

Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

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



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: "Let down your nets," You told Simon Peter, O Lord. He obeyed, and caught many fish. May we, like Simon Peter, trust Your word and do what You command, so that Your word may be fulfilled in and through us.

Blessed Lord, help us to follow Your will always.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: as projected

HYMNS:10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord); Lead Me To The Cross;I Will Follow; As It Is In Heaven; Blessed Be Your Name

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 6:1-8

EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 5:1-11

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.



THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Rick Bennetts (Michelle Heumann's father) and Iain Graham (Christine Heumann's father). Flowers are also given in gratitude and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by Michael and Kayden J. Vivek.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians
 Ushers..... Barb Vincent; Tobi Stene
 Lector Carl Berdahl
 Acolyte Julia Han
 AV/Powerpoint Operators..... Michelle Funke; Evan Stene
 Greeters Christine Heumann; Barb Vincent
 Coffee Team..... Heather Sommers; Ralf Hinterleitner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Craft-Tea Party
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship LOVE Pot Blessing following service

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of	Sunday/Communed	Education Hour	Wednesday
January 26	108/80	35	5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,308.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$26,855.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$38,461.54	-\$11,606.54

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 102.00; Visitor Offerings 45.00; Sunday School 32.00; Lutheran Hospital Ministries 25.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 100.00; LWML 140.00; Refugee Sponsorship 3,300.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, students will study “A Living Truth.” The women who witness Christ’s burial are the first to witness His resurrection. With great joy, they run to tell His disciples that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Discuss, “How can we as a family spread the word of Christ’s resurrection?”

PASTOR BODE’S RETIREMENT: Sunday, March 2 Pastor Bode is retiring after nearly 43 years of faithfully serving our God and His people in the Office of the Ministry. He has requested that we acknowledge and recognise this milestone with only a lunch after the service on March 2. Everyone is invited to stay for a catered light lunch and celebration cake. The congregation will be presenting a retirement gift to Pastor Bode. If you would like to contribute towards this gift, you will find an envelope in your mailbox and in the pew hymnal racks labelled “A Gift for Pastor Bode’s Retirement”. Place your envelope in the offering plate or in Deaconess Miriam’s mailbox. E-transfers will also be accepted; please indicate in the message box “Pastor Bode’s Retirement Gift”.

ONCE AGAIN, WE DRAW NEAR TO THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5.**



We will hold special services to lead us to the cross and a deeper appreciation of all that our Saviour has done for us in His death and resurrection. Our theme is *The Blessings in the Blood of Jesus*, and we will be examining the what Jesus’ blood has accomplished as told in the book of Hebrews.

We will again have a Lenten rotation, sharing together with St. Matthew’s, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, and Prince of Peace. Pastors will be travelling to each church to share a sermon each week. Our services begin each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We hope you will join us for these services.



POT BLESSING - LOVE FOR GOD AND ONE ANOTHER: Join us after service for a pot blessing on **February 16** to celebrate the 4 very special types of love captured in the scriptures. Storge (family love), Philia (friendship love), Agape (unconditional love) and Eros (romantic love).

Please sign up in the narthex to bring your favorite main, appetizer, side or salad to share in love with your Foothills family.

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (February 16) "**The Bread of Our Lives**" with guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts. (John 6:35) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, or at www.lutheranhour.ca.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: King of Kings Lutheran Church in Dickson, AB is hosting a Young Adult Retreat (ages 18-35ish) this coming **June 6-8**, and would like to invite the Young Adults of Alberta to join them. The theme for the retreat is "You will be my witnesses" based on Acts 1:8 with a focus on missions and evangelism. We will have a number of representatives from different mission organizations present for the weekend and look forward to engaging with young adults in this topic through Bible study, presentations, worship and fellowship. Go to <https://kingofkingslutheran.ca/yaretreat/> for more information.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE CHURCH LIBRARY?

There are a variety of materials to inform, educate and inspire both children and adults. Michelle Funke and Barb Vincent are available for assistance and welcome any questions you may have!





CRAFT-TEA PARTY: Starting this **Tuesday, February 11** from **1:30 – 3pm**, Christine Heumann is hosting a monthly drop-in for anyone who wants to come for tea, treats, fellowship, and time to work on any craft you may have on the go. Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, card-making materials, OR, just come for the tea and fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Christine at (403)-710-8347 or at christineheumanncg@gmail.com.

OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP EFFORT: The congregation approved the sponsorship of a refugee family of four at our recent Voter's meeting. To date, approximately \$17,000 has been contributed to our Refugee Sponsorship Fund, and the \$46,000 balance of funds needed is now designated from our savings. We are currently waiting on CLWR to confirm that they are ready to receive applications for this year. Your gifts to this effort will still be gratefully received and will offset the draw on our savings. May we show our love for others as we seek to "welcome the stranger" (Romans 12:13).



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Frank Morgret who serves as Resident Pastoral Advisor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Sainte-Foy (Quebec City). **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Morgret, 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.**

DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG?: Wearing our name tags while at church is a great way to help foster closer connections with our fellow members. Please get in touch with the office if you need a new or replacement name tag, and we'll be happy to provide one for you.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2024 are available in your mailbox until mid-February, then the remaining ones will be mailed out. If you would like your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.

THE SILVER SAINTS will meet again on **Tuesday, February 18** at **1:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we look forward to a presentation from Carol Berndt, travel writer and photographer, entitled "Finding Joy in the Serendipity of Travel."



Here I am,
send me



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What makes you scared or afraid?
2. Read Luke 5:1-11. Why was Simon Peter afraid?
3. Jesus calls his followers to be "fishers of people"? What does this mean? How does this make you feel?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus calls the first disciples
M	Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13	Isaiah's commission
T	1 Cor 15:1-11	The resurrection of Christ
W	Luke 5:27-32	The call of Levi
T	Isaiah 8:1-15	Resisting the call
F	Philippians 3:12-16	Running towards the goal
S	Psalm 138	I will praise you, Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for
us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

ISAIAH 6:8



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus calls his followers to be 'fishers of people' - to cast his Word into the world so that others are drawn to him. In your family devotion time this week, ask God to help you find ways to share your faith with those around you.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for this food and for the hands that prepared it. Bless it to our use, and us to your service. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Consider performing one of these "random acts of kindness" for others during this next week (or even better, think up one yourselves!):

- Offer your mail carrier a refreshing drink, a kind word or a thank you note.
- Pick up any litter you see as you go through the day.
- Leave a bouquet of flowers on someone's front door step.
- Buy a balloon bouquet and ask the nurses at a children's hospital to deliver it to a child.
- Clean up the yard or garden of someone who is elderly, sick or busy with small children.
- Send a thinking-of-you card to someone you know who is struggling.
- Call a friend or family member and tell them why you love them.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, replace my fears with boldness, so that I may be a fisher of people for you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord save you with his right hand, and fulfill his purposes for you, now and always.