

# *FOOT PRINT*



## *A Letter from the Pastor*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Foothills,

By the time this newsletter is put together, I may not have been installed yet as pastor, but, maybe by the time you get around to reading this, I will be! I wanted to begin by introducing myself (and my wonderful family) to you a little bit, or maybe quite a bit once you get to the end. First of all, know this, I almost always have things to say. That doesn't mean I will always say them, and sometimes I will say more than I need to, and sometimes I will say less. In real time, with conversations and meetings, I try and assess the situation and what is required, and then there is that whole "God gave you two ears and one mouth so you can listen twice as much as you talk" idea. Why do I tell you that? Because, when I do something like writing an article, I will often go on and on... and on... especially, when I talk about myself, which I can do and will be doing here! And some of these things you will likely hear me tell you again in person, because, well, we know that not everyone reads everything, right (or, when they see how long something is they'll just scan it)?!

I read the last Foot Print and how Dale described me as a "young energetic pastor" and I think he was giving me too much credit! While 43 (soon to be 44) may be young compared to many of you reading this, and while the grey has not completely overtaken my face (it's there though), it does mean

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that I've been serving as a pastor for 18 years, which is long enough to make me not feel like a "young" pastor anymore. And energetic is certainly something that can fluctuate from time to time, depending on the circumstances and seasons of life. What I can say is that I am the kind of person that gets refreshed and energized by being with and around people. So, I look forward to spending time with all of you, and learning more about you, and you learning more about me and my family.

And what can I tell you, now, about me, or about all of us, (especially questions that many people will ask, and maybe we can save a little time and tell you here)? I am originally from Detroit, and my family still lives in Michigan. I classify myself as a first generation Lutheran, as we (my older brother and I) were the first ones in our family to be baptized Lutherans (my mom came from a Catholic background). I went to Lutheran schools my whole life. Mt. Calvary in Detroit, St. Thomas in Eastpointe, Lutheran High East in Harper Woods, and Concordia University in Ann Arbor. What do all of those schools unfortunately have in common... They're all pretty much closed (some completely, some have a small remnant left). Unfortunately, that is sometimes the life of Lutheran education.

While I was at Concordia my first (freshman) year of university I had a class, Freshman Seminar, with a professor by the name of Dan Flynn. He would go on to be one of the most influential people in my life; who became a second father to me; a mentor; preached at my ordination; married Andrea and me at our first wedding (yes, there's a \*short\* story for another time); and preached at our second wedding. Why am I telling you about him? Because he is the person I have asked to preach at my installation at Foothills.

After Concordia, Ann Arbor, I attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For my year of vicarage I was placed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lethbridge. When anyone asked me how I ended up in Canada, I said that on the vicarage application form there was a box that said, "would you be willing to go to Canada?" I checked the box. And my life, though I wouldn't know it at the time, was forever changed.

While on vicarage, Andrea and I met in Ottawa at the

National Youth Gathering in 2007. Though technically we crossed paths prior to the NYG, at the airport in (take a wild guess)... Calgary. Our youth group was playing a game and we were invited to play a game with Andrea's youth group, but since we were already playing a game, we declined (luckily that was the only rejection either of us gave!). I could probably also mention that there was someone, you might know, by the name of Susan Bernhardt who told Andrea before the NYG to add me on Facebook (which she did not).

In 2007, Andrea was serving as a DPS in Chilliwack, BC, and after I finished my vicarage, I was going to visit my friend in Seattle who was doing his vicarage, and Andrea said, "hey, why don't you come up and surprise the girls (her youth that were at the NYG)." Knowing it was three hours away, and I had the time, I did, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Following our second wedding in September 2009, Andrea left her life as a DPS and moved to Michigan where I was serving Family of Christ in Grand Rapids, MI. Upon our arrival at Peace Lutheran in Winnipeg (2012), Andrea began her studies in Occupational Therapy, which she completed, and has mostly been working in a school division since her graduation. She is certainly gifted in her role as an OT, and is hoping to be able to transition to doing the same thing in Calgary, so (as of this writing she does not have a job yet) you can keep that in your prayers. Her other vocation (among many) as a mother began in 2016 with the birth of our first child, Micah. Ivy joined the mix in 2018, and Jonah in 2021. They all have summer birthdays, so they'll be turning 10 (going in to grade 5), 8 (going into grade 3), and 5 (going into kindergarten). The kids are not excited to be leaving their friends at this point in their life, so you can keep that transition for them in your prayers. They all have different personalities that you will see in full force on Sundays! There is certainly more I could tell you about them, but why ruin all your fun!

