

FOOT PRINT



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ:

If you have been to a concert, especially if it has been a particularly good concert, the chances are that you have heard people clapping and shouting out at the end of that concert the word, "encore". Encore is a French word meaning "again." When the call for an encore is given, the crowds are, in essence, shouting "Again!" I have noticed that radio and television broadcasters often use that word to also introduce what most of us refer to as a rerun, as a program that has already aired is being aired once again.

It was tempting to do that with this letter for our Foot Print. When I retired last March, I wrote my last letter for this publication. But I guess I was wrong, for here I am—again—writing a letter. It is an encore, but I don't want it to be a rerun. Yet there are some things which are just as true now as they were back in 2025. Among the things that I think it is good to repeat are the following:

- It has been my joy and privilege to serve God's people in this place with His Word and Sacraments. I know I haven't done anything of my own strength. With St. Paul I always remember: *"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."* (1 Corinthians 15:10, ESV)

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• whether it was the years of full-time ministry as pastor, or the last year of the vacancy, I look back with fondness. No, things have not always been perfect, but God has been at work. That's what really matters!

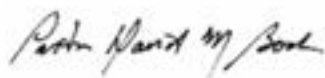
• The coming days will be times of change. That can be unsettling for some people (after all, you know the old story: how many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? What? Change?!) Yet change can bring refreshment, renewal and a different perspective. Even as things are different, we can rejoice that God doesn't change and His Word remains forever.

• Before the next issue of Foot Print is published, you will have a new pastor. This will be exciting and joyful, especially after more than a year of vacancy. As Pastor Glenn assumes the Office of the Keys here at Foothills, Brenda and I will take some time apart to allow the necessary changes and adjustments for the future of Foothills. I don't know what that means yet, but we know it is not truly a good-bye. Remember that we continue to work together for the Lord as part of His church here on earth. The day will come when we are together again in the glory of His kingdom. While you will no longer be 'my' flock, you will always be my friends. You will always be family in Christ. You will always be dear to me.

Finally, to repeat from my "last" letter last time: The words that Paul wrote to the Philippians are words from my heart to yours:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel."

(Philippians 1:3-7, ESV)



Pastor Bode

Family Time in Christ

by Deaconess Miriam

May is a time when we plant gardens, and watch flowers begin to grow. Birds sing in the trees, and bunnies hop around the neighbourhood. The grass greens up and starts to grow again. It's a good time to talk about how God sustains and renews His creation. And about how He cares for us! Use Matthew 6:25-34 and Psalm 104 to teach your children about God's tender care for what He has made. As you work in the garden, or walk in the park, use these conversation starters with your family:

- How does God take care of birds, animals and flowers?
- God loves everything He has made, but what of all the things He has made is of the most value to Him? How does He take care of people?
- What does it mean to worry? What do we worry about? Why should we not worry?
- In what ways does God take care of our family?

Remind your children that God also uses them to take care of His creation (including other people!) Think of ways that you can do that as a family.

- Make a bird feeder.
- Plant and take care of a vegetable garden together. Designate a portion of the harvest for a shelter or a soup kitchen.
- Include your children in the family's recycling program.
- Participate together in a community spring clean-up.
- Connect with a senior who might have trouble looking after their yard, and offer to mow their lawn or weed their flower beds.

The new growth in the spring can also remind us of the spiritual growth God gives through His Word. Talk as a family about ways that you can continue to grow in Him together.

Enjoy the spring!
Deaconess Miriam

President's Report

by Dale Dusterhoft, President

God's blessings to you. We are in exciting times with a new Pastor being installed on July 5th at 4 PM. We thank God for providing us with Pastor Glenn and for being with us during our time of vacancy. I am sure that Pastor Glenn will be a great fit for Foothills. He is a young energetic Pastor who will be a blessing to our church. He is looking forward to working in a team ministry and leading and energizing Foothills. I wanted to say a special thank you to Deaconess Miriam who "held us together" by taking on a lot of extra duties during our vacancy, and to Pastor Bode who was always available for our ministry needs. Also a big thank you to our Elders who did a great job filling in when Pastor Bode was not available.

