

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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THOSE WHO  
TURN MANY  
TO RIGHTEOUSNESS  
WILL GLITTER  
LIKE STARS  
**FOREVER**

*All Saints' Sunday*

*November 3, 2024, 2024*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** From generation to generation, You are God, O Lord. Today we celebrate the lives of those who lived in generations now past, and who now live in heaven with You. By their witness, many came to faith. And by their example, we learned what it means to serve You with our heart, soul, and mind. May looking at the ways You worked through the lives of all the saints give us confidence in our day as we seek to follow Your will and put our trust in You.

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected
- HYMNS:** ..... 669; 517 (1, 4, 3); 656; 677; 671; 594; 676; 822
- FIRST LESSON:**..... Revelation 7:9–17
- EPISTLE LESSON:**..... 1 John 3:1–3
- GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 5:1–12
- SERMON:** God’s Extended (and extending) Family - 1 John 3:1-3

**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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).



**THE FLOWERS** which grace our altar today are given to the glory of God by Merv and Karen Borgeson on the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
 Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Ellen Wagner  
 Acolyte..... Keira Puchbauer  
 AV Operators..... Derek Kiefer; Sacha Kiefer  
 Communion Assistant..... Rob Kaut  
 Coffee Team..... Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>	12:00 pm	Faith @ Home, Money & Me
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Elders
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	Youth
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (November 10) "Working the System"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's Law--a "system" that keeps the world from flying apart while it also shows us we need the Savior Who came to live, suffer, and rise for us. (Genesis 33:8). 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**NEWSLETTER:** Copies of the November/December Foot Print are now available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>
October 27	173/118	33	13/13

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,733.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$287,394.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$318,365.38	<b>-\$30,971.38</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 215.50; Visitor 255.00; Sunday School 30.00; LWMLC 45.00; Chairs 400.00; Refugee Sponsorship 145.00; Benevolence 500.00.

**PLEASE HELP PASS THE PLATE:** We have heard of cases where people missed the opportunity to place their offering into the plate, because the offering plate didn't come to them. Many members now give by e-transfer or direct deposit, and we are thankful for those gifts, but please help us ensure that everyone still has an opportunity to return their gifts of thanks to the Lord as you pass the plate along.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "A Weather Wonder" is the theme for this week's lesson. With the simple command, "Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:39), Jesus proclaims His power over a storm strong enough to shake even experienced fishermen. With the disciples, we must ask, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" (v. 41). How can your family respond to this question?



**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:

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|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Donald Oatway  | Herman Seifert | Pamela Goebel         |
| Jerry Geres    | Loleta Ziprick | Susan Welz            |
| Edith Van Loon | Albert Engel   | Guenther Maekelburger |
| Tara Pentney   | Mark Kihn      |                       |

**CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY IS HERE!** Foothills is updating our Statement of Direction and determining what ministry areas we want to focus on as a congregation in the next few years. We want all our members and regular church attendees' input into this process. Each member has received a survey in their mailbox and those with emails will also receive a version that can be submitted electronically. Those of you who attend church regularly but are



not yet members can pick up a survey on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Lastly, you can also access the survey by scanning the QR code. Look for the survey and we look forward to hearing from you!



**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. Order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1986020-121761> and pay with a credit card. The **order/payment deadline is**

**November 29.** Orders will be available for **pick up on Sunday, December 15.** Thank you for your support!

### ***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.



**HELP WANTED – FELLOWSHIP:** Would you like to explore an opportunity to share your gift of fellowship? We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with coffee fellowship after Sunday service. This is a great chance to meet other FLC members and be part of a small team. Let me know if you are interested in creating a team of 2-4 people or joining others that are already part of a team. For information, please see Heather Sommers or call at (403) 829-2366.



**MANY JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!** Come and rejoice with us as we lift our voices in Advent and Christmas praise this December!! We'd love to hear your voice join us in praise and worship through song. Think you can't sing well or have never sung in a choir?? *Join us!!! Don't be shy – we have a spot and a cushion saved just for you!!* We will begin meeting for practices on **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm *sharp, in the choir loft* and will praise our Lord with song on December 1<sup>st</sup> (plus a men's choir!!) and again on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more info, please contact Christine Heumann at 403-710-8347 or [christineheumanncg@gmail.com](mailto:christineheumanncg@gmail.com).

**MISSION PRAYER NICARAGUA:** This week, we pray for Rev. Luis Antonio Dias Turcios who serves as pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Star of Bethlehem in Chinandega. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Turcios, 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:** The extra boxes are here with a green sheet listing some of the items that could be included in your shoeboxes.

**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!

**POT BLESSING - NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>:** Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your FLC family? Macaroni dish, meatballs, casserole or salad. Surprise us. Please put your name and what you are bringing on the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Board. But please **no desserts** as we will be having pie and ice-cream. Looking forward to a delicious time. Any questions, please contact Heather Sommers.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

ALL SAINTS DAY

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God conquers  
death with  
the promise of  
new life



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### CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What makes you sad?
2. What experiences of people dying have you had? What do you remember from those times?
3. When you read the story of Mary and Martha, what does it teach you about God?
4. How does faith in Jesus change the way you feel about and understand death?



### BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
<b>M</b>	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered us
<b>T</b>	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
<b>W</b>	1 Corinthians 15:12-38	Resurrection of the dead
<b>T</b>	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Death has lost its sting
<b>F</b>	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
<b>S</b>	Psalms 24	Entrance into the temple

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."

REVELATION 21:4





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

All Saints Day is a good time to face death and sadness with hope and courage.

We remember and give thanks to God for Christians who have died.

Light a candle for Christian friends and relatives that have died, whether recently or long ago.

As you light each candle say:

"Thank you, God, for the earthy life of ... (Name)... and for new life they have in you".

End by reciting the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Loss and grief are real experiences that we generally try to avoid. However, death is very real and not God's will.

In Isaiah 25:7 God promises to swallow up death forever. Life, not death, gets the last word. Therefore, we can face loss and death with faith and courage.

Think of someone who is grieving. Visit, call, text or write a card to them and express your care and sorrow and God's promise to conquer death and sadness (Revelation 21:4).



## MEALTIME PRAYER

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and those who live upon it. Praise and thanks to God our maker and provider. Amen



## PRAYER

Lord God, King of Glory, please come into our lives this day. Amen



## BLESSING

May the Lord be with you, now and forever. May he wipe away your tears, and fill your life with joy and hope. Amen.