

# *FOOT PRINT*



## *A Letter from the Board of Elders*

by Robert Kubke, Elder

It is a time of transition at Foothills, with Pastor Bode retiring after his last Sunday service on March 2, and then with Pastor Eric accepting a call to St. John's in Beach Corner, AB, with his last Sunday service on March 30. We thank God for their many years of service at Foothills. These changes are hard, and cause a whole variety of emotions. I pray that you will come to trust that God knows best and that this is His will. I am confident that God will lead us where He desires, and will bring a new pastor to serve at Foothills, in His time.

It will be different for a while, yet some things won't change. Yes, we have needed to end our Wednesday worship services and make adjustments to services over the Easter Holy Week, but we still celebrated the passion and joy of Easter together as a church family. Yes, we no longer have 2 dedicated pastors, but we thank God that Pastor Bode has come out of retirement to serve us as part time Vacancy Pastor. And we are thankful to God for the continued service of Deaconess Miriam! Be assured that ministry to God's people will continue through this time of transition.

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The following are some transition updates, and requests, for you to be aware of, further to the March 21 Letter to the Congregation:

**Worship During Vacancy** – All Worship Services, whether Pastor or Elder led, will be prepared by our Vacancy Pastor Bode or a guest pastor. There will continue to be a mix of traditional and contemporary music. Sermons will be written by Pastor Bode or a guest pastor. Regardless of who leads, we will hear God's Word and sing His praises.

**Calling a New Pastor** – A Call Committee has been established, consisting of Austin Voss (Elder, chair), Stacey Bablitz, Tim Knudtson, Robb McLean, Tobi Stene, and John Voss. Their primary role is to gather information:

- a) Call documents – information on the congregation, to be given to a called pastor.
- b) Congregation input – gifts (skillsets, characteristics) desired in a pastor, as well as names of possible Pastors to call.
- c) Liaise with Regional Pastor Mohns – to provide him with gifts desired in a pastor, and obtain information on candidates.

The call process includes a pre-call meeting, where all can attend to better understand the call process, review the congregation's situation, and review the gifts desired in a pastor. Once the list of candidates is narrowed down, information on each candidate will be provided to the congregation, and a call meeting will be held at which the voters will prayerfully select a pastor to call. And then the called pastor prayerfully considers the call and may come for a visit. The call process does take time, many months – only God knows.

**Help During Vacancy (and Onwards)** – It is important both now, and for the future, that more people are energized to serve the Lord in volunteer roles. Serving is an excellent opportunity to grow in faith. More people serving helps our ministry, to God's glory, and shows possible pastors that we have passionate people for the ministry. Where you see a need, or if someone approaches you, please prayerfully consider filling vacant and needed growth roles.

Don't just say 'I wish someone was doing that', rather pray 'Am I gifted to serve in that role', and have a further discussion with a leader about the role.

**Hurting During Vacancy** – Unfortunately, during a time of transition, some people can have hurts that they have a hard time overcoming, and they may fall away. Please put in extra effort to look out for hurting people; call them and reach out to be a listening ear and prayer help. Or if you are hurting, please don't just hurt, reach out to a leader, or to the person in the pew beside you, and pray. Sometimes transition hurts come from not understanding, so please don't just bottle up your hurts. Reach out, ask questions.

**Be Kind** – This time of transition is also hard on our staff and volunteer leaders, who are a vital part of our ministry for God. Please encourage them, and pray for them, so they can joyfully continue serving our Lord. During the transition and vacancy, there are many 'behind the scenes' activities that are constantly being worked on. Please be caring, patient, listen with open ears and heart, and express your opinions respectfully (avoid judging). Let us all seek to show Christian love to one another.