I wanted to update you on the status of the goals we set last June. We have undertaken and accomplished a lot of the smaller goals but have decided not to pursue the larger goals until Pastor Glenn arrives and can provide input and his guidance as to where he would like to see our long-term direction at Foothills.

UPDATE ON OUR GOALS:

Improve Connections:

Board of Education and PPC have discussed re-establishing our Shepherding program. We will defer this and obtain input and guidance from our new Pastor.

Posting PPC/ Elders pictures in Narthex. This is underway.

Develop an electronic church directory. This is underway and should be completed in the next month.

Increase engagement: Overall - our congregation has stepped up during our vacancy with numerous people getting involved in our church. All PPC positions have been filled and a number of people are helping in numerous areas of our church. Thank you to all of you for serving our Lord out of thankfulness for all he has done for us.

Increase Bible study participation. Re-initiate a large-scale Bible Study program. Board of Education has been looking at this.

Examine a volunteer coordinator position - On hold as we have had no issues finding volunteers this past year.

Examine PPC structure to reduce administration time of our volunteers - We will look at this in the next couple of years.

Build a volunteer job board- Complete and will be in use soon.

Increase Visitor Friendliness:

Establish Greeters before and after Service - complete.

Relevant Services:

This goal will be revisited once Pastor Glenn arrives but a number of the goals in this area align with how Pastor Glenn conducts his services.

Increase Community Outreach:

We have explored adding a second VBS but will likely defer that given we have our new Pastor starting in July.

We have put our half gymnasium goal on hold pending further discussions with Pastor Glenn. He is aligned with our congregation that we need to have programs that reach into the community; however, we need to discuss further how we want to do that.

Reduce Administrative Burden on Church Staff:

Again - on hold and we will revisit after Pastor Glenn arrives as he does not yet have a feel for the administrative duties in the congregation.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

We have a few positions up for re-election in June:

- President - 2 year term.
- 3 or more Elder positions. 2 year term.
- Board of Fellowship - Heather Sommers has agreed to let her name stand.

Please let me know if you have an interest in serving on our parish planning council or know of someone who may have gifts that fit the roles that are up for re-election. Our next Voters meeting is June 14th, immediately after service. I look forward to seeing you there.

In service to our Lord,

Dale Dusterhoft, President

A Letter from the Board of Elders

by Lorne Rosenau, Board of Elders Chair

Praise be to God for answering the prayers of our congregation as the Holy Spirit called Pastor Glenn Worcester to Foothills. We thank Pastor Bode for the work he has done and for continuing to fill in as our vacancy Pastor until Pastor Glenn's installation. Deaconess Miriam has gone "above and beyond" ensuring that all of our education and Bible study programs have continued to function during our vacancy. She has done the majority of the teaching of the confirmation classes and has been a great support to the elders during the elder lead services. God has blessed Foothills through the work of His servant Miriam; for her work we are truly thankful.

The elders welcome Jessica Tonn as our new administrative assistant and thank Carol Kehler for filling in during the interview process and for orientating Jessica ensuring a smooth transition in the office.

Thank you to those who brought soup and buns to our Lent Soup Suppers prior to the Wednesday evening Lent services. We hope those who attended the suppers enjoyed the fellowship bringing our Foothills family together. "He is Risen." "He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!" was the greeting at the Easter morning breakfast hosted by the elders. Thank you to the Sunday school children and those who coloured Easter eggs the Saturday prior to Easter morning.

The elders would like to thank Pastor Russ Howard for leading a few more worship services when Pastor Bode was fulfilling his vacancy duties in Didsbury. Additionally, the elders continue to share the Sunday worship service duties in the absence of Pastor Bode.

If any member of our congregation would like to speak with an Elder, please feel free to approach any one of us on a Sunday. Refer to the latest church directory or contact the church office and Jessica or Deaconess Miriam can give you a telephone number or email address of one of the Elders. The board is made up of the following: Rick Nelson, Rob Kaut, Lorne Rosenau (chair), Tim Hohm, Trevor Heumann, and Hans Dueck.

