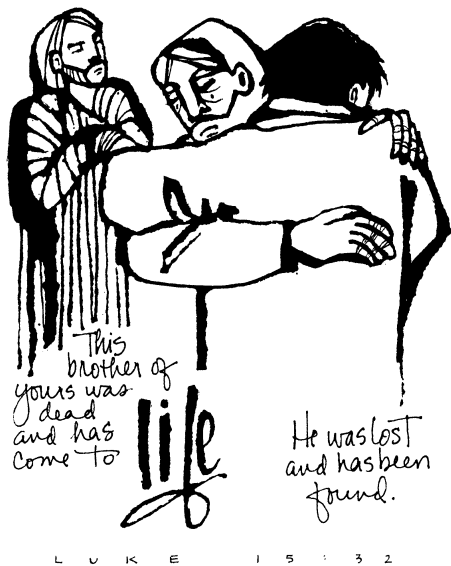


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

Education Hour.....	9:00 am
Morning Worship.....	10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship.....	6:30 pm

Pastor: Eric Moffett – flcpastoreric@foothillslutheran.com
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Office Administrator: Amber Myers – office@foothillslutheran.com
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: So many times, O Lord, we, like the Prodigal Son, have been "far off." Thank you for always welcoming us back into Your arms when we stray. Forgive us for ever thinking that we could make it in the world on our own. And lead us in the way You want us to go.

O Guiding God, stay close beside us forever.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Jesus Messiah; 803; 609; Offering; 571; 430;
..... Forever; This is Amazing Grace

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 12:1-6

EPISTLE LESSON:..... 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC
**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of:	Sunday	Education Hour/ Lenten Study	Wednesday
March 16	109	7/13	24

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MusiciansDeaconess Miriam (organist); Contemporary Music Team
Ushers..... John Voss; Brian Vincent
Communion Elders.....Lorne Rosenau; Robert Kaut
Lector Kelly Dueck
Acolyte Julia Han
AV/Powerpoint Operators.....Derek Kiefer; Eden/Paxton Knudtson
Coffee Team.Zach Heywood; Christian Kuhl; Sydney Stene; Heather Sommers
Greeters Gail and Dale Dusterhoft

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	7:00 pm	Lent Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lent Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship, Elder-lead
	After Service	**Special Voter's Meeting**
	12:00 pm	Faith at Home: Family Service

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Hospice Care:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

UPDATED SCHEDULE / LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION: Because of the transition, our service schedule has changed, so do not follow what was published in the Footprint. At the Welcome Desk you can pickup an updated schedule, or the Letter to the Congregation which explains the transition, if you did not receive these on email.



MOFFETT FAREWELL: Farewells are filled with mixed emotions: excitement for new adventures and sorrow for the loss of a relationship. We will dearly miss Pastor Eric, Kayla, Wren and Wesley. Join us today at a **pizza & sundae party** as we send them off with blessings from Foothills. We give special thanks to Heather Sommers for planning the farewell with the assistance of Michelle Heumann; Evan Stene for agreeing to be the MC; and Stacey Bablitz, Tobi Stene, Christine Heumann, Jessica Tonn, Zach Heywood and Brendan Olson for helping to prepare for the send off.



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$2,825.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$70,961.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$92,307.69	-\$21,346.69

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 12.25; Visitor Offerings 250.00; Sunday School Offerings 5.00; Refugee Sponsorship 10.00; Helping Hands Kitchen 100.00.

SPECIAL VOTER’S MEETING: We will be having a special voter’s meeting in the sanctuary immediately **after service, next Sunday, April 6**. The meeting will be short. Agenda to include issuing a call to Pastor Bode to become a Pastor Emeritus (retired pastor) at Foothills, and also to serve on a part-time basis as our vacancy Pastor while we undertake a call process. The other item is to establish a call committee. Please plan on attending if you are a voting member of the congregation.



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 *The Blessings in the Blood of Jesus*, and we will be examining what Jesus’ blood has accomplished as told in the book of Hebrews. The pastors of our circuit will join us to share a sermon each week. Our services begin each **Wednesday at 6:30 pm**. This week we will welcome Pastor Bode to lead us in our Lenten worship. We hope you will join us for these services.

THE FLOWERS which grace the altar today are given to the glory of God by Anne Marie Kothari.



EASTER WEEKEND PRAYER VIGIL: April 18 to 20

As a congregation we are facing changes and transitions in 2025, and it is important to join in prayer for God's guidance and wisdom as we look to the future. The vigil will take place wherever you are – at home, on the train, on your lunch break; whatever location works for you! It will begin at **9 am (the third hour) on Good Friday and run 10 am on Easter Sunday**. The Good Friday worship service will be at 2pm, so if possible, please gather to pray together in person during this time. Please sign up for a time slot either on the Christian Education bulletin board or online at: <https://bit.ly/2025eastervigil>. Don't worry if more than one person is signed up for the same slot! The Board of Christian Education will provide some prayer resources for your encouragement if you include your email address when you sign up, and other prayer resources will be available in the bulletin and the Narthex in the coming weeks.

