

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 in Lent

March 1, 2026

Education Hour.....9:00 am

Morning Worship.....10:15 am

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Interim Office Administrator: Carol Kehler – office@foothillslutheran.com

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord Jesus Christ, knowing You change our lives. Like Abraham, we must change direction and head toward the promised land. And like Nicodemus, we must be born again by the Spirit so that we may live a new life. May we be open to the changes You are bringing about in us, and open to Your will.

Only begotten Son of God, may Your life transform our lives.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151

Please Note: We omit the Gloria in Excelsis and the Alleluias during Lent.

HYMNS: 571; 798 (1-4, 8-9); 918; 718; 623; 733; 732

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 12:1-9

EPISTLE LESSON:..... Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 3:1-17

SERMON:..... *His Word is His Bond* – Genesis 12:1-9

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.



THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given in to the glory of God by Anne Marie Kothari.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- MUSIC**..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
- GREETERS** Brian and Barb Vincent
- USHERS**..... Elfreida Heiden; Tobi Stene
- ACOLYTE**..... Aneilia Dueck
- LECTOR**..... Christine Heumann
- COMMUNION ELDERS**..... Lorne Rosenau; Tim Hohm
- AV OPERATORS**.....Evan Stene; Barb Vincent
- COFFEE TEAM**..... Knudtson Family

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	7:00 pm	Lent Study – <i>Every One His Witness</i>
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study Group
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lent Service
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	11:00 am	Funeral for Cliff Fiesel
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospice:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus

WE REJOICE with Brent and Beth Warwick at the birth of their first child, William James born February 24, 2026. We pray that God would surround this young family with His love and grace always.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour	Wednesday Lent Service
February 22	129	26	35

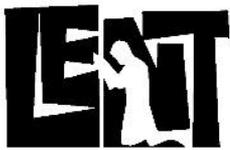
OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,891.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$58,249.45	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$60,769.23	-\$2,519.78

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 25.00; Visitor Offering 220.00; Sunday School 10.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 8) "What Was the Price on That?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. 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 "The Weakened Judge." God grants Samson great strength to defeat the enemies of God's people. Seeking to overcome Samson, the Philistines bribe Delilah to find the source of Samson's strength. Samson deceives Delilah each time she tries to uncover the secret, but he finally reveals the key to his power. Shorn and blinded by the Philistines, Samson is brought to entertain thousands of revelers at the feast to Dagon. Identifying the house's supporting pillars, Samson prays, and God grants him power to bring down the temple, killing everyone.



SACRED SEASON OF LENT: Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for our Lenten services, as we move through this season to the foot of the cross. Our theme is The Small Catechism, and we will be looking at the chief parts of Christian doctrine as taught in the Catechism. This

Wednesday we welcome Rev. Markus Zeuch, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, who will preach on The Office of the Keys.

OUR LENTEN SERVICES ARE ONLINE! If you can't be here in person, join us at www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran for our time of Lenten meditation.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK: Please join us **this Wednesday** at 5:30 pm for soup, followed by our Lenten worship. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall to help provide soup for these times of fellowship together. Volunteers are also needed for set up and clean up.

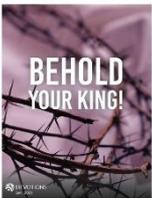


LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Even if you missed our first session of “*Every One His Witness*,” you are welcome to join us **Monday at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Workbooks will be provided for the study. If you haven’t signed up but want to attend, give the office a call tomorrow so that we can make sure there is a workbook for you. 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.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:
REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP**

As we look to support a family from Afghanistan, we will need financial support for this. We pray that our members will show love and hospitality through their support of this project.

VBS 2026, “JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE” will run July 20-24. Online registration opens tomorrow at www.foothillslutheran.com, and there are registration forms on the welcome desk. Invite grandchildren, neighbours and friends to join us! God has always blessed us with enough willing hearts and hands to run our summer VBS. If you are interested in volunteering as a teacher, classroom helper, or games leader, please contact Deaconess Miriam!



LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES BEHOLD YOUR KING! In love, God sent His Son to redeem the world. In hatred, He was rejected. In *Behold Your King!*, we see the Savior stripped of His dignity, led away, and crucified on our behalf. No one could imagine this Man, this condemned and forsaken Man, was God in the flesh sent to liberate us from our sin by His death and resurrection. That the Son of God joined us in our frail state of humanity is testament to God’s overwhelming love and concern for the world. And not only this, Jesus endured scorn and derision from His creation, His earthly subjects. And yet, as King, as Lord of all, He did the unthinkable: He laid down His life for the sins of the world.

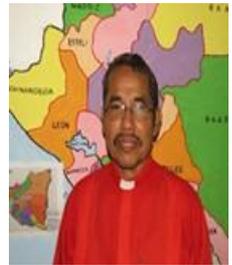
FOOT PRINT NEWSLETTER ON HOLD: A gentle reminder that, while we go through a transition in the office, we will not be issuing a newsletter. Please watch the bulletin and your e-mails for important FLC updates.

GREETERS NEEDED: We are still looking for greeters before and after service. It is important to make all feel welcome. This is an opportunity to share some of the ministries we have such as Sunday School, youth, etc. Please sign up on the greeter's sheet by Deaconess Miriam's office. We will schedule a brief training session in the near future. Thank you to our volunteer greeters who served the Lord for the month of February: Diane Voss, Barb and Brian Vincent.

LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS ONLINE: Concordia Publishing House has launched a new website, making its popular English edition of the Book of Concord available to read for free online. The documents assembled in the Book of Concord are the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and bear witness to the truth of God's Word and the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ. They form our Confession of Faith as a congregation and are a worthy read for every Lutheran! Check out the website at <https://bookofconcord.cph.org>

CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAITH CONFERENCE IN RED DEER: Each of us has a loved one who has stepped away from the faith they once held dear. Many more reasons exist why people have ceased to attend the Divine Service and receive the gifts God loves to give, but Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller (LCMS) will be presenting on what our Christian response is. How can we, in faithful love, care for those who have left the Church? The conference will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran in Red Deer on **April 24 to 25**. There is no cost but a freewill offering will help cover the expenses. Please RSVP by March 26 by calling 403-346-3798 or emailing calvary@telusplanet.net.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Luis Antonio Dias Turcios who serves as pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Star of Bethlehem in Chinandega, Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Turcios, 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.



BILL C-9 UPDATE: The pause on federal Bill C-9 has ended and it is back for discussion in committee this week. This bill proposes to remove the religious exemption for free expression in Canada. This would mean that teaching the biblical view on various issues such as sexuality could be chargeable under law in our nation. Please pray for the Lord to guide the lawmakers in our land. You may also choose to sign one of many online petitions and contact your MP. Be respectful and speak the truth of God's Word in love to those with whom you disagree. Above all let us pray that "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."



Growing
FAITH
at home

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God has shown
his love for the
whole world by
giving us Jesus
as our Saviour



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What makes you feel loved? What has God done to show his love for us?
2. How is God's love like human love? How is it different?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world
M	Genesis 12:1-4	The call of Abram
T	John 7:53 – 8:11	Jesus does not condemn.
W	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Abraham justified by faith
T	1 John 4:7-21	God is love.
F	1 John 5:1-12	Faith in the Son of God.
S	Psalms 121	My help comes from the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For God so loved the world that he gave
his one and only son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life.

JOHN 3:16





CREATIVE RESPONSE

God loves the world, the whole world! Find a map of the world or a world globe.

In your home devotional times this week, share what you know about different parts of the world.

Each day pray for the people in a different part of the world, that they would know God's love for them and come to know and follow Jesus as their Saviour.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for these gifts before us. As we are filled with food, fill us also with love for others. Amen.



PRAYER

Spirit of God, give us new life today to know and love Jesus. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

God called Abram to leave his home country and his relatives to live in a new land (Genesis 12:1).

In our world today there are many people who are forced out of their home countries by war or other hardships. Visit the websites www.refugeesinternational.org or www.alws.org.au to find out more about displaced people.

Talk about their challenges and plan to make a donation to help assist refugees.



BLESSING

May God keep you safe in your coming and going.