In the service of our Risen Lord,
Lorne Rosenau

A Letter from the Transition Committee

by Austin Voss, VP

Praise God, we are so pleased that Pastor Glenn Worcester has accepted the call to serve at Foothills Lutheran Church. His installation is scheduled for July 5th, and the congregation is invited to join in welcoming him to our community. Details regarding the welcome celebration will be shared soon, so please stay tuned for further updates.

Pastor Glenn's move to Calgary and his transition into our church family are expected to be smooth. Should any support be required, the transition committee—formerly known as the call committee—will reach out to the congregation for assistance. We look forward to embracing Pastor Glenn and his family, and supporting them during this exciting new chapter.

Austin Voss



*Paster Glenn Worchester and his family,
LCC NYG Facebook page, 2020.*

Children and Family Ministry

by Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 3:14-15.

We welcome all children age 3 through grade 5 to our Sunday School, where they will hear and learn about Jesus' love for them! We begin Sunday mornings at 9:00 am with an opening in the Fireside Room (parents are welcome to join us), and then children go to their classes. Towards the end of Lent through the first week after Easter we took a break from our walk through the Old Testament to work through four Holy Week and Easter lessons. We have now picked up our Old Testament study with Ruth, one of Jesus' ancestors, and then will look at some important kings who ruled God's people.

There are only a few months left in this Sunday School year. Please pray for the children of our congregation, their parents, and their teachers as they learn together in Sunday School!

Our upcoming lessons include:

May 3	David & Goliath	1 Samuel 17:2-11, 33-51
May 10	David & Jonathan	1 Samuel 18:1-9; 20:18-42
May 17	<i>Victoria Day Weekend – no lesson</i>	
May 24	David Worships God	2 Samuel 7:18-29; Psalm 24
May 31	Solomon Prays for Wisdom	1 Kings 3:5-15; Proverbs 3:1-12
June 7	Solomon Builds the Temple	1 Kings 6:11-38; 11:1-11
June 14	Review Activity	

Sunday School class will continue into June with the last class being held on June 21st. The students will assist in a servant event during their Sunday School time. Following worship service, they will be offered a summer treat to enjoy as we wrap up Sunday School for the summer months. Further details will be made available as that date gets closer.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Two Ladies' study groups are running, with new members always welcome.

Our Tuesday group meets weekly at Deaconess Miriam's home. We are continue to look at God's promises in a study on Joshua entitled "Strong and Courageous."

Our Thursday afternoon study group continues its practice of meeting weekly at 1:30 pm for an in-depth study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday. We meet in rooms 4-5 on the lower level of the church.

Both studies take place in person, with the option of participation online via Zoom. Contact Deaconess Miriam for more information!

Summer Vacation Bible School!

All children aged 4 (by July 20th) to 11 (leaving grade 5) are invited to join us at Bread of Life for a heavenly feast! We will run July 20-24 from 9:00 am to noon. Each day will focus on one Bible lesson where Jesus reveals Himself as the Bread of Life, who came to give life to the world. Children will be fed with God's Word, sing thanks and praise for the gifts He gives us through Jesus, make crafts good enough to eat, and play exciting games with each other (but not with their food!) Invite a friend or neighbour, or bring your grandchildren! Online registration is open at www.foothillslutheran.com.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir is will practise through May and to mid June. We've learned quite a few songs, and will be going to Foothills Lutheran Manor in June to sing for the seniors there. Watch for more information about the fall! If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information.



FAITH AT HOME

As a congregation we are encouraging the families of our congregation to adopt a Faith-at-Home lifestyle, where parents claim their God-given role as primary faith-teachers of their children. Deaconess Miriam has resources for families to help them fill this role at every age and stage. She'd love to talk with you! See below for more information on our upcoming sessions.

Forgiveness in the Family



Sunday, May 17, 2026
after worship

What would happen in your family if you regularly confessed how you have hurt each other, and practiced speaking clear words of forgiveness to each other? What would that mean for your children's understanding of God's forgiveness, and for their future relationships?

Come, learn and practice simple ways you can lay foundations for relationships based in God's grace.

Lunch will be provided. Please bring your family so you can practice together!