***LENT BIBLE STUDY – MEANS OF GRACE, CONCLUDES THIS WEEK:***

On **Monday, March 31 at 7pm**, and on **Tuesday, April 1 at 10am**, we'll be gathering for a special Bible study on the Means of Grace, which are the ordinary, simple things that God uses to demonstrate His grace to us. We have room for more people at both studies – you are welcome to join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we will study “A Deacon Delivers” in class. Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. Consider discussing, “Who helps us understand Scripture today?”



EASTER LILY DONATIONS: When making your offerings from now until Easter, please consider giving an amount toward the purchase of eight Easter lilies which will adorn God's altar for our Easter Sunday service. Whether by envelope or etransfer, simply designate the amount to “Easter Lily Purchase.”

Thank you very much.

MISSION OF THE MONTH - REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

As we look to our work in support of bringing a refugee family from Afghanistan, we will need financial support for this. While we are just in the beginning stages of this work, we pray that our members will show love and hospitality through their support of this project both in their giving to this mission of the month and in their prayers for this family.

SHOEBOXES NEEDED FOR VBS! If you have any that you don't need and are taking up space in your house, please donate them to us for a VBS craft. Please leave them under the mailboxes for Christine Heumann and she will collect them twice a week. All sizes of boxes are welcome. Thank you!!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (April 6) "**Better Than I Deserve!**" with guest speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock. Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, or at www.lutheranhour.ca.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Angel Antonio Salazar Macías who serves as a pastor for the Lutheran Church Jesus The Good Shepherd in the Potosi community, the Lutheran Church Bread and Life in the Monte Olivos community and the Lutheran church Principe De Paz in the Las Marias community in Nicaragua.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Macías, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

CALLING OUT FOR MUSICIANS! Our contemporary music team is looking for more talent to add to our services! We are in particular need of lead guitarists, pianists, and drummers. We meet the Wednesday before each contemporary service for rehearsals. Interested? Contact Sarah Knudtson at knudtson.sarah@gmail.com with any questions or get in touch with the office.



STUDENT RESIDENCE COORDINATOR: With Pastor Bode retiring, and the congregation not having a Chair of the Board of Church Properties, we need a volunteer to coordinate the student residence. Duties to include being the prime contact for the students, arranging repairs to the building as required, and advertising for and interviewing potential new students as vacancies arise. The residence is currently full with a great group of students who are active in our congregation. The time commitment is difficult to estimate due to issues that may arise with the building but probably is a 2- 4 hours a month on average. Please contact Dale Dusterhoft if you have any interest in this role.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE: Please forward all announcements and printing requests to the office by **noon on Wednesdays** to be ready for weekend distribution: office@foothillslutheran.com



Growing
FAITH
at home

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SUNDAY
IN LENT

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when someone forgave you.
How did you feel?
2. Jesus told a parable about a prodigal son. How do you think the son felt when his father welcomed him back?
3. In what ways is God like the forgiving father?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father
M	Joshua 5: 9-12	Roll away the shame of slavery
T	2 Cor 5: 16-21	We are God's ambassadors
W	Genesis 45:25 - 46:30	Jacob sees his son Joseph again
T	Luke 15:1-7	The parable of the lost sheep
F	Romans 5:6-11	Reconciled to God
S	Psalms 32	I confess all my sins

Lost and found



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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"For this son of mine was dead
and is alive again; he was lost
and is found."

LUKE 16:24



CREATIVE RESPONSE

As part of your home devotion times this week, read the *Parable of the Prodigal Son* (or the *Forgiving Father*) from a Bible or Bible storybook (if you have younger children you may wish to act it out using finger puppets and simple props).

Discuss the feelings and responses of each of the main characters (younger son, father, older son) in the parable.

Ask: "What is Jesus trying to say to us through this character?"



ACTION RESPONSE

When the younger son returned home his father held a feast to welcome him back.

Do you have a tradition of offering hospitality to others in your home?

Is it something you can think about trying? Has your street ever done a street party and shared a meal?

Is it something you could try?



MEALTIME PRAYER

Father in heaven,
you give us so
much that we don't
deserve. Please
give us one more
thing: thankful
hearts! Amen.



PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
thank you for
loving us and
forgiving us. We
rejoice because
of you. Amen.



BLESSING

(Name) celebrate
your new life in
Jesus.