If you are willing to volunteer in any role, please talk with the applicable Board Director (Trevor Heumann – Education and Young People, Heather Sommers – Fellowship, Christine Heumann – Human Care) or leader noted below. If you don't know who to talk to, or if you are hurting, or if you have questions or concerns during the transition, please talk with Deaconess Miriam, or any of the Elders (Rob Kaut, Robert Kubke, Rick Nelson, Kellen Rosenau, Lorne Rosenau, Austin Voss), or Dale Dusterhoft – President, or Ralf Hinterleitner – Vice President.

Praying that during this time of transition, God will continue Easter joy in your heart, and that He will rally His people at Foothills in serving, caring, and loving.

On behalf of the Board of Elders, in Christ,

Robert Kubke



# *A Letter from the Pastor*

by Rev. David Bode, Vacancy Pastor

*“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” John 14:18–19, ESV*

Dear Friends in Christ:

I’ll be back.

That line has become very familiar to people, especially anyone familiar with the Terminator movies starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. That quote was placed at No. 37 on the American Film Institute list AFI’s 100 Years... 100 Movie Quotes list. Schwarzenegger used the line in some way, shape or form in the other Terminator movies and even in other productions. Others have imitated it, and the line is often used in an ironic sense. One of my favourite (and this is a real “pastor” joke) comes from comedian Colin Mochrie, who said, “Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that he will be playing the role of an 18<sup>th</sup> century Baroque composer in a new movie. Said Schwarzenegger, ‘I’ll be Bach’”.

I’ll be back. That was the promise that our dear Saviour gave to His disciples before His crucifixion. Jesus told the disciples at various times that He would suffer at the hands of the religious leaders and that he would be killed. He also made it clear that He would rise again on the third day. “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” (John 16:16, ESV) I’ll be back, the Lord promised His people.

In the coming days we will sing with joy and thanksgiving as we rejoice in the glorious hope that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head. (LSB 461, st. 1)

The Lord of life is ris’n this day; Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;

Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (LSB 475, st. 2)

Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;

Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.

My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight. (LSB 467, st. 1)

I am content! My Jesus is my head; His member I shall be.

He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.

Now death is brought into subjection For me by Jesus’ resurrection.

I am content! I am content! (LSB 468, st. 2)

We could continue to go on and on. The Lord said, “I’ll be back”, and He is as good as His Word. He gave His life in our place on the cross, paying the price for all of our sins. But death could not hold Him. On the third day He rose as victor over sin, death and the devil. He lives as perfect proof of the redemption He has accomplished for us. We also know that He will be back to take us to our final home with Him in glory. On the mount of ascension the angel promised, ***“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*** (Acts 1:11, ESV)

More than a movie line, this is a glorious promise for us. Our Lord did come back from the grave. He is coming back again to bring us home. Thankfully, we don’t have to just wait for Him to come back. The Lord is with us day by day, to help, to forgive, to comfort and to defend us. This, my dear people, loved by God, is your sure and certain hope. Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sharing with you in this hope,

Pastor Bode

# **The President's Report**

by Dale Dusterhoft, President

Call for Volunteers! Our elections are upcoming in June and we have a number of positions that we need to fill on our parish planning council and Elders. A list of the positions we will be electing is below, along with a description of each position. I ask each of our members to prayerfully consider whether your gifts and talents can be used to help our congregation out of thankfulness for all that God has given you. If you have any questions or would like to let your name stand for any of these positions, please contact a member of our nominating committee. Dale Dusterhoft, Ralf Hinterleitner or Deaconess Miriam.

In service to our Lord,

Dale Dusterhoft

**Vice President** (2 year term to be fulfilled by a man from the congregation)

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, act for the President if he is unavailable for short or long periods of time. He shall be available for whatever duties the President shall assign to him as his representative.

Normally, this is a short-term, “fill-in” responsibility. The congregation is blessed through the extra wisdom and guidance of the Vice President.