RSVP TO:

Deaconess Miriam
miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for children born in 2017 and their parents.

Let's Pray!



Sunday, May 24, 2026
after worship

What happens in families that pray for and with each other? Learn how a simple daily discussion about the highs and lows of the day can lead to regular family prayer.

Bring your family so you can all learn together! Lunch will be provided.

RSVP TO:

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Designed for children born in 2021 and their parents.

Adult Choir

by Richard Harding

After Covid's devastating impact on choirs everywhere, Foothills Lutheran Church's adult choir is in the process of rebuilding. We welcome any and all who want to explore singing with us! Singing has always been a significant form of both worship and prayer. St. Augustine wrote, "The singing praise is not just singing but is the act of loving God." It is worship. The spiritual benefits are manifold. Singing harmony can only be done in a group where every member is an integral part of the whole. It brings people together of all ages, where we help and support each other to both learn, create and worship together. True joy comes with serving and touching others spiritually, and few things can move us like music.

As we have yet to acquire an accompanist (any volunteers?) we sing a cappella, just as the Christian church did for most of the first millenium, when only the purity of the human voice was thought appropriate for worship. Please don't let this be a reason for not joining us. You do not need to be able to read music, as for every piece we learn, we now have audio tracks as learning aids for each voice part, (with the other voices in the background). We practice together every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30, in the choir loft. If you wish to join us, please just show up, though if you call me, Richard Harding, at 403 869 5818 or email rmharding@shaw.ca, beforehand, I will be able to be better prepared to integrate you into what we are working on. The current choir has a small but stalwart and dedicated group of singers, who are ready to support all newcomers. I try to add a little bit of education on music history, theory, voice and composers to our practices, so the joys of learning and growth can be experienced by all.

The church has an extensive collection of liturgical music to draw on, and over the last year we have sung music from the 16th through to the 20th Century, by some of the world's greatest composers: Mozart, Haydn, Bach, and other great but less famous liturgical composers like Byrd, Lotti, and Victoria. We also aim to support all the traditional services by singing the hymns in harmony and are learning the harmonies to the Divine Service (Kyrie, Gloria, Alleluia, Offertory, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Nunc Dimittis) to add to the dignity of our worship together. It is a privilege to contribute to and be part of our worship together and I wish to thank all who have trusted and supported me in this endeavour.

Lunch Bunch

by Betty Ann Chandler

We meet for lunch on the last Tuesday of the month at various restaurants in the NW for food and fellowship. Watch for a sign-up sheet just outside the fellowship hall in the narthex. Please sign up for each event separately so we have an accurate count for the reservation. If you need assistance with transportation, make a note when you sign-up. We would love to have you join us, and bring a friend! (If you can no longer make it, please phone Betty Ann so we are not waiting for you).

Upcoming Meetups:

- May 26 at Chianti in Crowfoot at 12:15 pm.
- June 30 at Boston Pizza in Crowfoot at 12:15 pm.



Board of Christian Education Update

by Tobi Stene



"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ..."
Colossians 3:16

The Board of Christian Education is happy to welcome Faith Dueck to our committee, a representative of the youth in our congregation. The board looks forward to Faith helping us stay connected with our youth, hearing what things young people are dealing with in our world today, and the ways in which we can support and encourage them in their day to day lives. We thank Faith for her willingness to serve and also to her parents for making it possible for Faith to attend our meetings.

Our Lenten Bible study titled "Every One His Witness" ran on Monday evenings from February 23rd to March 23rd. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared in the group discussions. And a big thank you to our Elders who led these sessions. The work and the time they put into preparation and leading the group each evening is greatly appreciated. For anyone that is interested in learning more about the study sessions and the material that was covered, you can reach out to the staff or email the board. We have the material on-hand for the study and there are some online resources available. You will find more information here: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/witness-and-outreach-ministry>

Our Sunday School students enjoyed participating in the Palm Sunday service, where they followed in procession to the opening hymn of worship service. They sang "We Are in God's House Today" for the congregation, which is part of their Sunday School opening each Sunday morning. The support and encouragement that our congregation offers to our Sunday School students and youth is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

The Youth group enjoyed an entertaining evening at Activate on March 13th, with some friendly competitions among them. Paintball was the planned activity for April, however the spring snowfall made that unfavorable, and it will be rescheduled at a later date. In the meantime, laser tag will get the group together for some afternoon excitement on May 24th.

