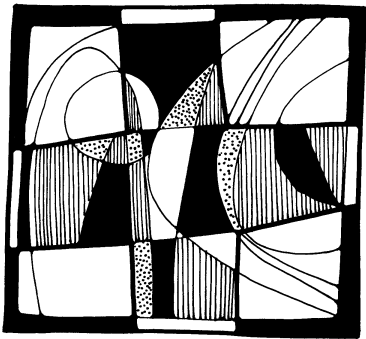


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



WHOEVER
DOES NOT
CARRY THE
CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME
CANNOT BE
MY DISCIPLE.

L U K E 1 4 : 2 7

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025

Education Hour.....9:00 am
Morning Worship.....10:15 am

Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor: David Bode – flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com
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Office Administrator: Amber Myers – office@foothillslutheran.com
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: Help us to live wholeheartedly as Your disciples, O Lord. Help us not to let distractions take our attention away from the mission You have given us to spread the Gospel message to everyone. May discipleship be for us a lifelong calling.

Ever leading Lord, we follow You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 605; 861; 867; 862; 633; 629; 853

FIRST LESSON:..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20

EPISTLE LESSON:..... Philemon 1-21

GOSPEL LESSON:..... Luke 14:25-35

SERMON: *Showing Them the Way* - Deuteronomy 30:15–20

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
Includes online participation

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
August 31	124	9

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist.....	Deaconess Miriam
Altar Guild	Jeff Kaminski
Ushers.....	Ellen Wagner; Lorne Rosenau
Communion Assistants.....	Rob Kaut; Trevor Heumann
Lector	Heather Sommers
AV/PowerPoint Operators.....	Ralf Hinterleitner; Eden/Paxton Knudtson
Coffee Team.....	Heather Sommers; Tobi Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Rally Day!
	9:00 am	Education Hour (all classes resume)
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Craft Tea Party
	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Contemporary Music Rehearsal
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
		Call Meeting following the service

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

THE FLOWERS that grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Christine Heumann's mother, Dorothy, grandmother, Helen and grandfather, Herbert, who all died in the month of September.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection Dueck family, at the death of Hans’ mother, Vivian Rennie, this last week. We also extend our sympathy to the Churney family at the death of Alice Churney, who was called to be with her Saviour on August 29. May the Lord comfort these families with the glorious hope of the resurrection through the victorious Lord, Jesus Christ.



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,538.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$224,889.05	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$269,230.77	-\$44,341.72

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 52.00; Visitor Offerings 100.00; Facility Rental 135.00, FLSR Rental 1040.00; Parking Revenue 1800.00; The Mustard Seed 20.00.

CALL MEETING: A call meeting is scheduled for next **Sunday, September 14, following the service.** Members who wish to submit nominations should do so no later than today. Nomination forms are available on the welcome desk, and completed forms may be put in Austin Voss’ mailbox. Please plan to attend and help FLC prayerfully vote upon our next candidate.



TODAY IS OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, “RALLY DAY”. Sunday School classes have resumed, as have Bible studies for youth and young adults, and our regular adult Bible study continues. Confirmation classes also began. Our Christian Education Hour begins at 9:00 am. Youth and young adults meet in the youth room; Confirmation in classroom 4 and Sunday School opening will be in the Fireside Room. Take time to be in the Word and to grow in the wonders of God’s love for you! Please check out all of our Christian Education opportunities at the displays in the narthex, and join us after service to celebrate with ice cream treats in the fellowship hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week’s lesson is “A Servant’s Mission.” Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham’s homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah’s family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Bode will be leading Tuesday morning Lifelight Bible Study at **10:00 am starting on September 9**. Information on study topics will be forthcoming. Please join us!



CRAFT-TEA PARTY: Resumes this **Tuesday, September 9** from **1:30 – 3pm**, Bring something you're working on – OR – just come for tea and fellowship. Do you have a favourite recipe you'd like to share? Bring it with you!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will resume **September 11** with a parent meeting and a short rehearsal. Children age 4-10 meet twice monthly to learn God's Word through song. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam for more details.

OUR MONTHLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume on Saturday, **September 13 at 9:00 am**. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We will again be able to have breakfast and will share in that meal (free-will offering), with our study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!



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 at 7:00 pm on the Wednesday before each contemporary service for rehearsals. Interested? Contact Sarah Knudtson at: knudtson.sarah@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

FLC's ADULT CHOIR: Rehearsals resume weekly at **7:00 pm on Thursday, September 18**. All are welcome! We are still looking for an accompanist, but in the meantime are working on our a cappella singing. The choir will participate in every traditional service, supporting the hymn-singing, as well as preparing anthems for special occasions. Please contact Richard Harding at rmharding@shaw.ca for more information!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 14) "**It's All on God; It's All on Us**" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A paradox doesn't make sense mathematically, but it can be an accurate description of real-life experience. (Deuteronomy 1:31).

Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society is a group of volunteers who give their time, talents and money to raise financial support for Christian mission activities around the world. CLMS is an auxiliary of Lutheran Church-Canada.



Empowered by God's own mission to save the world, the mission of Concordia Lutheran Mission Society, is to enlist the prayers, gifts, and energies of God's people in Lutheran Church-Canada to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever God provides opportunity.



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.

2025-2026 MEMBER DIRECTORY: Please provide any updates to your family's phone numbers, mailing or email addresses to the office before **September 10**, as we will be working on an updated Member Directory for 2025-2026. office@foothillslutheran.com or 403-284-1342 or leave Amber a note.

CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY! Foothills is blessed with a wonderful collection of Christian literature, inspirational reading and Biblical studies. We thank Michelle Funke and Barb Vincent for the work they do in maintaining our library so that it is open and accessible every Sunday. Stop in, browse the books and take something to read. We are sure that you will be inspired and informed through the resources available to you.

REGIONAL CHURCH WORKERS' CONFERENCE: The West Region Church Workers' Conference will be held here at Foothills September 29 through October 2. **All are invited to attend the opening service at 7:00 pm, Monday, September 9.** If you are able to provide some baking for the coffee time following the service, that would be greatly appreciated!



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Sunday between
September 4 and
September 10



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is the best thing about being a follower of Jesus?
2. What is the most difficult thing?
3. Jesus said that we must "give up everything" to be his disciples. How do you understand his words? What has Jesus given up for you?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
M	Matthew 10:34-42	The cost of discipleship
T	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up our cross
W	Deut 30: 15-20	Choose life
T	Philemon 1: 1-21	Paul's plea for Onesimus
F	1 Peter 4:12-19	Suffering as Christians
S	Psalms 101	Choosing God's law

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Now choose life, so that you and your
children may live and that you may love
the LORD your God, listen to his voice,
and hold fast to him.

DEUTERONOMY 30: 19B-20A



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus said : *Anyone who does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27)*

This means that we sometimes have to do things that we don't want to do or that are hard. Think of one 'hard thing' you could attempt this week as a follower of Jesus.

For example: be friendly to someone who has no friends, make peace with someone you may not get along with very well, work on a bad habit.

Make a small cross out of wire (or some other type of material) and carry it in your pocket as a reminder of Jesus' words.



ACTION RESPONSE

St Paul gave his love, care and support to a young man called Onesimus whom he met in prison.

Who in your community is experiencing hard times due to illness, loss of work or separation from family? Choose people who will be for you the 'ONES I MUST serve' this week. Make them a meal, do an act of service for them (e.g. mow the lawn, clean their home) or offer friendship to them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

For the food we share, for loved ones who care, and for days so fair - we thank you, God. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to put you ahead of everything else. Please give us the real life that only you can give. Amen.



BLESSING

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.