

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-12 pm.**

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



*Last Sunday of the Church Year*

*November 24, 2024*

Education Hour.....9:00 am  
Morning Worship (Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays) ..... 10:15 am  
Wednesday Evening Worship ..... 6:30 pm

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Your kingdom, O Christ, expands beyond this time and place, and no ruler on this earth has as much power as You. Therefore, being in Your kingdom assures us of salvation forevermore, and having You as our ruler makes us sure that nothing can ever defeat us.

*O Christ the King, thank you for revealing Your kingdom to us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... 804; You Are My King (Amazing Love);  
..... King of Heaven; 532; 336

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 51:4-6

**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... Jude 20-25

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 13:24-37

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



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Today was the last day to bring your shoeboxes to the church. However, if you are a procrastinator (like me) and forgot to bring your box today or still need to pick up a couple of items, you can still bring boxes Monday - Wednesday mornings to the church. ~ Elke Bittmann

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music.. Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley/ Hannah Edel  
 Ushers.....Brian and Barb Vincent  
 Acolyte ..... Adam Hohm  
 Lector ..... Christine Heumann  
 AV Operators ..... Michelle Funke; Eden/Paxton Knudtson  
 Coffee Team..... Ralf Hinterleitner; Bill and Erika Schultz; Heather Sommers

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>	12:00 pm	National Youth Gathering Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 pm	LWMLC
	1:30 pm	Funeral for Meredith Meyers
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	PPC
	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 pm	Directions Committee
	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		Purdy's Order Deadline
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 pm	LWMLC hosts Advent Tea at Foothills Manor
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00am	Family Advent Activity
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**PASTOR ERIC HAS RECEIVED A CALL** to serve as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Vernon, BC. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as St. John and Foothills, that he may know the Lord's will for him and His church.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
November 10	137/107	33	9

*\*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	\$7,806.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$310,754.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$340,576.92</b>	<b>-\$29,822.92</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 77.05; Visitor 2,320.00; Facility Rentals 1560.00; Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators 200.00; Inn from the Cold 75.00; LWMLC 5.00; OCC 10.00; Youth 20.00.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “The Fish-and-Bread Sign” is the topic for the lesson this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, “How does God provide food for His people today?”

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: December 1 "Will Everything Sad Come Untrue?"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A mother and her young son trade a life of privilege for one of poverty, a story that is borderline unbelievable, yet nonetheless true. (Jeremiah 33:16). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 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).

**ADVENT ACTIVITY FOR EVERYONE:** Come to the church from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>** and get ready for Advent! We'll have a devotion, make Advent wreaths (and other fun crafts) and decorate the sanctuary and the Christmas tree. Lunch will be provided, so if you plan to come, please fill out the sign-up sheet on Deaconess Miriam's door so that we have enough for everyone.

**LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY** is meeting on Monday, **November 25** at noon, downstairs in the Confirmation Room. We will have some fellowship time - bring your own lunch - followed by a short business meeting and devotion.

We also will host an Advent Tea at the Foothills Manor on **November 29** at 2:00 pm. You are welcome to join us!

**GREETERS:** We are hoping to resurrect our greeting teams have started to have greeters after our service. If you are interested, please contact Barb Vincent at (403) 590-7975 or email [barbaraann@shaw.ca](mailto:barbaraann@shaw.ca).

***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.

***THE MAINSPRINGS PREGNANCY AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER*** (previously the Calgary Pregnancy Care Center) supports pregnant women and their families. As they prepare to collect for their Christmas Client Care Project, we encourage you to donate some of the items needed. A list is on the Fellowship bulletin board. You can drop off items with Heather Sommers. **New items only, please.**

***THE ALTAR GUILD:*** is a special service in God's house. It is much more than just setting up the elements for Holy Communion. There are 4 different areas in which you can serve:

- *Communion* – Setting up for Holy Communion before service and cleaning it up after service as well as washing and ironing the various Communion and altar linens.
- *Paraments/Banners* which are changed according to the Sunday of the Church Year.
- *Special Decorating* – Beautify our sanctuary Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.
- *Flowers* – Organize flowers as per individual requests to put flowers on the altar.

Is God calling you to use your gifts in this way? Please speak to Brenda Bode for more information.

***ADVENT SERVICES*** begin **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up a calendar of special services on the Welcome Desk!

**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 to pick up on Sunday, **December 15**. Thank you for your support!



**INVITATION:** The West RMMC (Regional Mission and Ministry Council) invite you to participate in two Ambassadors of Reconciliation online training programs. *Coaching People to Reconcile*, Jan 6—Feb 3, Monday Evenings 4pm-6:30pm MT. *Mediating People to Reconcile*, Feb 10—Mar 17. There is a small materials fee, registration is free. Please **register before December 1, 2024**. For more info contact [sonjabland70@gmail.com](mailto:sonjabland70@gmail.com).

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS** as we look to purchase another 60-80 new chairs to replace the older wooden chairs

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!



**THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025** will be available soon. As we draw near to the end of the year, we want to use the blessings God provides to complete the work we do together through our tithes and offerings. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. We encourage your faithful stewardship. If you need a set of offering envelopes, please let the office know **OR** if you wish to contribute via Interact transactions, in which case you will no longer need a set of envelopes, please let the office know **before December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS** testifies to God's love for us, as He gives us His Son as Saviour. In the joy of that love, we also look to the ways that we show love to others. We are planning to prepare some "Christmas Hampers" for those in need. To make this practical and simple, we are planning to collect gift cards. We will give these to families in need within our congregation, as well as those outside our congregation. If you would like to help with this, simply bring a card of your choice (groceries are most practical) and leave it in the office or with one of the staff. Please bring the cards by December 8, 2024.



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LAST SUNDAY OF  
THE CHURCH YEAR  
Sunday between  
November 20 and  
November 26



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What would you do if you were a king or queen for a day?
2. Jesus is a King. What sort of King is he? When and how does he reign?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus is your King?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>John 18:33-37</b>	Jesus, the King of truth
<b>M</b>	<b>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</b>	Judgement before the Ancient One
<b>T</b>	<b>Revelation 1:4b-8</b>	Jesus reigns
<b>W</b>	<b>Mark 15:1-15</b>	Pilate questions Jesus
<b>T</b>	<b>John 8:31-47</b>	The truth will set you free
<b>F</b>	<b>2 John 1:1-9</b>	Walking in the truth
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 93</b>	The majesty of God's rule

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Let us hold firmly to the hope we  
claim to have. The one who promised  
is faithful."

HEBREWS 10:23



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

**Endings and Beginnings:** Take time this week to discuss your experience of church life over the past year. What were some highlights? What were some challenges, disappointments or difficulties? In what ways did you learn or grow?

Pray together for God's blessing upon your church and your involvement with it over the next year.

Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. How will your family get ready this year? Some ideas include an Advent wreath with four candles, a Jesse Tree or learning the names of Jesus.

Plan and gather the things you will need to journey through Advent.



## ACTION RESPONSE

As this church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in your congregation who have served you over the past year – pastors, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and so on.

Give them a small gift, note or card in appreciation for their contributions.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Blessed be to God,  
our King, for health  
and food, for love and  
friends, for everything  
his goodness sends.  
Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are  
the King of truth.  
Help us to listen to  
you. Amen.



## BLESSING

May Jesus, your  
King, bless you with  
his love. May he  
help you to know his  
forgiveness and give  
you power to serve  
him. Amen.