We invite and encourage everyone to look into the many Christian education opportunities that are offered at

Foothills. Sunday School, Confirmation, and Bible studies are offered on Sunday morning, along with various Bible studies throughout the week. As well, a group of young adults meet together regularly for Bible study. The Confirmation classes will soon be completed and we then invite those students to join in with the Sunday morning Youth Bible study. It is held in the Youth Room off of the Fireside Room starting at 9am.

The resource room has been emptied in preparation for the installation of an elevator and commonly used supplies have been moved into the downstairs kitchen storage room. Some items that are not regularly used are being stored in the Confirmation classroom. Once the elevator has been installed and we have a clearer picture of the space that remains in the resource room, PPC will discuss storage overall, and then we can organize a work bee to move things around. Stay tuned for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Everyone is welcome to stop in and visit the library. The door is open on Sunday mornings and a book display can be found in the hallway next to the doorway. Also, be sure to check out the brochure rack in the narthex. You will find a variety of booklets on a wide range of topics that are both interesting and very helpful. There have been some new resources added, as well as some that were in need of replenishing that have also been ordered and will soon be on the rack. Please help yourself to those that are of interest to you. If there are other topics you would like to learn about, you can email the board at education@foothillslutheran.com. You can also share books that you have enjoyed from the library and encourage other members of the congregation to also read them by speaking to a board member. Please include a brief recap on your recommendations so that we can include them in the Sunday bulletin and Foot Print.

Join our private Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/flechristianed/

The Board of Christian Education is:

Chair: Tobi Stene

Staff Members: Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Board Members: Michelle Heumann, Trevor Heumann, Derek Kiefer, Evan Stene, Rick Nelson, Youth Representative: Faith Dueck

Librarians: Barb Vincent, Michelle Funke

Email :education@foothillslutheran.com

FLC Youth Group

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in our monthly youth activities. Please contact Evan Stene or the church office to connect!

IMPACT Youth Gathering

Saturday, June 27 to Tuesday, June 30
Pines Bible Camp in Grand Forks, BC

So far we have 7 youth registered for this summer's youth gathering, and the final registration deadline is May 10th! The gathering is open to youth in grades 7 to 12, and Foothills provides funding, alongside our fundraisers, for all our youth to attend, so we hope to still get a few more registrations.

Our youth leaders for this gathering are Evan Stene and Deaconess Miriam. Michelle Heumann is one of the co-chairs, and Trevor Heumann is going as an iBod (a general volunteer – if you're an adult interested in being an iBod, let us know!)

This year's speakers include two of Foothills' former pastors, Pastor Mike and Pastor Eric, as well as Pastor Glenn, and the theme verse is John 15:5; "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

After worship on May 31, there will be a lunch meeting for the youth who are going, and their parents, to go over the details of the trip.

Visit www.impactyg.ca for more info or talk to Michelle.



A YEAR WITH THE CHURCH FATHERS

A book review by Rick Nelson

I purchased this wonderful devotional and meditation book from Concordia Publishing House several years ago and continue to use it. What attracted me to this book was the title. Some of you may be familiar with Pastor Fred Stark from St. Matthew Lutheran Church. I recall many times listening to his sermons as a youth and became a bit fixated on his frequent Sermon references to the "Church Fathers".

For a long time, I thought that he was referring to the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and perhaps may have included Joseph, Noah and Moses. I later thought he may have been referring to Martin Luther and his "followers".

Some years later I felt I needed to "unravel" who these people were. Through my journey I discovered the richness of St. Augustine and the many, many more Christian Church Fathers and Saints that make up our traditions taught in conservative Lutheranism (LCC).