As a pastor, there is something I need to let you know, and I put it in writing so you don't forget. I'm a sinner. I think of myself in a similar fashion that Paul does. The chief of sinners, I am the foremost. I'm going to mess up and make mistakes. I will fail at certain things and at certain times, I will fail you. I will sin against you, because I am not perfect. I am a person that is no

different than you. And when I sin, I will ask for forgiveness. And if I don't know that I have made a mistake, or sinned against you, please come and speak with me. As much as pastors forgive sins, we also need forgiveness too.

Here is one thing I can promise you. I promise to make all of you happy at some point.

Now, many of you will be happy just because I'm here. I've accepted the call, that's good enough for you. Many of you will be happy because at some point you will be blessed by the ministry I provide (understand, though, that Foothills is not "my" church, it is Christ's Church, and you are not "my" people, you are His people. I am just an undershepherd of the Great Shepherd). Finally, the rest of you will be happy once I'm gone (yes, it's weird to say it since I'm not even here yet, but here we are), and when that time comes, I will be able to say that I have kept my promise!

There are many other things I can tell you, like how you say my last name; how you spell my last name; how you spell my first name (I know, some of those things you may see on a weekly basis, but people, without a doubt, still get it wrong... which isn't it amazing that we have a wonderful God who gives us His grace, and we in turn can give others grace, especially when we mess up!); why I am the way that I am (it's too much to tell you at one time); and why I do what I do (also too much to tell); but as time goes on, you will, God-willing, get to know many of these things. And what you'll find, is that I'm no different than you, as I've already said. I'm a sinner, who has been made a saint, by nothing less than the precious blood of Jesus Christ, who has redeemed me, made me His own in Baptism, called me by name, and saved me, by grace, through faith, because of His death and resurrection, which means, ultimately, it's never about me, it's all about Him, because HE is the One we truly want to know and be known by.

We will see you soon.

In Christ,  
Pastor Glenn Worcester



### *Family Time in Christ*

As summer arrives and the weather turns nice, families spend more time outdoors. Do you like to walk or hike together? When we walk, we generally think about our destination, and what we will see or do when we get there. We also enjoy the presence of our walking companions – friends or family. Before you go for a summer walk (or while you are on one) talk with your children about how the words “walk” or “walking” are used in Holy Scripture:

- Walking with someone implied a close relationship. Noah “walked with God” (Genesis 6:9). He trusted in God, and others knew that. Abraham is commanded by God to walk before Him (Genesis 17:1). He was called to trust God and follow where He would lead.
- God has a promise for people who walk in difficult or dangerous places. David is not afraid, even though he “walks in the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4), because God will be with him. God promises Isaiah that those who wait on Him, even when times are tough, will walk, but not faint (Isaiah 40:31)
- Jesus walked – a lot. He travelled through Galilee,

Judea, and even into Samaria, to teach, preach, and bring forgiveness of sins to all people. Look at John 4 and Luke 19 to meet two people who were glad Jesus walked to their towns.

Jesus invites us to walk with Him – to walk in His light (1 John 1:5-7). As we do so, He promises His presence, cleansing from sin, and fellowship with all the people of God!

God bless your walking together as a family, and grant that your walking would be always in His light!

Yours in Christ,  
Deaconess Miriam

### **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.*

Our Sunday School children completed their year with a review activity on June 14 and a service project on June 21. Their review activity took them from Egypt, through the wilderness, and into the Promised Land, where they remembered some of the judges and kings which God provided to the Israelites for their care. The service activity consisted of assembling chicken cobbler kits – a meal in a bag – which will be delivered to our neighbours at Foothills Lutheran Manor and other persons in need.

We wish our students, their parents, and our faithful teachers God’s blessings for the summer months. Sunday School will resume on Rally Day, September 13. Watch the bulletin for more information!

#### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Our Tuesday group will continue to meet through the summer, only we will meet for a walk chosen each time by one of our members, followed by a devotion led by that same member. If you wish to participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam.

Our Thursday afternoon study group will continue its practice of 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. Because summer brings travel and we may not meet every week, please check in with Deaconess Miriam if you intend to come.

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 20<sup>th</sup>) 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!) There is still time to invite a friend or neighbour, or bring your grandchildren! Online registration is open at [www.foothillslutheran.com](http://www.foothillslutheran.com). Thank you to all of those who have stepped up to volunteer as a teacher, a helper, an activity leader, and to help with general support!



#### **CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

Children’s Choir has finished for the summer. At our last time together we walked over to Foothills Lutheran Manor to sing for the residents there, and have a little visit. A good time was had by all! Watch for more information about the fall!