It may be that you will help the President in the following areas (again, short term). The President presides at all Voters' meetings and Council meetings. In this role he:

- Submits/Prepares the agenda (the order of business).
- Ensures that all is done decently and in order, in accordance with the Constitution and Statement of Direction.
- Makes sure that all proper resolutions or motions are enacted in the congregation.
- Keeps the business of the congregation moving in an orderly fashion and coordinates the cooperation of the various boards through regular Parish planning council meetings

Key skills (gifts, talents):

- Ability to understand the overall ‘big picture’ of ministry, and how it all needs to fit together.
- Communication

Time: Can vary.

**Elders** (2 year term to be filled by men from our congregation).

The Elders serve as spiritual leaders within the congregation. Along with the pastor, they are to do all they can for the spiritual welfare of our members. They are to be examples of Christian love and conduct. They work with the pastors and other staff, and support them in their work. They are to be men of prayer, offering that prayer for the called workers and for the members of the church.

In their role as spiritual leaders, the Elders assist in worship (distribution of Holy Communion, for example) as needed. They are also to ensure that the services of God's house are provided in a timely fashion, and that the services are done decently and in order. They see that the Word is brought to people each week, either by being involved in the call process with the congregation, or by arranging substitute pastors or preachers as needed. In some cases, the Elders may lead worship in the absence of a pastor.

As they care for the members, the Elders will:

- Encourage the members, through visitation and discussion, to be spiritual and faithful in worship.
- Render counsel and advice in difficult problems.
- Encourage members, especially new members, to be connected with one another.

Key skills:

- An example of Christian love and conduct (regarded as a dedicated Christian).
- Caring, supportive, encouraging – Able to encourage church workers in their duties, and able to encourage congregants in Christian growth.
- Able and willing to visit with people.

Time: 4 to 6 hrs per month.

**Board of Church Properties ( 2 year term )**

The basic objectives of this Board are to properly maintain and repair church property, and to generally protect the congregation against loss or damage of whatever nature. It is not the responsibility of the Director to do the work, but to see that it is done. It does help if the individual fulfilling this role is somewhat handy themselves but this is not a requirement. The Director recruits members to help with these responsibilities. This person performs an annual inventory and inspection of the property. Custodial care, insurance and security of the building also fall under this Board.

In many ways, this is the most “hands on” or physical aspect of our ministry. It involves things we can see and use. Much like running our own homes, we want to be sure that the House of the Lord is properly maintained, and kept in an inviting, neat and attractive state. We also want to be sure that the equipment of the church is operating properly. There may also be special building projects/repair projects which need oversight.

Again, we have been blessed by those who have served in this way. They have given a great deal of time and sweat to the maintenance of the church. While we do hope and pray that all our members will show care for God’s house, are you that person who can help lead us in this way?

Key skills (gifts, talents):

- An understanding of maintenance matters. (Does not need to be able to do plumbing, electrical, painting, construction, etc., but needs to be able to understand and talk with people about these.); Organized. Ability to oversee projects.

Time commitment: 4-6 hours per month on average. Time may increase when there are special projects.

**Board of Evangelism**

The Board of Evangelism encourages the congregation in its concern for those who are not yet disciples at Foothills, beginning with those who may have already connected with us in some way. As with all our Boards, it is hoped that we will recruit others to aid in these responsibilities.

Areas of responsibility include:

- Encourage members to reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to encourage education and equipping in this regard.
- Arrange information for prospective members.
- Work with our website host, to increase our visibility, and arrange advertising as appropriate.
- Work with our ministry staff on any outreach initiatives we may have.

The Director recruits a team to help with our outreach initiatives, prepares an annual budget and approves Board expenses. They also participate in Parish Planning Council (PPC) meetings (approx. 5/yr) and Voter's meetings (approx. 3-5/yr), from the perspective of this role and the overall advancing of the congregation's ministry.

If you have a heart for the Gospel, and the desire to reach out to the lost and dying world around us, this may be exactly where God is calling you to serve.

Time commitment: 4-6 hours per month on average. May increase if a special outreach project is initiated.

