

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 Baptism of Our Lord *January 11, 2026*

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Beloved Lord, remind us always of the gifts given at baptism. May the Father's love poured out for us through water and the Word continue to give us comfort and strength. May Your grace shared with us continue to flow through us. And may the Spirit's wisdom continue to guide us until the Last Day.

O Son of God, gladden our hearts with the blessings of baptism.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: God of Wonders; Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me;
..... In Christ Alone; You are my All in All; Jesus Messiah

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 42:1-9

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Romans 6:1-11


GOSPEL LESSON:.....Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON:.....*An Authentic Christian Life* - Romans 6:11

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 NEXT SUNDAY 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.



TODAY WE WARMLY WELCOME guest pastor, Rev. Russ Howard, recently retired, who will be leading us in worship today. We thank him for bringing God’s Word to us both in Bible Study this morning, and in the worship service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC..... Contemporary Musicians
USHERS..... Tim Roth; Tobi Stene
ACOLYTE..... Aneila Dueck
LECTOR..... Carl Berdahl
COFFEE TEAM Michelle Funke; Ellen Wagner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	11:30 am	Youth Gathering Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	11:30 am	Everyone His Witness
	1:00 pm	Craft Tea
Wednesday - Thursday		Deaconess Miriam at Board of Regents Meeting, Edmonton
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday – Saturday		Synod Meeting at FLC
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
		Call Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital:
- In Hospice:
- Homebound:
- For Special Intercession:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The lesson this week is “The Idle Idol.” Atop Mount Sinai, Moses receives the Law from God. Meanwhile, the Israelites grow impatient and convince Aaron to create a golden idol. When God sends Moses down from the mountain, Moses sees the people’s wanton worship and smashes the stone tablets. The people are punished for their idolatry. Moses returns to Sinai to plead God’s mercy for the people.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

(Includes online participation)

Week of:	Worship/Communed	Education Hour
January 4	130/84	6

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Please note our offering needs & goal will be updated when the new budget for 2026 is adopted.

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal \$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,119.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$4,119.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$7,692.31	-\$3,573.31

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 3.55; Visitor Offering 35.00; Parking Revenue 800.00; CLWR 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; LWML-C 155.00; Flowers 60.00; Refugee Sponsorship 25.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

Based on the biblical story of the widow’s mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), “mites” offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the synod are collected by women of Lutheran Church-Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML-Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML-Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions. This month we are giving all our members an opportunity to support this work through our Mission of the Month.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (January 18) "Outstanding Universal Value". Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Christian faith has the power to make us act better. But that’s not the goal. 1 Corinthians 1:18-19. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.

CALL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: A call meeting will be held on **January 18th**, after service. Information on nominees is posted in the Narthex. Please pray for all nominees and their congregations.

NEXT VOTERS’ MEETING: Our next regular Voters’ Meeting will be held after church on **January 25th**. The budget for 2026 will be presented for approval at this meeting.



VBS 2026: It may seem early, but this is the time of year that we start to plan for Vacation Bible School. This year's program is one of the early ones written by Pastor Eric and Deaconess Miriam: *Jesus, Bread of Life!* We are considering whether we might be able to run two weeks again, as we have in the past. Proposed dates are

July 13-17 and July 20-24. If you are interested and able to commit to teaching, helping, or running crafts or games, for either (or both!) weeks, please contact Deaconess Miriam to let her know.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: A happy New Year to everyone from the Board of Christian Education. Preparations are underway for our Lent Bible study. It is titled "*Every One His Witness*" **beginning on Monday, February 23rd** at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. This study will continue for 6 sessions. Workbooks will be provided for the study but we ask that people sign up early to ensure that we have enough material. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board next to Deaconess Miriam's office or you can email the Board or call the office if you would like to put your name on the list. A freewill offering will be accepted to cover the cost of the workbook but it is not required. We invite everyone from our congregation to attend, and we hope to see you join us.



