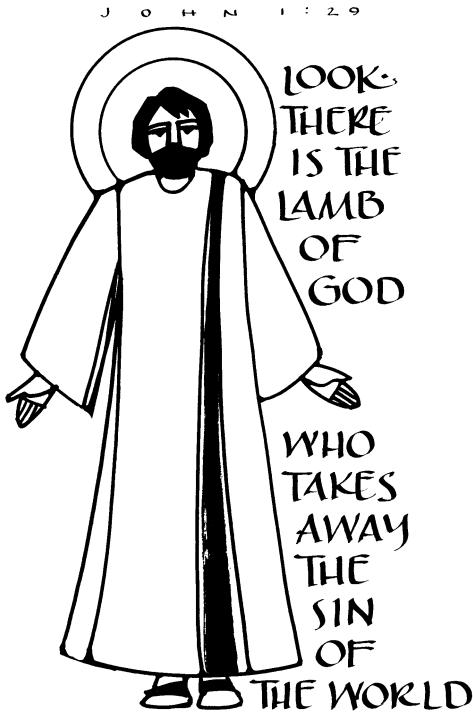


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: Jesus, our Leader, You call us to come and see. Inspire us to tell others to come and see You. Lead us to the places where You have made Yourself known. And teach us to show others the ways in which You have revealed Yourself to us.

O Lamb of God, may we follow You always.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151
HYMNS: 402; 795; 606; 395; 835; 396; 550
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7
EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-42a
SERMON: *Think Big! - Isaiah 49:1-6*

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.

A CALL MEETING will be held **today**, after service. Information on nominees is posted in the Narthex. Please pray for all nominees and their congregations.

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/>.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

ORGANIST..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
USHERS..... Elfrieda Heiden; Brian Vincent
ACOLYTE..... Adam Holm
LECTOR..... Diane Voss
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS..... Tim Holm; Rob Kaut
AV OPERATORS..... Paxton Knudtson; Evan Stene
COFFEE TEAM Knudtson Family

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Call Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	11:30 am	Everyone His Witness Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
		Voter's Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***In Hospital:******In Hospice:******Homebound:******For Special Intercession:******Family Focus***

ADULT CHOIR: The choir is looking for new members to increase our numbers. No experience or musical training necessary, just a desire to join us in praise and song. All are welcome (especially men!). Talk to Richard Harding or just show up to a rehearsal **Thursday at 7 pm**.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (January 25) "Cross Words—Words of Power" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study “A Tent for God.” Moses begins the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the other fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

(Includes online participation)

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
January 11	152	40

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
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$19,517.00	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$23,636.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$15,384.62	\$8,251.38

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 6.10; Visitor Offering 1300.00; Sunday School 14.00; Parking Revenue 1800.00; FLSR 3640.00; LWML-C 100.00; Board of Ed Recovery 20.00.



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.

MUSICIANS NEEDED: Do you have musical skills or talents? We need you for our contemporary worship team! Of particular need are pianists, guitarists and drummer, but if you have other musical talents, talk to Sarah because we very likely can find a place for you!

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.

LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch strikes at Stavros Pizza in Ranchlands on Tuesday, **January 27** at 12:15. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. (There is also a space to indicate your need for assistance with transportation if that is an issue.) Join us for food and fellowship.

FOOTHILLS LWMLC SOCIETY will be meeting on Monday, **January 26**, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with some social gathering - bring your own lunch - followed by a Bible study and a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Preparations are underway for our Lenten Bible study entitled “*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 is 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 have you join us.

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!

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.

GREETERS: We would like to have greeters (ideally 2) both before and after the service. We can make visitors more comfortable (especially before the service) in letting them know the ins and outs of the service and share with them information about our church. We can also invite them to coffee and introduce them to other members of the congregation. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in what you do and say. Give Elke a call/text 403-830-2143 if you would like to be involved in this ministry.

PLEASE PRAY: Federal Bill C-9 passed its second reading in committee. If it passes its third reading at the end of January, it will become illegal to teach or read aloud portions of the Bible as they would be considered "hate speech" once the religious exemption for free expression is removed. (e.g. Leviticus, Deuteronomy, and Romans) Please pray that the freedom to share God's word be retained in Canada. Respectfully writing or phoning your MP and elected persons serving on the Justice Committee would also be impactful.

OUR NEW LCC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS seeks your help to learn how we communicate, how we connect, and the stories that move us forward. This is an opportunity to strengthen how we communicate and live out our calling as a Lutheran community rooted in grace. You can find the survey at www.canadianlutheran.ca.



Jesus, the Lamb of God



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a kind thing a brother, sister or friend has done for you.
2. When Andrew heard that Jesus was the Messiah, the first thing he did was search for his brother Simon and bring him to meet Jesus (John 1:40-42). In what ways do you help others meet Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
M Genesis 22:1-2,9-18	The Lord provides a ram
T Exodus 12:1-13,21-28	The Passover lamb
W Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant of the Lord
T 1 Peter 1:13-21	A lamb without blemish
F 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Thanksgiving
S Psalm 40:1-11	Hear my prayer

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him. John said, "Look! The Lamb of God! He takes away the sin of the world!"

JOHN 1:29



CREATIVE RESPONSE

When John the Baptist saw Jesus passing by, he said 'Look, the Lamb of God!' While we cannot physically see Jesus, there are signs of his life all around us.

Cut out the shape of a lamb from a large sheet of white paper. In your home devotion time this week, share ways in which you have seen or experienced the presence of Jesus during the day. Write these up onto your 'Lamb'.

Conclude by saying these words together:
"Look the lamb of God; who takes away the sins of the world."



MEALTIME PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus,
 be our guest, and
 let this food, to us
 be blessed. Amen.



PRAYER

Jesus, Lamb of
 God, have mercy
 on us. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

In John 1 we hear that John the Baptist pointed two of his disciples to Jesus. They followed Jesus and spent the day with him (John 1:37-39). Andrew, in turn, introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus.

Is there an individual or household you could invite to spend a Sunday with you – perhaps to come to your church and then for a midday meal? Prepare to invite them and to offer them your hospitality.



BLESSING

May God's love and
 faithfulness always
 protect you.