**Board of Stewardship**

Everything we have is a gift from God. Yet we often don’t recognize either His ownership, or our responsibility to use all He has entrusted—normally described as stewardship of our time, talents, and treasures—to His glory.

The Board of Stewardship seeks to encourage people to live their faith as faithful stewards, and to encourage faithful stewardship of God’s gifts as a congregation.

As with all our Boards, it is hoped that we will recruit others to aid in these responsibilities.

The Board of Stewardship arranges for an annual “Time, Talent, Treasure” survey. This may be done in various ways, but seeks to encourage our members to think of themselves as stewards. The Board may also provide stewardship education, which can include articles in our Footprint newsletters and Spiritual Gifts training workshops.

The Board of Stewardship also looks at the ways that we, as a congregation, can support work outside our congregation, as we use what God gives for the good of others, too.

The Director prepares an annual budget and approves Board expenses. They also participate in Parish Planning Council (PPC) meetings (approx. 5/yr) and Voter's meetings (approx. 3-5/yr), from the perspective of this role and the overall advancing of the congregation's ministry.

Recognizing what God has done for us allows us to respond in love to His goodness. That is one of the greatest parts of stewardship. Is this one way you can be a good steward?

Time commitment: 2-4 hours per month on average.

**Treasurer**

While most of the day-to-day responsibilities for the financial management of our congregation are completed by our accountant, the Treasurer is charged with the oversight of the congregation's finances, and works to see that we make the best use of our treasures.

A financial ability is a definite asset, but the Treasurer does not need to be trained as an accountant.

The Treasurer reports on the financial health of the congregation to both the PPC and Voters, using the reports prepared by the accountant. They are responsible for seeing that we practice good financial controls, that the books are audited, and that the information we share with the congregation is accurate. While the financial secretary issues receipts, the Treasurer ensures that everything is recorded accurately. They also assure that the accountant files the annual report to Revenue Canada.

The Treasurer coordinates the flow of monies from the Treasury to the various Boards in such a way that an adequate balance is retained for the payment of salaries and other recurring expenses and is one of the designated signatories. (All cheques must be signed by two signing officers of the congregation.

The Treasurer sits on the three person investment committee and ensures that the churches financial gifts are invested in accordance with the churches investment policies which involves a quarterly review with our professional investment manager.

The Treasurer also works with the Board of Stewardship to prepare the annual budget, and to present it to the congregation.

They also participate in Parish Planning Council (PPC) meetings (approx. 5/yr) and Voter's meetings (approx. 3-5/yr), from the perspective of this role and the overall advancing of the congregation's ministry.

Time commitment: 6-8 hours per month on average.

**Christian Education and Young People's Ministry**

When we look at Christian Education, we are thinking of all the things we can do to encourage people to be "in the Word", and to study it together at the various stages of our lives. There is a special emphasis on the work we do with our youth, seeking to help them lay a strong foundation of faith for their lives in the church. Our Deaconess is an excellent resource in this work, especially in Family Life ministry, and will continue to be that valuable resource for the elected chairperson.

Areas of responsibility under this board involve Sunday School; VBS; the library; youth ministry; and our various Bible studies. Although much of the work is done through the Church staff (Deaconess and Pastors), the Board of Education plays a key role in bringing it all together, as we seek to provide Christian education and nurture to all of our members. While it can seem like a daunting task, the Director will seek to encourage and involve others in the work of Christian education within the congregation. Again, there are resources and helps for this task, too.

This board member also ensures that our youth program has leadership, is organized and well run, and encourages all youth to be active participants in the congregation.

This position is much more of an oversight position to ensure our Christian education and youth programs are well run and resourced properly.

What does it take to do fill this position? More than anything else, it would be a love for God's Word and a desire to see that spread throughout the congregation in a strong program of Christian education. Is this what God is calling you to do?

Key skills (gifts, talents):

- A heart for the study of God's Word, and young people.
- Caring, supportive, encouraging – Able to encourage church workers in their duties, and able to encourage congregants in Christian growth.