## ***Adult Choir***

by Richard Harding

First of all, I appreciate everyone who has taken part in the adult choir this year! You have done amazing work, and we were blessed by your talents for the Lord! Make sure to keep your eyes open for when we start back up in **the second week of September**, and feel free to continue joining us in the choir loft for singing hymns. We don't bite! For anyone interested in joining, 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. Singing harmony can only be done in a group where every member is an integral part of the whole. We will practice together every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30, in the choir loft. If you wish to join us, please contact me, Richard Harding, at 403 869 5818 or email [rmharding@shaw.ca](mailto:rmharding@shaw.ca), so I will be able to be better prepared to integrate you into what we are working on.

## ***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:**

- July 28 at Montana's in Beacon Hill at 12:15 pm.
- August 25 at New Dynasty in Crowfoot at 12:15 pm.



## ***July Mission of the Month: Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators***

Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. To carry out this mission, Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada conducts linguistic research, translates the Bible, facilitates literacy, promotes Scripture use, trains indigenous people, cooperates with local governments and educators, national church leaders and the local community, and involves Lutherans in Canada in building awareness through recruitment and by seeking partnerships for prayer, financial support, and encouragement. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole program.

## ***August Mission of the Month: Mustard Seed***

The Mustard Seed Calgary offers programs and services to help homeless men and women rebuild their lives. Their mission is to eliminate homelessness and reduce poverty in our community. Donate today to help individuals experiencing homelessness by providing food, shelter, health and wellness support, and so much more.



## Board of Christian Education Update

by Tobi Stene



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

Summer is here! Youth Bible study, Confirmation and Sunday School are all on break. June 21st was the last Sunday for the school year. The Sunday School students enjoyed taking part in a servant event on their last day together. The students decorated up paper bags which were then used to hold the ingredients for a Chicken Cobbler Casserole. Cards were also made to accompany the easy prep supper. These ready to make meals will be offered to some of our shut ins here at Foothills and also to the Food Bank. Thank you to Mrs. Bode for organizing this fun morning for our Sunday School students.

The Youth group enjoyed an active morning of Paintball on June 20th. This was the last event of the school year. Plans for the fall will be worked on throughout the summer. Youth in grade seven through twelve are invited to attend youth events. Stay tuned for upcoming plans and dates for the fall. Final plans are underway for the IMPACT Youth Gathering in Grand Forks, BC from June 27-30th, as well as VBS here at Foothills from July 20-24th. Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to help out with these events. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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. The library is a wonderful resource that is available to us throughout the summer months so please feel free to sign out some summer reading material.

Mark down September 12th on your calendars as that will be the date for Rally Sunday and when all of our regular programming will begin in the fall. There are many ways in which volunteers can assist. If this is something that is of interest to you or you have questions about how you can be involved, please feel free to email the board or speak with staff members.

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## 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!



*Deaconess Miriam Winstanley, always willing to serve.  
Christine Heumann with the gift boxes she crafted.*

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

by Elke Bittmann

*"Let the little children come to Me ... for of such is the Kingdom of God" Matthew 14:19*

It may seem early, but fall will be here before we know it and preparations for Operation Christmas Child will be starting soon after that. OCC is a mission project of Samaritan's purse. They provide shoe boxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and toys to children around the world who are living in poverty, war, or natural disasters. This small gift may be the only gift this child ever receives. But the most important gift they will receive is found in Jesus and His promise of eternal life. A small brochure is placed in every box sharing the good news of Jesus. All children are then invited to attend a discipleship program of 12 weeks about Jesus. Shoe boxes and brochures will be here at the end of September or the beginning of October.

Please contact me if you have any questions at [elkebittmann54@gmail.com](mailto:elkebittmann54@gmail.com) I am also pleased to announce that two more people will be helping me this year: Joanne Myers ([joannejoymyers@gmail.com](mailto:joannejoymyers@gmail.com)) and Michael Vivek ([williamsjmichael2015@gmail.com](mailto:williamsjmichael2015@gmail.com)).



By Geraldine Chimirri-Russell

At our last meeting which we held on 22 June, we reflected on the many blessings we have here at Foothills LWMLC society. One of the main things is the invaluable congregational support we receive that is vital for the mission work our organization is doing. We also are so grateful for your prayers that help keep us focused on our goals.

We are also blessed that Deaconess Miriam Winstanley is part of our society and has helped with her prayerful reflections at the end of every meeting and for her ever willing assistance when we embark on any musical activities. We are also very aware that our meetings have been enriched by Pastor Bode's insightful Bible Studies, the last series having been on the Apostles.

We have continued producing and distributing memory books. There have been many happy times visiting with those who receive the books, as well as in the time taken making them.

