

These boxes are often the first gift a child may receive. But the most important gift that is shared, is the good news of Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life He gives to all who believe. Please talk or email me if you have questions or need further information. ~ Elke Bittmann [elkebittmann54@gmail.com](mailto:elkebittmann54@gmail.com)

**CANADA DAY:** As we celebrate Canada Day next Saturday, we pause to give thanks to God for His blessings. This is a good land, and we are blessed to live here. It is also a land that needs the blessings that only God can provide, so we ask that His Spirit, at work in His Word, would lead many to know and honour Him as Lord of All Lands. In all you do, give thanks, and be safe next weekend.



**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Romass Svell** who serves as pastor for the Jarai community in Ratanakiri, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Svell, 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.**



## Growing FAITH at home

25 June 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
– PROPER 7

## TELLING OTHERS WHAT WE BELIEVE



GrowMinistries  
LGA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



[www.growministries.org.au](http://www.growministries.org.au)



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Is telling others about Jesus easy or hard for you? Why?
2. Jesus tells us that we are very, very valuable to God and that he watches over us. What encouragement does that give to you?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Genesis 21:8-21**  
Hagar sent away

2nd reading

**Romans 6:1-11**  
Dead to sin, alive  
in Christ

Gospel reading

**Matthew 10:24-39**  
The cost of following Jesus

## DISCUSS

God does not ask us to neglect our family. He wants our commitment to him to be our first priority. How can we help each other make God come first?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Visit some other churches or look up their websites and see how they are telling other people about Jesus. How does your congregation reach out to let others know about what Jesus has done to save us?



### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying to save me from my sin. Help me to believe and tell others about you. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

You are so good, O God, your blessings overflow. Forever may your name be praised, in heaven and below. Amen.



### BLESSING

May you always know how valuable you are to God.

ALL THOSE WHO STAND BEFORE OTHERS  
AND SAY THEY BELIEVE IN ME, I WILL  
SAY BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN THAT  
THEY BELONG TO ME.

MATTHEW 10:32

VERSE OF THE WEEK