6 Time commitment: 2-4 hours per week on average.

**Children and Family Ministry**

by Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

God’s blessings to our students, their parents, and our diligent and skilled Sunday School teachers as we continue our study of Scripture together! All of us give thanks to God for the support and encouragement of the congregation as we encourage our younger members in their study of God’s Word.

We have one more lesson in May from the New Testament, where we will learn what Scripture has to tell us about Christ’s return on the Last Day. We will then dive right back in to a more in depth look at the Old Testament, beginning “in the beginning” with the creation of Adam and Eve.

May 4	<b>Christ Returns</b> <i>Revelation 21:1-22:5</i>
May 11	<b>Adam and Eve</b> <i>Genesis 1:26-2:25</i>
May 18	<b>No Lesson –</b> <b>Victoria Day Weekend</b>
May 25	<b>God’s Covenant with Abraham</b> <i>Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-21</i>
June 1	<b>Isaac is Born</b> <i>Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7</i>
June 8	<b>Abraham and Isaac</b> <i>Genesis 22:1-19</i>
June 15	<b>Isaac and Rebekah</b> <i>Genesis 24:1–4, 10–28, 50–67</i>
June 22	<b>Closing activity</b>

**SILVER SAINTS**

Keep an eye on the bulletin and listen for announcements regarding upcoming activities!

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Two Ladies’ study groups are running, with new members always welcome.

Our Tuesday group meets weekly at 7:00 pm at Deaconess Miriam’s home, and is nearly finished a study entitled *Enough: Unpacking God’s Sufficiency*. We will soon be selecting our next study resource.

Our Thursday afternoon study meets at the church weekly at 1:30 pm for an in-depth study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Both studies take place in person, with the option of participating online via Zoom. Contact Deaconess Miriam for more information!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS is scheduled for July 21-25. Thank you to the many people who have stepped forward to volunteer! There are still some open helper positions – talk with Deaconess Miriam if you would like to participate!



**CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

Children’s Choir will soon wrap up for the summer. Our last activity will be June 5, where we will give a short concert at Foothills Lutheran Manor. Keep an eye out for our start-up again in the fall! If you are interested in having your children participate in the fall, please contact Deaconess Miriam at 403-284-1342 or miriam@foothillslutheran.com.



**FAMILY TIME IN CHRIST**

In Calgary, gardens are planted the long weekend in May (unless there's a blizzard, when planting might be a bit delayed!) Use your time in the garden to sow some seeds of faith!

As you plant your seeds, consider what a seed needs to become a mature plant: water, sunshine, fertilizer, protection from weeds and pests. Now consider what the seed of faith planted in your child at baptism needs in order for it to grow and mature: time in God's Word at home and at church; remembrance of Baptism as often as possible (Luther's Morning and Evening Prayers encourage this daily); a Christian community; protection from the things of the world that would tear down and destroy faith. Pray that God would grant you the will and the strength to tend those faith-seeds also!

Include your children in planting and caring for your garden. As you work, consider together Matthew 13:3-9 and 18-23. Discuss each of the soils and why seed grows or doesn't. What "cares of the world", or thorns distract us from the things of Christ? How does Satan try to snatch us out of His hand? Now read John 15:1-5. What promise does Jesus make?

As you transfer your bedding plants, taking care not to damage the roots, talk about the importance of good, healthy roots. What do roots do? Where do you want the roots to be planted? Why? Read Ephesians 3:14-19 and Colossians 2:6-7. Where are a Christian's roots attached? What blessings does that give?

God grant that the gardens in your back yards, and especially the gardens in your homes, are fruitful this planting season!



**Catechism for Life**



**Take it Home!**  
**Sunday, June 1, 2025**  
**Following our Worship Service**

Luther's Small Catechism is a roadmap to the Bible, and a lifelong companion. At this session you will have an opportunity to fulfill one of the promises you made at your child's baptism by placing the catechism in his or her hands! A copy of "My First Catechism" will be provided.