TREATS NEEDED: The kitchen pantry is bare! If you enjoy having a little treat with your coffee after Sunday service, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop off some baking, cookies or other treats in the kitchen. Just remember, **NO NUTS PLEASE**. If you have any questions, talk to Heather Sommers.

FLC YOUTH: Families of youth currently in grades 7 to 12 are invited to lunch after worship **today** for info about the upcoming trip to the IMPACT Youth Gathering, which will be at a summer camp in southern BC from June 27 to 30. Foothills provides funding, alongside our fundraisers, for all our youth to attend, so we hope everyone will be able to come. This year's speakers include two of Foothills' former pastors, Pastor Mike and Pastor Eric, as well as others. There will also be Bible studies, games, music, summer camp activities, and of course worship services, all with other Lutheran youth from BC and Alberta.



FOOT PRINT: The January/February 2026 issue of Foot Print is now available on the Welcome Desk and online at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/footprint-newsletter/>.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

- ***Investment Committee Member:*** The congregation is looking for one more person to sit on our Investment Committee. The person should have a good understanding of investment strategies, stocks and bonds, and high level financial management. The job entails meeting up to 4 times per year with our investment manager to review our portfolio and as a committee, reporting to the congregation twice per year at Voters' meetings. The investment manager makes recommendations for investments, and the committee approves and monitors these investments. Contact Dale Dusterhoft if you have the skills and interest in this position.
- ***Volunteer Job Board:*** We need a volunteer to install a bulletin board in the fellowship hall that will be used to post volunteer opportunities. If you have an interest in this role, please contact Tim Roth.
- ***PPC and Elders Pictures:*** We need a volunteer to coordinate posting pictures of our PPC members and our Elders in the Narthex. This job will involve taking pictures of PPC and Elders, getting them printed, and posting them in the Narthex with PPC positions. If you have any interest in this role please contact Dale Dusterhoft.

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE: The Youth Group would be grateful if you would save and bring in your refundable beverage containers from your holiday festivities for our fundraiser. Funds raised will be added to the travel fund for the IMPACT Youth Gathering at the end of June 2026 at Grand Forks, BC. We will be collecting your recyclables on TWO Sundays: **January 18th** and **January 25th**. The Youth would be pleased to receive your recyclables in the lower parking lot, either before or after service. If you are attending the Call or Voter's meetings on those Sundays and cannot meet us, you can also leave your items between the basement bathrooms under the coat racks for collection. The Youth of FLC thank you for your support!

THANK YOU to Pastor and Brenda Bode and Michael Vivek for dismantling our Christmas display. You are invited to help yourself to a poinsettia to take home for your personal enjoyment.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, 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.**



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Do you have a favorite star? In what part of the sky is it?
2. God used a star to lead the wise men to Bethlehem to see the child Jesus. Which people or things has God used in your life to lead you to Jesus?
3. In what ways could you be a "star" that points others to Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men worship Christ the King
M	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations will come to the light
T	Ephesians 3:1-12	Paul, the messenger
W	John 12:44-46	Jesus has come as a light
T	Luke 2:21-33	Simeon praises God for Jesus
F	Luke 2:36-38	Anna praises God for Jesus
S	Psalms 72:10-14	Kings will present him with gifts

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, incense and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Epiphany reminds us of our own mission or calling to make known the story of God's love to those around us.

Cut a large star out of cardboard. At each point of the star list the names of people with whom you would like to share Christ; a mission agency or activity you would like to support; or a place or region where the Gospel needs to be proclaimed. Hang the star above your home altar or meal table as a reminder to pray for these people, mission activities and mission fields.



ACTION RESPONSE

Who are the "stars" in your life, those who point you to Jesus? Design "You're a Star!" certificates to present to these people in appreciation of their role in your lives.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Like Wise Men three from far away, we come to Christ with joy this day. To our God and King, gifts of thanks and praise we bring! Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into our world to be our King. May our whole lives be good gifts to you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the light of Jesus shine on you and lead you.