There is now "A Year with the Church Fathers" in our Library. The book itself has 365 readings covering the lectionary appointed for each day of the year. This is followed by a short meditation, and this is followed by a writing from one of the Church Fathers on one of the readings for that day. Many of the Church Fathers will likely be familiar to you but you will find names that will most likely be unknown to you. All of them, whether by St. Augustine or Tertullian, or Cyril of Alexandria, have been instrumental in ensuring the Faith and understanding of Scripture as it has been rightly interpreted is available to us even today!

Many of the same Fathers' impacts on the foundation of our faith are included in some of the other books in our library – The Church from Age to Age and The Treasury of Daily Prayer.

You may find after reading some of the entries of "A Year with the Church Fathers" you may want to purchase one for your home devotions. It is available of course from CPH. It is also available to order from Amazon with quicker delivery and less cost.



Church Properties Report

by Tim Roth

Parking lot markers were installed around the parking lots to aid in snow plowing and car parking during winter months. A contract for snow plowing, snow removal, gravelling the parking lots, shoveling the sidewalks and salting icy stretches on the sidewalks was made with Yardworx for the winter. I called in a plumber to repair the downstairs urinal lever control. A volunteer job board was installed in the fellowship hall. The cross connections in the storage/ furnace room was inspected as per instructions by the City of Calgary. This prevents backflow of water from the church into the city water supply. Door Surgeons was called in to repair the touch pads that help to open the front doors. A battery replacement was needed. 2 transmitters and a receiver are being replaced as the units are showing their age. We also did some modifications to the pews to better accommodate members in wheel chairs.

Spring Projects

A. Landscaping will be done to repair the lawn where trees and stumps were removed in the fall. The arbourist who removed the trees and stumps recommended that we cover the bald area below the trees, put down some landscaping fabric, and cover the fabric with mulch to allow for better water retention of the roots of those trees. We would also like to line the areas below the trees with landscaping rock from the upper parking lot. Then we will lay sod to replace the landscaping rocks area.

B. New flower beds would look good along the south face of the church. Charlotte Rentz is planning on putting in plants that are native to the Holy Lands. Dirt replacement along the sidewalks and seeding grass will be done to cover safety concerns that could be a liability concern for the church.

C. All areas on the lawn where trees were cut down and stump grinding was done need to be levelled and new grass seed sown.

D. The lines on the parking lots need repainting.

E. New signs at the entrances to our parking lots will be replaced as recommended by City of Calgary Parking Control.

Human Care Ministry

by Christine Heumann

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the charities that we support. The buckets in the hallway are full almost every week and are delivered to The Mustard Seed, Inn From The Cold, Dress For Success, and the Food Bank. Since January, we have delivered 4 carloads to the Mustard Seed, 2 carloads to Dress for Success, and many items to Inn From the Cold and the Food Bank. We have also been reaching out to Shut-Ins and the sick with cards and phone calls.

Since the Craft Tea launched last year, it has been a blessing to see many different people come for tea, and sometimes bring their embroidery, knitting and other things. Everyone is welcome and we meet every second Tuesday of the month from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Our next gatherings will be May 12 and June 9. We will then take a break and come back in September.

Thank you also to my many board volunteers who assist in sending cards, emails, and delivering items for our charities. The Board could not function without you!!!

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by Elke Bittmann

Tis the season to be jolly (I know, I know, it's only May) but with the spring snowstorms that seem to happen every week, can Christmas be far behind? This is a reminder that Operation Christmas Child will be here before we know it. Keep July and August in mind for sales on school supplies, clothing and toys.



Board of Stewardship

by Michelle Funke

As you know, over the past couple of months I have been collecting the Talent Surveys. As we appear to have what we are going to get for this year, I will next be placing a notice in the Bulletin for whichever group leader needs the information so I can send it to them. This will allow people to get the benefit from the Survey. Thanks to all who completed their surveys. This is a wonderful help to our congregation!

Michelle Funke
Board of Stewardship



Board of Evangelism

by Betty Ann Chandler

WALK IN THE PARK

The phrase, "a walk in the park" means something that is easy to do. Are you aware of, or frequent any Little Free Libraries in or around your neighborhood? Do you like to walk outdoors? Let the church office or Betty Ann know. We are piloting a new idea to share God's love with those in our community.