Please bring your child so you can participate together. Younger children are welcome in the session so that mom and dad can come together. *Lunch will be provided.*

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Designed for children born in 2017 and their parents.

# **Board of Christian Education News**

by Trevor Heumann, Chair



With all the recent changes at Foothills, we are pleased to report that all existing education opportunities are continuing as previously planned. Some members have offered to learn more about leading studies and are going to take over some of those roles which is amazing.

We encourage everyone to check out one of our Christian education opportunities and join us in studying God's Word with our church family. We have Sunday School, confirmation, Bible studies throughout the week, family groups, youth group, and more. Contact the ministry staff to join an existing group – or maybe to start a new one? If you feel like you would like to lead a study but aren't sure where to start, or how to do so, please contact the church staff as we would love to provide you the resources to help you with that.

## **Lent Bible Study: *Means of Grace***

On Monday nights though Lent, many congregation members met to study God's word together, meditate on, and learn about, the Means of Grace which God gave to us to bring us salvation and strengthen our faith. Thanks very much to Pr. Eric who led those studies and to all who participated.

VBS is scheduled for July 21 to 25. The topic will be "God's Promises for me". Please save the date and check out the Foothills website for more details, including registration.

Thanks to 3 of our Young Adults (Evan Stene, Derek Kiefer, and Siddaly Alcock) for taking leadership of the youth group activities. We are very blessed for their efforts and dedication and look forward to their leadership of our youth in the future.

We thank all the member who joined in prayer for the Easter Prayer Vigil. It is such a blessing to our congregation to have so many faithful people bringing our church to our Lord in prayer.

As always, keep praying for God's guidance and blessing on us throughout the year as we continue to come together as God's church at Foothills.

Don't forget to visit the library occasionally and be sure to check out the brochure rack on the wall right outside the sanctuary for short booklets on a wide range of interesting topics. If you're looking for a specific resource, please ask! We've added some new resources within the last few months and plan on adding more so please look and see if anything piques your interest.

The Board of Education would like to thank Pastor Eric for 10 years of amazing service to all our members, as well as the campus students and surrounding community. His dedication to God's Word and care for everyone has nurtured all our faith. God bless him in his new ministry at Beach Corner.

Join the private Facebook group:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/flcchristianed/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/flcchristianed/)

The Board of Christian Education is:

Chair: Trevor Heumann

Staff Members: Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Board Members: Michelle Heumann (Secretary), Derek Kiefer, Tobi Stene, Rick Nelson, Barb Vincent, Michelle Funke

*"Teach...that the next generation may  
set their hope in God."*

*Psalms 78*

## **Board of Human Care**

by Christine Heumann, Chair

Dress For Success is now accepting donations for spring and summer. As always, they accept suits, dresses, blazers, skirts, pants (all sizes, but especially sizes 0-2 and 14 and up), career-appropriate shoes (especially sizes 9 and above), seasonal boots, new undergarments & hosiery, handbags & totes, jewellery, belts, and scarves. They also accept spring and fall coats and boots, unopened cosmetics and toiletries with an expiration date of at least six months in the futures and packaged and unopened fragrances. Please remember that they do NOT accept sweatshirts, sweatpants, running shoes, bathrobes and sleepwear.

The Mustard Seed will accept clothing, winter and spring coats, boots, shoes, warm sweaters and all other clothing items as you do your spring cleaning. All donations may be placed in the buckets by the washrooms. I thank you for your donations to both of these programs as we reach out to those in need.

REMINDER! Our next CRAFT-TEA will be Tuesday, May 13 from 1:30-3:00. Bring something you're working on – OR – just come for tea and fellowship.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Helping Hands Kitchen! We made 75 portions of spaghetti pasta for our freezer with the help of volunteers who donated ingredients, monetary donations, and those who came to help in the kitchen. Look for us again in the fall!

