

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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A Prayer Upon Entering: From our inmost being, we praise you, O God. May we forget not all your benefits to us. May we see your abundant, steadfast love at work in our lives. And may we rejoice in all the good things you do to satisfy our desires, renew our strength, and remove our sins. For your care is everywhere and your kingdom encompasses all. Thanks be to You, O Lord!

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: Indescribable; 803; My Savior, My God; God of Wonders;
.....617; How Great is Our God
FIRST LESSON:..... Deuteronomy 8:1–10
EPISTLE LESSON:..... Philippians 4:6–20
GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11–19
SERMON:

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 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....Anne Marie Kothari; Robert Kubke
AV Operator.....Derek Kiefer; Sacha Kiefer

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		Thanksgiving Day
		<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Silver Saints
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
		Ministry Sunday – Pie Social

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:



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.

THANK YOU to Brenda Bode for beautifying God’s house with a remembrance of God’s gifts as we celebrate Thanksgiving today.

ALL HALLOWS EVE FAMILY PARTY: Families are invited to our annual pumpkin party! Join us on **Saturday, October 26 at 10:00 am** for some crafts and fun, a devotion and pumpkin carving. Children can wear costumes, but no witches, goblins, devils or ghosts please. Bring a pumpkin to carve together. We will supply the tools! Please let Deaconess Miriam know if you plan to attend.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 20) "Children of God--No Longer Losers" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household (Hosea 12:2-6). 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
October 6	132/90	35	14

*Attendance includes online participation and those at the ball tournament.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,256.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$262,731.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$296,153.85	-\$33,422.85

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 24.00; Visitor 50.00; Sunday School 58.00; Facility Rental 3600.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 50.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; LWMLC 25.00; Refugee Sponsorship 40.00; OCC 20.00; Fellowship 55.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Motivated by Christ’s love, we seek to being helping and caring to those in need. One way to do this is to “welcome the stranger” (Romans 12:13). As we have in the past, we are seeking to show this love for others through our Refugee Sponsorship. We will be working with Canadian Lutheran World Relief to accomplish this. Your prayers and your support for these efforts are Christ’s love in action for a hurting world.

To put faces to our efforts: Qadir and Bahishta attend worship faithfully here at Foothills. Their family, a family of four, fleeing Taliban persecution in Afghanistan, has been hiding in Pakistan since August 2021. They escaped after being tortured and beaten by the Taliban for several days and now live in constant fear of being deported back, where they face certain death. Despite severe illness, they cannot seek medical help due to the risk of exposure. This family urgently needs our support to survive in hiding. Your gift will help us get closer to our goal.

OUR “LIFE WITH GOD” ADULT INFORMATION CLASS will not meet again until November 3rd so that we can all participate in the Pie Social. We will be looking at *Life With God: Christ, Our Only Life*. These classes are be led by Pastor Bode following worship on the Sundays when he is *not* in Didsbury.

This course provides all of us an opportunity to study what our church believes, teaches, and confesses from the Word of God. For new inquirers, this course would serve as membership class. You are always welcome to join us!



MINISTRY APPRECIATION - PIE SOCIAL: Although many Ministry Staff love what they do as they are answering God's call for them to serve his people, being a member of the Ministry Staff can be challenging as well. There are so many ways to show our

appreciation by praying for them, writing a note of thanks or any creative ideas you can think of. At Foothills, we have been enjoying a pie social to show our appreciation for their service. We will celebrate after service on **October 20th**. Do you like to bake, bring in a pie or two? Mrs. Co-op and Mrs. Costco's baking works, too. A signup sheet is posted on the Fellowship Board. Thank you for your contribution.

“The Elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.” (1 Timothy 5:17 NIV)

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT SEARCH: We are currently looking for interested applicants for the office administrator position. A job description is on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. If you are interested, please send resumes to our office email by October 15: office@foothillslutheran.com.

OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday, **October 15th**. We are looking at the Life of David, following the LifeLight program. Join us for this time together around God's Word. We meet from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE TIME - TREATS NEEDED:

Now that we are back to having fellowship after service, I am looking for treats to serve. Do you like to bake? Can you provide cookies/squares/muffins/donuts, etc. either home made or purchased? Let me know if you are interested or drop off in the kitchen before church. Any questions, please contact Heather Sommers (403) 829-2366.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Walta Clercius** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Clercius, 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.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Brochures and boxes are available on the table beside Deaconess Miriam's office. The campaign runs until the 3rd week of November. One thing to note this year (as everything else) the cost of shipping has increased to \$12.00 a box. Contact Elke at 403-830-2143.

WE'RE SITTING (MORE) COMFORTABLY! That is what we have heard from people regarding the new chairs in the parish hall. We needed these chairs to replace the older wooden chairs, which were splintering, and which had become unsafe due to the breakdown of welds on the legs. We would like to purchase another 60-80 chairs as we removed more chairs than we purchased. It would also be nice to have one style of chair for our use upstairs.

The voters approved a special gift campaign to accomplish this. We invite you to Buy a Chair, much in the same way that people bought bibles or hymnals for the church in the past. The cost of a chair is \$65.00. You can contribute to this effort in any amount--simply mark your gift, "Chairs". We will place the order once the money has been received. Thank you for your support of the church - and support for those who need to take a seat!

SILVER SAINTS will be meeting on **Tuesday October 15 at 1:30 pm**. A presenter from Operation Christmas Child will be making a presentation and during a coffee break will be around to answer questions. After our break, we will be putting a few boxes together. Contact Elke Bittmann at 403-830-2143 if you have any questions.



"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1, ESV)

We are so blessed through God's goodness. Health, loved ones, shelter, food, and all we have and enjoy flow from His love. We have this, and so much more--infinitely more. Take them all away, and we still have the grace of God which is with us in want as well as in plenty. He comes to us when we have nothing and gives us the gift of His perfect righteousness. God is the source of every good and perfect gift. As you celebrate this weekend, give that extra word of thanks to Him, for all His goodness!



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What are you thankful for?
2. How can you give thanks in the midst of difficult times?
Give an example of when you have done this.
3. Read Psalm 126:3. What great things has God done for you?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 6:25-33	Seek first God's kingdom
M	Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35	Care given to the needy
T	Romans 12:13-21	Share with the needy
W	Proverbs 11:16-30	The fruit of the righteous
T	Luke 17:11-19	Giving praise to God
F	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Thanks be to God
S	Psalm 126	The Lord has done great things

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

PSALM 126:3





CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your home this week, reflect together on the ways God has blessed you in the last day or days. Make a list of things you can be thankful to God for. See how many different items you can list by the end of the week.

Say a prayer of thanks each time you gather, naming those things for which you are thankful.



MEALTIME PRAYER

You who feed the birds of the air, bless this food, Lord God. Amen.



PRAYER

Almighty God, you who have done great things for us, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

God’s creation provides all we need for daily living, but greed, power and wars create situations around the world where many people live in serious want and die for a lack of food and clean water.

As a citizen in a free country, learn about what we can do as a nation and as a church to make a difference for the billions of people who go to bed hungry each night and live with hunger-induced diseases.



BLESSING

May God bless you with peace and a thankful heart.