On the afternoon of Friday 8th May we went to Foothills Manor for our annual Spring Tea. We received a very warm welcome from the residents and we all joined together singing hymns and learning some of the background behind familiar songs. I think everyone enjoyed the variety of edible goodies that we brought. We were very pleased that Christine Heuman joined us and also distributed beautiful little gift boxes with small, thoughtful items inside. These were very well received by the residents, who were rightfully impressed by the skills involved in their making.

On Saturday May 30th we attended the annual Southern Alberta Zone Meeting held this year at Pincher Creek. Five ladies from our society attended and we were welcomed warmly and treated to a meeting with the theme based on Isaiah 52, verse 7 "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news" We even went for a short drive to a viewpoint just out of town to see the magnificent sight of a panoramic view the Rocky Mountains spread out before us. Next year our Society will be hosting this event.

We usually meet at noon on the fourth Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall, 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

## Synod Convention News

by Michelle Heumann

Lutheran Church-Canada's Synod Convention took place from June 12 to 15 in Winnipeg (the location rotates – the next Convention in four years should be in the East Region somewhere). Convention can be broken down into roughly three areas: worship, business, and special events. There is something unique and special in worshipping together with hundreds of people from so many different places – the singing is like nothing else! The business consumes the bulk of the time, and what time left is filled with breakout sessions, essays and studies, and two special evening social times.

One evening social was hosted by Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada, who put on a beautiful night market-themed gathering supplied with foods from different countries where LLL is involved in ministry. The other social was hosted by the LCC Synod office staff, MC'd by "Martin Luther" himself, with a trivia game, an illusionist, and live music in the style of Luther's time during dinner.

Rev. Dr. Alex Vieira from the Edmonton seminary presented a fascinating research essay on the Greek work *koinonia*, which some people may be familiar with as it is often used as a synonym for fellowship, but, as he explained, its actual meaning is much deeper. It was a highlight of the convention for me, and when the video is available online I will share the link.

The two breakout sessions I attended were on communications, by Dr. Francis, LCC's new Director of Communications, and on vocation, led by Rev. Michael Schutz. A full list of the topics and presenters can be found on the convention website, under "Information Sessions."

<https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/synod-convention-2026/>

The business included greetings from other church bodies and auxiliary organizations, electing new leaders, and considering resolutions. Some of the resolutions were simply a standard way of getting obviously straightforward business completed, like the resolution to thank outgoing President Teuscher and grant him the title of President Emeritus. Some of the resolutions were part of the ongoing process of updating LCC's official documentation post-restructuring, including updating processes that no longer work and accounting for things that got missed.

As the Calgary circuit representative on the West Region Mission and Ministry Council I had written two overtures that were submitted from the West RMMC, one to adapt a LCMS policy on caring for church workers and to study the issue of church worker burnout, and one to include a deacon from each region on the RMMCs.

The deacon overture was turned into a resolution by the committee, and it was passed – it was one of those things that should have been taken care of in the restructuring but somehow got overlooked, so it was approved without any arguments, thankfully! This means that in September the Regional Pastor will be appointing one of the deacons from the West Region to be on our RMMC and share in the work of the Council. The other two regions don't have many deacons and the ones who are there have quite heavy workloads already, but hopefully one from each of those regions will be able to serve on their own RMMCs as well.

The resolutions committee that adapted the church worker support overture into a resolution made significant changes to it; however, after some discussion with them the version of it that passed did direct the LCMS policy to the RMMCs for further study, so hopefully by next Synod Convention there will be an adapted version of the policy that will be presented for acceptance (if you'd like to know more about it, Google "Kansas District church worker care team"). The resolution also called for congregations to adopt the worker care suggestions that President Teuscher circulated last year, and I have forwarded those documents to our elders for consideration.

Some business on the horizon is the issue of nomenclature for LCC's rostered church workers and their various titles – these things were recommended for further study by the Committee on Theology and Church Relations, and this may be a contentious issue at the next convention.

There is a group of pastors who would like to see LCC use the term bishop and to have no term limits on those leadership positions because they feel that is more biblical, but of course there are important historical reasons why the Lutheran church in North America has the democratic structure that it does, so we shall see what the work of the CTCR produces, and how the lay delegates feel about it.

As well, there is a small group of pastors who feel that calling both male and female deacons "Deacon" is confusing and they want to force female deacons to be called

“Deaconess.” However, since the beginning of the office of deacon in LCC, the same title has applied to all of them because they receive the same type of training and do the same type of work, whether they are male or female.

