

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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Second Sunday in Lent

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Christ Jesus, You came to earth for a purpose--to release us from the power of sin and death. And You gave us a mission, too--to follow You. May we continue to walk in Your way and trust in Your purpose and plan for us.

Obedient Son of the Father, may we obey Your call to live as Your disciples.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

Please Note: We omit the Gloria in Excelsis and the Alleluias during Lent.

HYMNS: 611; Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me; 425; 434;

.....It is Well With My Soul

FIRST LESSON:.....Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

EPISTLE LESSON:Romans 5:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-38

SERMON:

WELCOME! It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the church.

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!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Heather Sommers; Brian & Barb Vincent
Acolyte..... Kieran Chan
Lector Pastor
Coffee Team..... Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke
AV Operators Ralf Hinterleitner; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	1:00 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Service with Pastor Zeuch
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE FLOWERS that grace our altar for February are given to the glory of God in remembrance of Rick Bennetts (Michelle Heumann's father) and Iain Graham (Christine Heumann's father).



YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR TODAY, as we join the whole Ohlinger family in celebrating the 90th birthday of our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Eldon Ohlinger. Come for some cake, some coffee and for a chance to greet Pastor Ohlinger on this special day.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "When Winning Is Losing" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. In Christ, losing is winning and winning is losing. Dr. John Nunes explains what that means (Mark 8:35-37). 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The account of Jacob’s favorite son, Joseph, serves as today’s lesson, “Hope in Hardship.” This account occupies a turning point in the history of God’s people. The unusual timeline of Joseph’s life includes him being despised by his brothers, being sold into slavery, attaining success and then losing it all to false accusations, being imprisoned, and serving in the court of Pharaoh. Joseph summarizes his life in one sentence addressed to his brothers, “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20). Discuss how God can use negative things for our benefit.



In Sympathy

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Rev. Kevin Platz and family at the passing of his wife, Elizabeth. Elizabeth is the niece of Mark Kihn. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
February 18	124/102	8	26

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$17,330.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$58,006.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$51,826.92	\$6,179.08

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 27.25; Visitor 65.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 50.00; Youth 76.00; Memorial Fund 50.00; A/R 69.43; Fellowship 600.00.



OUR MEN’S BIBLE STUDY will gather Saturday, **March 2nd** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We have breakfast at 9:00 am (free-will offering) and study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!

LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, February 26th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is an in- person event. We'll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. 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!



**MISSION OF THE MONTH
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world more than 195 million times each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 60 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

LIBRARY MURAL: Check out the new mural outside of the library! It was designed and painted by one of our members, Jessica Tonn. We give thanks to God for the gifts He has given her, and to her for sharing them with us. While you are down there, take a peek in our well-stocked library and find a book to check out. See you there!

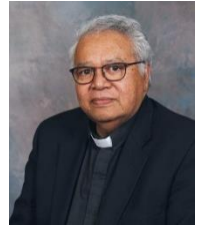


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you to everyone who responded to our questions about volunteering at VBS. We will run for one week, **July 22-26**, with the theme of **"A Week with Jesus"**. Save-the-date notices have been sent out to our previous attendees, and registration will be available the beginning of March. If you haven't indicated your interest in helping out, or would like more information, please contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: The Board of Christian Education will be holding our annual Lenten Bible study starting on **Monday, February 26**, at 7 pm for five Mondays, though March 25. The study will examine the apostle Paul, who is perhaps the most popular letter-writer of all time. This study explores the life, faith, and ministry of the apostle Paul and teaches readers about God's plan and purpose for our lives. You will learn how the inspired letters of Paul speak to you today as powerfully as they did to their first audience. Everyone is invited to attend, and we particularly encourage the leaders of our congregation to participate. If you're interested in coming, please let Trevor Heumann (education@foothillslutheran.com) know.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Razafy Razandrakoto** who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reconciliation in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Razandrakoto, 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.**



JOIN US WEDNESDAYS for our special services during this Lenten season to remember and give thanks for all that our Saviour has done for us in His death and resurrection.

Our theme is *Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures*. and we will see how God brings the lost, wandering and exiled sinners back to His promised land. The pastors of our circuit will join us to share a sermon each week. Our services begin each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We hope you will join us for these services:

- February 28** Abram's Exodus before the Exodus, Genesis 12:10–20
Pastor Zeuch – St. Matthew
- March 6** The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus, Isaiah 11:11–16
Pastor. Dressler – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- March 13** Jacob the Heel Comes Home, Genesis 28:10–17 – Pastor Moffett
- March 20** Exile and Return from Our Babylons, Ezra 1:1–4 – Pastor Bode

***God Serves His People:
Our Lutheran Way of Worship: The Invocation***

Our Lord made us a wonderful promise: ***“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*** (Matthew 18:20, ESV) As we gather together, the Lord comes to serve us, bringing us His gifts of life and salvation through Jesus Christ. That makes the church much more than a meeting place. It is the house of God, where God meets His people.

We remember that promise of our Lord as we begin our worship together with the ***Invocation***. We call upon His name, the name that God gives to His church in the command to baptize. (Matthew 28:19) After Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple, the Lord promised, ***“I have heard your prayer and your plea, which you have made before me. I have consecrated this house that you have built, by putting my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.”*** (1 Kings 9:3, ESV) How blessed we are to gather in His name, to know He is here, and to be richly blessed by all He gives to us by His grace.



Growing FAITH at home

SECOND
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Lent is a time
to follow
Jesus.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. If you had all the power to do what you want, what would you want to do?
2. What does it mean to pick up your cross? How is it difficult to pick up your cross and follow Jesus?
3. How do other people know that you are a follower of Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 8:31-38	Jesus predicts his death
M	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
T	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realised
W	Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man betrayed
T	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up the cross
F	Mark 10:32-45	Jesus again predicts his death
S	Psalms 22:23-31	Suffering and praise

VERSE OF THE WEEK

If any of you wants to be my follower,
you must give up your own way, take up
your cross, and follow me.

MARK 8:34





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus tells us that following him will mean taking up a cross – that is, saying no to ourselves and sometimes even suffering for him.

- Design crosses from wood, card or other craft materials.
- Attach your crosses to a wall in your home.
- Print out the Verse for the Week and place it underneath your crosses.
- Throughout the week share ways in which you have denied yourself for Jesus' sake.



ACTION RESPONSE

Making pretzels is a Lenten tradition. Pretzels are shaped like arms folded in prayer, and can remind us to pray to God for our needs and the needs of others. Use the following recipe to make pretzels (the recipe lists the amount of ingredients per person):

- Have each person sprinkle ½ teaspoon of yeast into 3 tablespoons of warm water. Stir to dissolve.
- Add ½ teaspoon of sugar, ½ cup of flour and 2 tablespoons of grated cheese. Stir, then knead until smooth.
- Cut the dough into 4 pieces and roll into a snake shape. Shape the 4 pieces like pretzels, then brush them with a beaten egg.
- Sprinkle with coarse ground salt.
- Bake on a baking sheet at 220 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, God, for you are good – you call, you guide, you feed. Help us to share from all we have with those who are in need. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you today, putting your will ahead of what we want and others think. Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you a strong faith, so that you trust in his promises and live to please him.