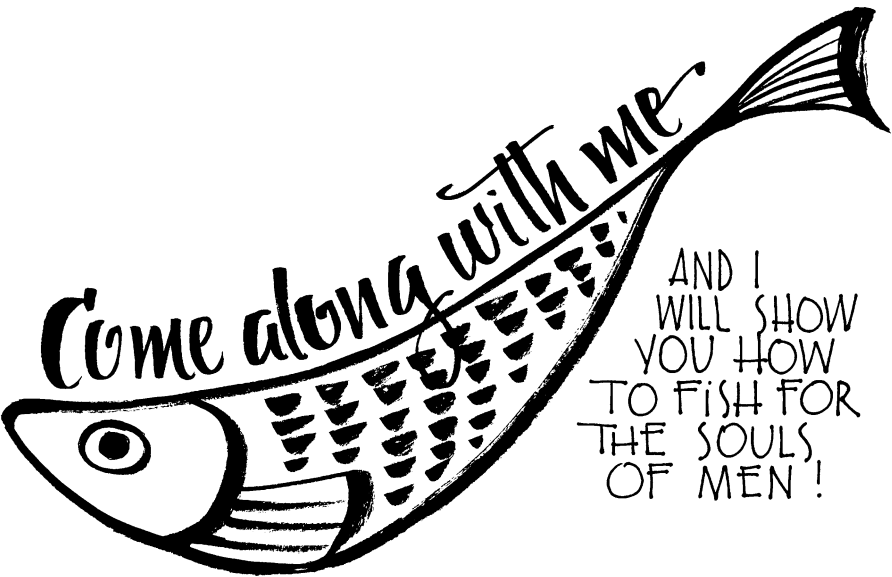


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



M A T T H E W 4 : 1 9

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: O leading Lord, help us to live as James and John did, immediately leaving everything behind to follow You. Stir us to respond quickly to Your call to serve. Fill us with eager readiness to do Your will. And instil in us a longing to be close to You always.

O Calling Christ, make us ready, willing, and able to live as Your disciples.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: The Office at Prime
HYMNS: How Can I Keep From Singing; 688; 839; I Will Follow
FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 9:1-4
EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
GOSPEL LESSON:.....Matthew 4:12-25
SERMON:..... *Don't Delay - Act Now! - Matthew 4:17-22*

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.

CALL EXTENDED: On January 18th , the congregation met and reviewed 3 pastoral nominees for the Divine Call to FLC. Pastor Glenn Worcester, currently serving at Peace Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, MB was selected. The Call Committee and church leadership have contacted Pastor Worcester and have provided him with the official call package. Please pray for Pastor Worcester and his congregation as he deliberates this call.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC..... Contemporary Musicians; Hannah Edel, Organist
USHERS..... Tobi Stene; Lorne Rosenau
ACOLYTE..... Elliana Legroulx
WORSHIP LEADERS Rob Kaut; Rick Nelson
LECTOR Amanda Roth
AV OPERATORS Michelle Funke; Ralf Hinterleitner
COFFEE TEAM Vi Dusterhofs; Colleen Judiesch; Anne Marie Kothari;

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Youth Bottle Drive
		Voter's Meeting
Monday	12:30 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study Group
	11:30 am	Everyone His Witness Bible Study
	12:15 pm	Lunch Bunch @ Stavros Pizza in Ranchlands
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

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.**

LAST WEEK AT FLC

(Includes online participation)

Week of:	Worship/Communion	Education Hour
January 18	171/112	35

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	\$6,947.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$30,583.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$23,076.92	\$7,506.08

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 60.60; Visitor Offering 570.00; Sunday School 7.00; Parking Revenue 800.00; FLSR 1040.00; LWMLC 125.00; Board of Ed Recovery 40.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (February 1) "Rotten Tomatoes" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Boasting gone wrong—it’s the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we’ve earned and deserved. 1 Corinthians 1: 30-31. 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: In today’s lesson, “The Fall-Short Report,” students will learn how Moses chooses one man from each of the twelve tribes and sends them to spy on the land God has promised. The spies report a land of great plenty but occupied by mighty, fearsome people. Despite Caleb and Joshua’s pleas to seize the land promised to them, the people rebel. Moses pleads for mercy, and God promises to care for His people. At the same time, He condemns the Israelites to forty years of wandering in the wilderness. Of all the adults, only Joshua and Caleb will live to enter the Promised Land.

VBS **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.

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.

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!

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 - LAST DAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 25: The Youth Group is very grateful for your donations of refundable beverage containers for our travel fund. We have already raised almost \$300 from last Sunday, thanks to your generous donations! All funds will be added to the travel account for the IMPACT Youth Gathering at the end of June 2026 in Grand Forks, BC. Our final day to collect your recyclables will be **TODAY** in the lower parking lot after service. If you are attending the Voter's meeting and cannot meet us, kindly leave your bags and boxes between the basement bathrooms under the coat racks for our collection. The Youth of FLC thank you for your support!



LOVE POT BLESSING - FEBRUARY 15: The Beatles sing All You Need is Love. God provides us with 4 very special types of love in the scriptures. Agape (unconditional love), Storge (family love), Philia (friendship love) and Eros (romantic love). Join us after service for a pot blessing to celebrate God's love for us. A sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship Board. Bring your favorite appetizer, main, side, or salad to share with your Foothills family.

LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch strikes at Stavros Pizza in Ranchlands on **Tuesday, January 27** at 12:15. Check out the 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.

QUEST COURSE: Starting this **Tuesday January 27**, for four weeks, Dr. Mike Kuhn (one of our former FLC pastors) will be teaching the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Quest course, which is free and open to all. His topic, **Cross Cultural Ministry Tools**, will draw from his experience as a missionary in Cameroon. You can watch the session live Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at <https://youtube.com/live/mbKGKpLwEdE?feature=share>, or contact admin@concordiasem.ab.ca to request a link to watch the recorded sessions.

GREETERS: We would like to have greeters (ideally 2) both before and after Sunday morning worship. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the Worship bulletin board outside Deaconess Miriam's office. Give Elke a call/text at 403-830-2143 if you would like to know more about 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.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. When Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John to follow him they immediately left their work as fishermen and followed (Matthew 4:18,21). Why do you think they did this? How do you think they felt?
2. Jesus calls his followers to 'fish for people'. What does he mean?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples
M	Isaiah 9:1-4	No more despair
T	Luke 1:67-79	Christ, the light dawning
W	Matthew 9:9-13	Jesus calls Matthew
T	Ephesians 5:6-14	Live as children of the light
F	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	A church divided over leaders
S	Psalms 27:1,4-9	Whom shall I fear

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**"Come. Follow me," Jesus said.
"I will make you fishers of people."**

MATTHEW 4:19





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus calls all his followers to 'fish for people'.

One way we do so is through prayer – by praying for specific people that don't as yet know Jesus, and for specific missionaries and mission activities.

Hang a string or a cord between two points in your home and attach small hooks to it. Cut out fish shapes from card or paper and write the name of a person you can pray for. Attach the 'fish' to the hooks and use your 'fishing line' as a visible reminder to pray.



ACTION RESPONSE

In Psalm 27, we hear King David expressing his heartfelt desire to worship God in the temple all the days of his life (Psalm 27:4) The way we care for our places of worship reflects our appreciation for God and for the gifts he gives us in worship.

Commit as a household to an act of service to improve the state of your church facility e.g. gardening, window cleaning, painting. Make the needed arrangements for this.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, turn our darkness into light. Fill our hearts with faith and hope and love. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and feet that are ready to follow him.