WANTED – MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS. If you can spare a few hours on a Thursday morning to help deliver meals, please contact me for more information. We deliver every Thursday morning to approximately 2-5 residences and only for the months of January to June of each year.

## **Board of Fellowship**

by Heather Sommers, Chair

We are blessed to have the current wonderful coffee teams but could definitely use more teams or individuals to join other teams. It's a great opportunity to serve your church family.

We unfortunately have lost some of our bakers so are always on the lookout for fruit or goodies to share for our Sunday Fellowship Time. Anything chocolate seems to be a favorite.

What an eventful couple of months we have shared, Pastor Bode's retirement luncheon and Pastor Eric's pizza party farewell. Are there any events you would like to participate in with the rest of the congregation? Feel free to let me know.

### Hot Dog Indoor Picnic - Sunday, June 15th

As Sunday School and other activities wind down for the summer, let's get together and have an indoor picnic. Hot dogs and condiments will be supplied. Bring along a salad or side dish to share with everyone. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board.



Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support (previously known as Calgary Pregnancy Care Center) is holding their annual baby bottle campaign. Your generosity supports families facing real challenges! By filling a bottle, they are able to provide support and bring hope to young families in our community. Get a bottle on Mother's Day (May 11), fill with cash or cheque and return on Father's Day (June 15) You can donate online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mainsprings/>.



By Geraldine Chimirri-Russell, President

The promise of Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord is an exciting moment that I am anticipating eagerly as I write this, but probably, by the time it is read, the celebration of the day will have occurred. Now there are more things to anticipate, such as the emergence of green shoots in the garden, and, probably with less pleasure, spring cleaning in the house. As the year progresses, we in LWMLC are busy preparing for the realization of many of our plans.

On the afternoon of Friday, May 9th, we will visit Foothills Manor for our annual Spring Tea, when we will entertain the residents with songs, stories and the sharing of memories. These visits are lively, fun-filled events with many opportunities to share our faith.

On Saturday, May 24th, we will gather with other members of LWMLC in the Southern Alberta Zone, at Grace Lutheran Church here in Calgary, for a day packed with activities that focus on our faith and mission work. The added delight in meeting with our friends from the region is always an inspiration and great pleasure.

We are making significant progress with our project to design and produce memory books for those who are shut in, or who are limited in their ability to visit and meet others. We are full of good ideas and plans, but we always welcome any suggestions.

Our next meetings are planned for April 28th and May 26th. We meet in the basement of the Church at 12.30 pm. As always all ladies are most welcome to join us!

***May Mission of the Month***  
***LCC National Youth Gathering***

Our May mission of the month supports our youth in preparation for the next National Youth Gathering in July of 2026. The gathering theme is **UNBREAKABLE: With the Whole Armour of God**, and will be held in Waterloo, Ontario. This helps cover the costs, including transportation, of those attending. This Gathering is an event sponsored by Lutheran Church-Canada, with the mission to provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the body of Christ. Youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God's Word, be equipped through large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through servant events, and engage in fellowship and fun. Thank you for enabling our youth at Foothills to attend!

***June Mission of the Month***  
***Hope Mission***

Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Working in the Forest Lawn area of Calgary, they provide meals and care to people in need. Much of the effort provides for children.

**ABC Slo-pitch Tournament**

Join the Foothills team in Golden BC. August 8-10th when Lutheran churches from Alberta and BC come together for a fun weekend of slo-pitch!

- If you are up for the challenge, come on Friday the 8th for the skills competition
  - Round robin tournament on the Saturday and Sunday
  - Saturday night supper (more details to follow)
  - Outdoor worship service on Sunday
  - Don't forget to bring your lawn chair and cooler
  - Join us in a campground or a hotel
- Look forward to seeing you there!  
Sign up outside Deaconess Miriam's office  
Questions, email McKenna at [mckbabnitz@gmail.com](mailto:mckbabnitz@gmail.com)



*These two feathered friends can be found nearby FLC's front doors every spring.*