

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



SIR NATHANAEL REPLIED
· YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD ·

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Leading Lord, You call us to be your disciples here and now. Help us push aside all our doubts and fears. Reveal to us Your confidence in us. And keep us ever mindful that You have greater things planned for us and all who follow You.

*Christ, who calls us all to follow,
may we obey Your call both now and evermore.*

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 907; 589; 688; 783
FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:43-51
SERMON:

WELCOME in the powerful and precious name of Jesus! We invite you to pray with us; sing with us; learn from God's Word with us. We are glad that you have joined us, and we hope you will come again. Please take a moment to sign our guest book at the back of the church. May God richly bless your worship here today!

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.

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!



THE FLOWERS that grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Walter Zwick in loving memory of his wife, Lois.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Jaxson Stene; Tobi Stene
Acolyte..... Emmy Legroulx
Lector Faith Dueck
AV Operators Brenda Bode; Tim Knudtson
Coffee Team.....Michelle Funke; John Voss; Ellen Wagner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study “The Fall and a Promise.” The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God’s Word with one simple question: “Did God actually say . . .?” (Genesis 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God’s promise of the Savior.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "How Could She Ever Forgive Him?" Lutheran Hour Speaker, Dr. Michael Zeigler, explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice. (Matthew 18:27). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
January 7	125/86	7	5

**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	\$6,875.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$6,875.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$8,288.46	-\$1,413.46

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 10.00; Visitor 238.00; Sunday School 2.00; Parking 1000.00; FLSR 1000.00; CLWR 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; LWML 145.00.

***Please Note:** Our offering numbers/needs will be updated when the new budget for 2024 is adopted.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

Based on the biblical story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), "mites" – offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the synod – are collected by women of Lutheran Church-Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML-Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML-Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions.

Thank You **OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:**

You have again shown your love for us, the pastors and workers in this church with a gift this Christmas. We are blessed through your thoughtfulness and appreciate your kindness. We truly hope that you know we return that love and appreciation to you. We thank God for you, for your kindness and for your support. May He continue to bless us in our work and service together, to the glory of His name!

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR is posted on the Worship Bulletin Board by Deaconess Miriam's office. We appreciate the gift of fresh flowers to beautify the Lord's altar. Brenda Bode has kindly offered to coordinate this effort.



OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING to adopt the budget for 2024 on **Sunday, January 28th**. Voter packages will soon be available on the Welcome Desk.



THANK YOU: We appreciate the work of our LWMLC ladies, and especially when they host a pot blessing lunch as they did last Sunday. About 80 people stayed and enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thank you, ladies!

OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY has resumed, as we continue our look at the epistles of John. We're also looking ahead to our next topic. We welcome you to join us for this time in the Word. We meet Tuesdays at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall and finish at 11:30.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2023 will be available in your mailbox over the next couple of weeks. We will leave them there until mid-February then if not picked-up, will mail them out. If you would like your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.

MISSION PRAYER: CAMBODIA: This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, 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.**



In the Hospital

WE HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE that the patient lists at the hospital are not always indicating that people are members of the Lutheran Church. This can have an impact on the visitors with Lutheran Hospital Ministries, who may not be aware of those who are in the hospital. We ask that you do two things: if you are admitted to the hospital, please have someone let the pastors know. We seek to provide ministry to God's people in these times of need, but we cannot do that if you don't let us know of that hospital time.

When you are going through admission (harder if going through emergency), please indicate that you are a member of the Lutheran Church and that you would appreciate a visit. That should help the Lutheran Hospital Ministry visitors to serve you, too!

Of course, in all our needs, let us remember: *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:6-7, ESV)

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the hope of the resurrection to Barb Oatway and family at the passing of Don, who entered into the glory of His Lord on Wednesday. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to Bruce and Miriam Winstanley, at the death of Bruce's father, Ron. Bruce and Miriam will be travelling to Ontario for the funeral next week. We pray for God's comfort and for safety as they travel.

A REMINDER: Our staff gather for devotions each day from 9:00 – 9:30 am. During that time we don't answer the phone, as we spend time in God's Word and in prayer for our church, its people and the needs around us. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

WE ALSO REMIND OUR MEMBERS to be cautious with keys, phones and personal property. Do not leave things in coat pockets out in the narthex. We do seek to be vigilant and encourage all our members to practice that same vigilance, but problems can occur. Your help is greatly appreciated.



11:15 A.M.—PASTOR BYRD BEGINS TO SUSPECT THAT THE WILDLY CREATIVE SERMON HE DEVELOPED AT 4:00 THAT MORNING MIGHT NOT BE AS INSPIRED AS HE THOUGHT.



Growing FAITH at home

SECOND
SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

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We are all
called to be
God's servants



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. If you could use only six words to describe yourself to someone else, what words would you choose?
2. Philip looked for Nathanael and brought him to Jesus. Who has brought you to Jesus?
3. What does it mean to follow Jesus? In what ways is your life different because you follow Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
M	1 Samuel 3:1-20	The call of Samuel
T	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Honour God with your body
W	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
T	Genesis 28:10-17	God blesses Jacob
F	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Called to be saints
S	Psalms 139	The Lord knows us well

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Follow me.

JOHN 1:43



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Psalm 139:13-16 tells how each of us was specially and uniquely created by God and of his intimate love and concern for each of us. Print and display these verses to remind you.

**You created the deepest parts of my being.
You put me together inside my mother's body.
How you made me is amazing and wonderful.
I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. None of my bones was hidden from you when you made me inside my mother's body. That place was as dark as the deepest parts of the earth. When you were putting me together there, your eyes saw my body even before it was formed. You planned how many days I would live. You wrote down the number of them in your book before I had lived through even one of them.**

Share stories of where and when you were born. If possible, look at baby pictures of household members. Say prayers of thanks for each other.



ACTION RESPONSE

The weeks following Christmas are a good time to review the material possessions we have. Have each household member choose at least one item (of good working order) they no longer use or could do without. Take these to a local charity shop. Say a prayer of thanks to God for the many ways he provides for us.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God bless this food.
God bless this day.
God keep us safe in every way. Amen.



PRAYER

Jesus, Son of God, you have searched me and known me. Thank you for calling me to follow you as a beloved child of God. Amen.



BLESSING

May the God who knows when you sit down and when you rise up, who knows all your ways, give you freedom to serve the world with joy.