Board of Fellowship

by Heather Sommers

COFFEE TEAMS

Do you like to bake? We are always on the lookout for home baking or purchased goodies to enjoy during Sunday fellowship after Sunday service. Please ensure treats do not contain any nuts.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES?

Do they prevent you from attending Fellowship activities? Please let me know what your allergies are so we can ensure they are avoided so you can enjoy fellowship events.

WATCH YOUR BULLETINS for upcoming events!



MAY-JUNE GREETERS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve our Lord by greeting visitors and members March and April. We are still looking for volunteers for greeting during the months of May and June. We would ask that you would pray if the Lord is moving you to serve in this capacity. The May - July sign up sheet posted on the worship bulletin board by Miriam's office. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, God would enable us to share the joyous message of Christ's love for us to all who enter our doors.



May Mission of the Month: LCC National Youth Gathering Support

This helps cover the costs, including transportation, of those attending. This Gathering is an event sponsored by Lutheran Church-Canada, with the mission to provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the body of Christ. Youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God's Word, be equipped through large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through servant events, and engage in fellowship and fun.

Thank you for enabling our youth at Foothills to attend!



June Mission of the Month: Hope Mission

Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Working in the Forest Lawn area of Calgary, they provide meals and care to people in need. Much of the effort provides for children. Your gifts help them help others in need. Visit hopemission.com for more information. This month we are giving all our members an opportunity to support this work through our Mission of the Month.





At this moment as I notice the grass turning from brown to green, the the snowshoe hares turning from white to brown, I know that a new season is truly here and, along with many others, I will be happily exchanging my snow shovel for a garden spade. This new season is one that we embrace in our LWMLC society here at Foothills. It is a time for reflection and for planning for the upcoming year.

As always we have been very blessed by the generous support we have received from the congregation, both your financial contributions to our mission work and your much appreciated prayers.

We have been busy producing memory books. This is a project that gives us great joy as we have the pleasure of looking through our photographic archives and choosing suitable pictures to make individualized books, and then to deliver them, with time to chat and enjoy the opportunity to be together.

On the afternoon of Friday 8th May we will be visiting Foothills Manor for our annual Spring Tea. We welcome anyone who would like to join us singing familiar hymns and songs and spending time with the residents of the Manor.

On Saturday May 30th we will be attending the annual Southern Alberta Zone Meeting which this year will be held at Pincher Creek. Any ladies interested in finding out more about the wider work of LWMLC are welcome to attend. Registration is \$10.00 which includes lunch and refreshments. Please see the poster in church for more details, or ask any of Foothills LWMLC society.

We usually meet on the fourth Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at noon, when we have a social time followed by Bible Study and a brief business meeting. We are delighted to have new members and welcome any ladies who would like to visit us and find out more about our society.

Geraldine Chimirri-Russell
President

We are part of LCC – what does this mean?

by Michelle Heumann

Synod Structure

Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) is not an ecclesiastical government, exercising legislative or coercive powers. The nearly 300 individual Lutheran congregations who make up LCC have the right of self-government with LCC serving as an advisory body. In addition to congregations, all rostered pastors and deacons are individual members.

The national office in Winnipeg provides governance direction, resources, and ecclesiastical supervision through an elected President and Board of Directors, and through professional staff. Committees, commissions, and affiliated entities provide advice and take responsibility for missions and works of mercy, theology and church relations, communications, church worker care and training, finances, and governance.

LCC has three regions, each served by a Regional Pastor: West (Alberta and BC); Central (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and NW Ontario); and East (Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes).

We are part of the West Region, which has eleven circuits across the two provinces, and we are one of the 12 churches in the Calgary Circuit, which stretches from Golden, BC, as far east as Drumheller and as far north as Trochu, AB.

A new West Regional Pastor will be elected at Synod Convention in Winnipeg in June 2026, as Regional Pastor Mohns retires from the role. As well, a new role has been created to address the heavy workload of this vast region, so the incoming West Regional Pastor will be appointing an Assistant West Regional Pastor to help him.

Each Regional Pastor is supported by the Regional Mission and Ministry Council, which is similar to a parish council for the region.

