

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



KEEP
US
Steadfast
IN
THY
WORD

Reformation

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Christ Jesus, Your greatest commandment is to love. Help us to love as You love--unconditionally, sacrificially, from the heart. May our love for one another become stronger as we grow each day in our understanding of just how much You have loved us.

Lord of endless love, fill our lives with Your compassion.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 909; In Christ Alone; Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me;
..... 861; 580; 687; 782
FIRST LESSON: Revelations 14:6-7
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 3:19-28
GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36
SERMON: *Where Do You Stand?* – 1 Corinthians 16:13

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY 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!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Ushers..... Lorne Rosenau; Brian and Barb Vincent
 Acolyte..... Quinn Alcock
 Coffee Team..... Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke
 AV Operators Michelle Funke; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	Elders
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	All Saints Sunday/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today students will study “Paul’s Prison Protection.” When Paul’s nephew overhears a plot by the Jews to assassinate Paul, he tells Paul, who tells his prison guards. They take the young man to the Roman tribune, who takes action to protect Paul from the plot. Now guarded by at least 470 soldiers, spearmen, and horsemen, Paul is safely moved to Caesarea to await a hearing before Governor Felix.



OUR MEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, **November 4th** at 9:00 am at the church and we wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us.

TIME TO ‘FALL BACK’: Daylight saving time 2023 will come to an end on November 5th Don't forget to adjust your clock back one hour.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
October 22	140	33	9/9

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,480.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$282,880.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$356,403.85	-\$73,523.15

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 35.65; Visitor 550.00; Sunday School 13.00; BC Mission Boat 50.00; Other External Designated Organizations \$50.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "What Are People Good For?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our family and friends are with us in life but they can't shield us from life and all its uncertainty. Where will you find security? (Psalm 46:1) 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: BC Mission Boat Society

The BC Mission Boat Society takes teams by car, water taxi and ferry to remote communities on the BC coast to share God's love in Jesus Christ. Teams from across Canada participate in this work. We know the needs are great, and we are blessed through their efforts. Your support helps them bring the Gospel, especially to those isolated indigenous communities.

OUR 2023 CONFIRMAND

WE REJOICE TODAY with one of the youth of our congregation, who moves from "childhood membership" into the blessings of "adulthood" in the faith, through the rite of Confirmation.

OUR STAFF EXPRESS THEIR THANKS for your kind remembrance and appreciation of our efforts through the pie social. We are grateful for your love and thank all those who made pies for our fellowship together.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FACTS TO KNOW:

- OCC is asking for a \$10.00 donation to cover shipping and handling costs.
- Remember always to include a pencil sharpener with your pencils.
- Keep in mind the items that cannot be included with your box as listed in the brochure. e.g., food or liquids.
- You can pack a box online by going to packabox.ca
- FLC contact: elkebittmann54@gmail.com



MISSION PRAYER CAMBODIA: This week, we pray for **Rev. San Ran** who serves as a theological instructor at the Garuna Christian School in Siem Reap. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ran, 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.**



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: We have seen a steady decline in our giving from our congregation as the year has progressed which has left us with a deficit of approximately \$65,000.00 below our budget for 2023. We often fall behind during the summer months when attendance is low and make up for it in the fall and winter. As we have fallen substantially behind this year, we ask that everyone prayerfully consider their giving in the upcoming months so that we can continue with the work of the congregation in supporting our members and reaching out to the community in spreading the good news of Christ.

DONATIONS OF STOCK: Do you know that you can donate stocks to the church? Donating stocks is normally a tax advantage for the giver and benefit to our congregation. Our congregation is set up to receive these types of donations with an easy simple process for the giver. Please contact Dale Dusterhoft if you would like more information on this program.

FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: We have another Pot-Blessing coming up this coming **November 19th**, as a lunch after the service. Please sign up in the narthex to bring your favourite mains, appetizers, sides or salads to bless each other this fall! We ask that you **DO NOT** bring desserts, as we actually had too much pie at our successful staff appreciation event and will use the extra pies and ice cream for the dessert portion. Thank you to all who contributed to that event!

We also are in the planning stages of having a square dance event, though we need to work with the schedule of the dance caller who is currently out of town for a few weeks. We will keep you posted, but this may cause a delay in our expected timeline.

ADVENT IS DRAWING NEAR, and we are starting to make plans for our midweek services. We have traditionally included a soup supper as part of our Advent journey. If we are going to do this, we will need people to help. Are you interested? Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam. We'll post a sign-up sheet soon!

VACANT PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL POSITIONS: We currently have vacancies in the following positions on our congregation's Parish Planning Council (PPC). Please prayerfully consider if you have gifts of leadership or service that will fit any of these positions. If you have an interest in discussing

these roles further, please contact Dale Dusterhoft – Chair Board of Stewardship, Hans Dueck, Vice President, or Pastor Bode.

- **President:** Our President is a position held by a male member of our congregation who is responsible for coordinating and presiding over meetings of the PPC and the voters of the congregation. He ensures that the various boards work together to carry out the mission and work of the congregation and that the PPC and congregation follows the constitution and by-laws of the congregation.
- **Chair – Board of Human Care Ministries:** The Chair of the Board of Human Care Ministries works to recruit a committee of other church members who coordinate programs within the congregation to provide human care to members of our congregation and in the community that are in need. The committee coordinates our congregation to help our members who may require various needs and coordinates our congregational efforts with various Christian social agencies that provide for the needy in the community (Food Bank Mustard Seed, Meals on Wheels, etc.)
- **Chair – Board of Evangelism:** The Chair of the Board of Evangelism works to recruit a committee of other church members who work with the church staff to engage and train the congregation for outreach in the community, in our circle of friends and family and within the congregation.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: To help support youth group trips like the 2025 National Youth Gathering, we will be selling chocolates from Purdy's, and they will be delivered in time for Christmas! Purdy's has a great selection of Christmas goodies, boxed chocolates, and sugar-free chocolate. You can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/26420-107953> and pay with a credit card. The order/payment deadline is November 26. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 10. Thank you for your support!





Growing FAITH at home

29 October 2023

REFORMATION

GOD MAKES
US RIGHT
THROUGH
FAITH IN
JESUS



GrowMinistries
LGA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you worked hard to achieve something.
2. What is grace?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34
God promises
a new covenant

2nd reading

Ephesians 2:1-10
Saved by grace

Gospel reading

John 8:31-36

The truth will set you free

DISCUSS

Working hard can achieve a lot in this world. The Bible tells us that our good works can't make us right with God. What cuts us off from him?



ACTION RESPONSE

Reformation is linked to Martin Luther's posting of 95 theses, or statements, onto the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany, on 31 October 1517. Write a list of sentences about the Christian faith that are important to you as a household (e.g. begin with the words 'We believe that ...').



PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for saving us through faith in Jesus. Help us to trust in him and not our own efforts. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

We thank you for your gifts, O Lord, that bless our lives each day. Amen.



BLESSING

May you trust in Jesus Christ, your Saviour.

FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN
SAVED, THROUGH FAITH - AND THIS NOT
FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS A GIFT FROM
GOD - NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE
CAN BOAST.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

VERSE OF THE WEEK

