

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



All Saints' Day
November 5, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Christ, our Bridegroom, we are Your Church, Your Bride. We wait to welcome You with open arms. We wait to receive You with joy. And we wait to spend eternity with You in perfect paradise. As we wait, prepare us for what is to come, show us Your will as laid out for us in Your Word, and keep us alert for signs of Your arrival.

O coming Christ, we wait for You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151
HYMNS:671; 949; 748; 677 (1-4); 676; 677 (5-8); 594; 672; 670
FIRST LESSON:..... Revelations 7:9-17
EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3
GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 5:1-12
SERMON: *I'm But A Stranger Here* - Isaiah 26:1-3

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

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Anne Marie Kothari; Heather Sommers
Acolyte..... Kieran Chan
Coffee Team..... Vi Dusterhoft; Anne Marie Kothari; Ralf Hinterleitner
AV Operators Tim Knudtson; Ralf Hinterleitner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth - Games @ FLC
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Bible lesson for this week is "All Overboard." After appealing his right as a Roman citizen, Paul sets sail for Rome under the guard of Julius, a centurion. They try to sail along the coast of Crete, but a fierce storm batters the ship for two weeks, pushing them out to the sea. An angel tells Paul the ship will be lost but all aboard will survive. Paul encourages everyone to take heart and have some food. The soldiers cut loose the anchors, and the ship heads toward a beach, where it strikes a reef. All 276 who were aboard arrive safely ashore.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday/Communion
October 29	141/91	29	13/13

**Attendance includes online participation.*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing". Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way (Matthew 5:4). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,378.25	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$286,258.95	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$356,403.85	-\$78,433.36

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 122.75; Visitor 115.00; Sunday School 6.00; Lutheran Hour 10.00; Other External Designated Organizations \$25.00; Benevolence 2000.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH INN FROM THE COLD

Inn from the Cold started when a number of downtown churches met to decide how to help the homeless. It provides shelter and hope to homeless families and others in need. Families and single people are housed in the permanent facility (purchased in 2008) or churches, community centres, etc. Many families come to the Inn with nothing but the clothes on their backs. We are asking for donations again this year to support this organization in meeting the needs of their guests this Christmas season. Donated items can be placed in the box marked Inn from the Cold and is located outside the library doors. Please note they no longer accept any handmade items, only new purchased ones.



TODAY WE CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: We remember, with thankful hearts, the faithful departed, who behold the glory of God in His kingdom. We also rejoice that we, through God's grace, share with that host in that *communion of saints*. May our remembrance assure us once again of the victory and life we have in the resurrected Jesus Christ. Those who have gone before, since the last All Saints' Day:

Mary Buchwitz	Ronald George	Kathy Kruger
Lorraine Kruger	Irma Lucht	Kristi Puchbauer
Lloyd Sandau	Elfrieda Stewart	Kenneth Willing

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.

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!

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.

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. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the Fellowship bulletin board.

PLEASE CHECK THE DOORS! We had a door left ajar, creating a security risk for our building. It only takes a moment to ensure that a locked door has locked and latched properly. Please help us protect and care for the building; if you enter or exit through a locked door, we ask that you make sure the door closes properly. A quick pull on the handle will help you know the door is locked again!

Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



What is "All Saints Day"?

All Saints Day is that day of the church year when we celebrate, remember and honor all of those who have died with faith in Jesus and are now with Him in heaven.

Why do we celebrate All Saints Day?

The word "saint" comes from a Latin word meaning "holy" or "sacred." Saints are God's holy people. They belong to Him. We celebrate the saints who have gone before us because of their great example of faith and God's great mercy in their lives!

Do you have to die to be called a "saint"?

Absolutely not! *All* of God's faithful people are His saints—everyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior from sin! We were washed clean of our sins at our baptism and made holy before God. That's what it means when we hear God's Word say: "*These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*" (Rev. 7:14). Isn't it great to know that it is not what we have done that makes us a saint, but what Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection! Jesus gives all of this to us through Baptism. Jesus is the one who makes us holy! Jesus is the one who makes us a saint!

FOR PARENTS

Speak to your children of those in your own family who have died in the faith. Explain that they are now with Jesus in heaven. Remind them that this is a fulfillment of God's promises at our baptism.



Growing FAITH at home

5 November 2023

ALL SAINTS

GOD BRINGS COMFORT TO THOSE WHO MOURN



GrowMinistries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to mourn?
2. Have you mourned someone? Who helped you?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Jeremiah 31:10-13

Joy instead of sorrow

2nd reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

God of all comfort

Gospel reading

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

DISCUSS

God promises to comfort those who mourn.
How does he do this?



ACTION RESPONSE

Light a candle for any of your relatives or friends who have died. Share memories. Read Revelation 21:1-4 and pray this prayer:

Lord God, we thank you for the life of (name). Thank you for the blessings that came to us through them. Thank you that they now have eternal life with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, please comfort us when we are sad. Give us the hope that comes from your promises. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, we bring you our praise and thanks. You meet our needs with this meal and give us hope for the life to come. All glory be to you. Amen.



BLESSING

May God comfort you when you are sad and bless you with hope and peace through Jesus.

GOD BLESSES THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

MATTHEW 5:4

VERSE OF THE WEEK