Regional Mission and Ministry Councils

Each RMMC is formed of one pastor and one layperson from each circuit in the region. The pastor representative is also usually the Circuit Counsellor, and the Circuit Counsellors and the layperson are elected by the circuit's congregational delegates at Synod Convention.

Each RMMC is divided into working groups that are responsible for various needs in the region, such as works of mercy, young people's ministry, and communications. It is intended to be a grassroots-led system, rather than a top-down church governance system.

The RMMCs have two primary tasks:

To be a conduit for communication from Synod leadership to congregations and for input from congregations to Synod leadership.

To have grassroots input and direction for local mission and ministry opportunities.

The RMMCs try to meet at least twice a year to discuss local opportunities and needs, and members are to be familiar with local missions and congregations, as this is the primary decision-making body for local funding allocations.

As a member congregation, Foothills sends mission remittances to Synod office to support the work of the church body, including salaries for the office staff and called workers like the Regional Pastors, funding for the National Youth Gathering, and support for international and domestic mission projects. Visit the website, www.lutheranchurch.ca, for more info on the various projects that our church supports. Last year's reports are available on the website as well.

Synod Convention

LCC's 13th Regular Convention will be held in Winnipeg from June 12-15, 2026, gathering under the theme "Together One: One Lord, One Faith, One Body" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Foothills' delegate (and outgoing Calgary Circuit RMMC member) is Michelle Heumann. Voting delegates attend Synod Convention to represent their congregation, but it is a commitment beyond just that one weekend; it is a four-year commitment to share Synod news with the congregation, and to share information about the congregation with Synod leadership.

The Synod structure is very democratic, and at Synod Convention Resolutions will be passed by the voting delegates who will be agreeing to encourage their congregations to support and enact these resolutions as appropriate, and the voting delegates will report back to their congregation about the ways the congregation can an engaged member of the Synod, our church body.

If you want to be in the loop on Synod news, watch for reports from Michelle in voters' meeting packages, and scan the QR code to follow LCC's Instagram or Facebook pages and subscribe to the weekly InfoDigest e-newsletter. Also be sure to read the bi-monthly issue of The Canadian Lutheran magazine!

Submitted by Michelle Heumann



2026 at FLC

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study
3 9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship & Communion	4	5 10:00 Lifelight 7:00 Ladies' Bible Study	6	7 1:30 Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 Sunday School Meeting, Adult Choir	8 2:00 LWLMC Spring Tea at the Manor	9
10 9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship	11 7:00 pm PPC Meeting	12 10:00 Lifelight 1:30-3:00 Craft Tea 7:00 Ladies' Bible Study	13	14 1:30 Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	15	16
17 9:00 Adult Bible Study only 10:15 Worship & Communion 11:30 Faith @ Home: Forgiveness in the Family	18	19 10:00 Lifelight 7:00 Ladies' Bible Study	20	21 7:00 Adult Choir	22	23
24 9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship 11:30 Faith @ Home: Let's Pray! 1:00 Youth Laser Tag	25 12:30 LWLMC	26 10:00 Lifelight 7:00 Ladies' Bible Study	27 9:30 Circuit Church Workers (Canmore)	28 1:30 Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	29	30 9:00-4:00 LWLMC Zone Rally in Pincher Creek

2026 at FLC

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship & Communion Youth Meeting other service</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Lifelight 7:00 Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:30 Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship & Communion 11:30 Faith @ Home Catechism for Life</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 VBS Training</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 Lifelight 1:30-3:00 Craft Tea 7:00 Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:30 Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>LCC Convention</p>	<p>13</p> <p>LCC Convention</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship Voter's Meeting, Nelson 95" Birthday other service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>LCC Convention</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:30 Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship & Communion Gird Blessing</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Circuit Church Workers (Dornheiler)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1:30 Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 pm Youth Sleeping Over</p>	<p>27</p> <p>IMPACT Youth Gathering in BC 5:30 am Youth Leaving</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00 Education Hour 10:15 Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>IMPACT Youth Gathering in BC</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 Ladies' Bible Study Youth Sleeping Over until 9am</p>				