

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



AT HARVEST TIME I
WILL TELL THE REAPERS
COLLECT THE WEEDS
TO BE BURNED. BUT
GATHER THE WHEAT
INTO MY BARN.

MATTHEW 13 : 30

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We are Your plantings, Lord. Help us to bloom wherever we are planted--even if we are surrounded by the devil's "weeds" of sin and evil. May we continue to bear the fruits of Your Spirit, and may we continue to stay deeply rooted in Your Word.

God, our Planter and Preserver, keep us growing by Your grace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: Better Is One Day; 850; 861; 956; I Will Follow
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:18-27
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
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. Since the banks are changing the ways they provide information to us, **please ensure you include your name and/or envelope number in the message box.**

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; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Lector Brian Vincent
AV Operators Sacha & Derek Kiefer
Coffee Team Robert & Ingrid Kubke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday – Friday		VBS “Loved by God”
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Ladies Walk/Devotion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Sunday	10:15 am	Hymn Sing Sunday Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:



Funerals

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Donna and Joe Poirier and family at the loss of their son, Jeff. A memorial service for Jeff was held here at the church yesterday.

We also pray for God’s comfort for the Heumann families, at the loss of nephew and cousin, Michael, the son of Hans and Bonnie Heumann. May the God of all comfort be with these families and surround them with His everlasting love and comfort.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Pulling for Others" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives? (Romans 8:31-39). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS OF CANADA

Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole programme. They work beyond Cameroon, and your support helps bring God's Word to people in their "heart language".

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday
July 16 (Stampede Breakfast)	144	10

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,400.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$194,666.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$240,365.38	-\$45,699.38

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 276.80; Visitor 1200.00; CLWR 75.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; Lutheran Hour 20.00; Flowers 50.00.



JOIN US FOR OUR MIDWEEK SUMMER SERVICES, especially if you are travelling and can't be with us on Sunday morning. Jesus called the Word the one thing needful. Don't forsake the spiritual food that we need so desperately; come and worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. It's a great midweek lift, too!

The sermons are different from Sunday. Communion is offered the Wednesday after the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

YAHOO AND THANK YOU to the many volunteers who helped make our Stampede Breakfast another success. A special thank you to the Stampede Breakfast team leaders, and especially to our chairs of this effort, Sarah Knudtson and Heather Sommer. We are blessed through all of you and the effort you put into this day. We will provide some photos in the days to come.

**God's
love
rules at
VBS!**

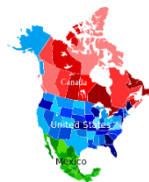
LOVED BY GOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow! Thank you to all of our volunteers who are now preparing to welcome the children who have registered. Please pray for students, their parents, and our volunteers, that God would bless them through the week, and that children will learn how great God's love is for them as they learn about Jesus, their Saviour.

DO YOU HAVE SOME UNUSED PATIO FURNITURE? We are looking to see if we can provide a few pieces of outdoor furniture for our student residence. We have been blessed with a great group of students, and they have been here throughout the summer months, too. If you can help, let the office know.

WE'LL SOON BE PLANNING OUR FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM, preparing to welcome those students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the Catechism. We all are to be students of the Word, that we may know and rejoice in the blessings God gives us as His people. If you believe your child should be in Confirmation, speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam.

AS YOU TRAVEL THIS SUMMER, we encourage you to attend a Lutheran church wherever you happen to be and ask that you bring back the bulletin from that church. Place the bulletin in the office mailbox because we like to see what is happening in other congregations of our church across this great land.

We also hope you will remember that our bills and ministry costs continue in these days. When you are away, please set aside your regular gift for the Lord's Work. Let's stay on top of our budget needs! We've been falling behind this year; let's get back on track, remembering God's faithfulness in first giving to us.



COLOURING CONTEST: We are inviting Little Lutherans to join in our **Summer Full of Hope** with a colouring contest! **Deadline** for entries is **August 30, 2023**. Submit your entry to: helpful@lll.ca or mail to: Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada, 270 Lawrence Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y4. Three age categories: 5 years and under, 6- 9 years, and 10 – 13 years. Prizes include: Dairy Queen gift card, full set of PC Kid booklets. Entries will be scanned and saved to a gallery on the Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada website as well as gifted to donors and supporters as a physical reminder to be a blessing where God has placed us! Coloring pages are available from Deaconess Miriam, the office and <https://lll.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/My-Hopeful-Neighbourhood-Colouring-Page-PDF.pdf>

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: What an exciting time of the year it is for us at the pregnancy care centre! It is so wonderful to have all the baby bottles come back into the centre filled up with all sorts of coins! We are so grateful to you for taking part in our annual baby bottle campaign. Please know that after all of the many, many coins that you filled your baby bottles up with were counted, you donated **\$714.00** to the pregnancy care centre. Thank you so very much for helping make this year's Baby Bottle campaign such a success. We could not help the young women, men and babies in our community without your support.



HYMN SING SUNDAY: July 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month. As we have in the past, we will try to do this as a hymn sing Sunday. Share your requests with Pastor Bode by July 25th. Pastor Mark Rekken will be with us that day, too, to share the work of Lutheran Hospital Ministries. Pastor Bode will be here; Pastor Eric will be preaching at Prince of Peace that day.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. David Milette** who serves as pastor of *l'Eglise luthérienne du Bon Berger* (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) in Moncton, New Brunswick. He also provides support for LCC's French Ministries. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Milette, 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.



A SPECIAL SERMON FOCUS: In Romans 12:6, St Paul wrote: *“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.”* Putting it simply, God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 he added, *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”* Our gifts are to be used in building up Kingdom of God.

Later in September, we will have a special sermon series on spiritual gifts. The Greek words for God's Spiritual gifts (*charisma, charismata*) stem from the root word, *char*, which means “joy”. A basic element of a spiritual gift is that it brings delight, joy and satisfaction when it is exercised. We will focus on these gifts that we may understand our gifts and find the joy that comes from serving the Lord with gladness through the gifts He gives us.

H *E WHO HAS BEGUN A GOOD
WORK IN YOU WILL COMPLETE
IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST*
PHIL 1:6



Growing FAITH at home

23 July 2023

EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
– PROPER 11

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to hope?
2. How is hope different from wishful thinking?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob's dream
at Bethel

2nd reading

Romans 8:12-25

We are God's
children

Gospel reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the weeds

DISCUSS

Jesus uses the weeds to explain evil in the world. How does your faith help you in your daily fight against evil?



ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 8:20-22 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of sin. Help clean up God's creation from its abuse by people. Go on a litter collection walk in your neighbourhood this week. You could get involved in a Clean Up Australia Day event.
<https://www.cleanup.org.au/>



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us your ways. Give us hearts that are not divided between you and other things. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Father, thank you for putting food on our table, love in our hearts, and hope in our souls. Amen.



BLESSING

May you live and grow as a child of God's kingdom, belonging to him now and always.

GOD'S SPIRIT DOESN'T MAKE US SLAVES WHO ARE AFRAID OF HIM. INSTEAD, WE BECOME HIS CHILDREN AND CALL HIM OUR FATHER.

ROMANS 8:15

VERSE OF THE WEEK