As well, other Lutheran bodies have a specific office of Deaconess, restricted to women only, and they do works of mercy, more like social workers, and are not focused on parish services like Canadian deacons. At Foothills, we call Deaconess Miriam that as a courtesy title, but it’s not actually an official title of our church body. Most of the deacons are not very happy with this being an issue, so hopefully the work of the CTCR will clarify the Greek usage of deacon and clearly set out the differences in the roles in the different Lutheran synods.

As Foothills’ voting delegate, I am expected to spend the next four years reporting to you on various topics of importance to the Synod (us), so there will likely be more to share on these topics in the coming years, particularly the bishop issue.

A topic that generated a lot of debate at Convention was a resolution to try to schedule Synod conventions so that they don’t fall on Sundays, which a lot of laypeople spoke out against (largely because of the difficulties in taking more time off work) and which was resoundingly defeated. One of the concerns that had led to the overture being brought forward was that unless a congregation had a second pastor who wasn’t going to Convention or a pastor emeritus to fill in, almost no one in LCC received the sacrament on the Sunday of convention, and so I learned that Foothills seems to be in the minority of LCC congregations in that we do not have access to the Lord’s Supper every week.

Other topics of concern to the church at large that had been brought forward in overtures, which were turned into resolutions, included speaking out against death by MAID, marking the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Augsburg Confession in 2030, formalizing the status of the National Youth Gathering Committee and its relationship to the Synod, and encouraging church workers to take advantage of continuing education opportunities.

There was also a great deal of discussion about how the PAT (Pastors with Alternate Training) program works – this is an education program for training pastors who have a unique skill or language ability to work, while still in training, in an area that isn’t currently be served by a pastor, but it is not as academically robust as an MDiv program in a seminary, so there were some questions about whether the PAT pastors would be well-trained enough to serve in roles like Circuit Counsellor or Regional Pastor. It will be interesting to see if these concerns continue to ferment and

come up again at the next convention.

Elections for the various positions in LCC were held over the course of the weekend; the new Synod President is Rev. David Haberstock, currently serving as the Central Regional Pastor. The new Vice-President is Rev. Ted Giese, pastor at Mount Olive Lutheran in Regina (VP is a part-time role, so the pastor elected to it continues to serve a parish part-time). The new West Regional Pastor is Rev. Michael Schutz, who has been serving as VP and as pastor at Concordia Lutheran in Penticton. Rev. Arron Gust from Regina was elected as Central Regional Pastor, and Rev. Marvin Bublitz was re-elected as East Regional Pastor. Together, these five pastors also make up the President’s Ministry Council.

There were two elections of particular note for us at Foothills: one was our incoming pastor, Rev. Glenn Worcester, being elected to the Commission on Nominations and Elections, which means he will have a role in assembling the slates of candidates for next Convention’s elections in four years (he had been nominated for this before the Call to Foothills). As well, Rev. David Dressler from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is the new Calgary Circuit Counsellor. A full list of all the elections can be found in “The Standard – Day 5” on the convention website.

The theme of the convention was “Together One,” highlighting the fact that, in the words of the kids’ song, “I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together.” Our Synod is not just the newly elected leaders, or the Winnipeg office staff, or the church workers, or the congregations and their elected leaders, but all of the above as well as the laypeople in each congregation’s membership rolls, and everyone can find ways to be active participants in that togetherness.

The Synod office staff will be producing more content regarding the Convention, and there will be more news to share about our church over the next four years, so please keep watching your bulletin, the Foot Print, and the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for Synod news so that we as a congregation can be an engaged member of our Synod.



# 2026 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2 10:00 VBS Training 1:30 pm Ladies' Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir	3	4	
5 10:15 Worship & Communion 4:00 pm Pastor Glenn Installation & Dinner	6 6:30 pm VBS Training	7 7:00 pm Ladies' Walk & Devotion	8	9 1:30 pm Ladies' Study 6:30 pm Painting parking lots	10	11	
12 10:15 Worship	13	14 7:00 pm Ladies' Walk & Devotion	15	16 1:30 pm Ladies' Study	17	18	
19 10:15 Worship & Communion	20	21 <b>VBS 9 am-12 pm</b> 22			23	24	25
26 10:15 Worship	27 7:00 pm PPC Meeting with Pastor Glenn	28 7:00 pm Special Voter's Meeting: Ladies' Walk & Devotion	29	30	31		










# 2026 August

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# SUMMER 2026 BINGO

Submit your bingo line to be entered into the weekly draw in July and August, and a full card to be entered into the grand prize draw on September 8!

Email a picture of your card to [sneeb@lutheranchurch.ca](mailto:sneeb@lutheranchurch.ca)

<p><b>LOOK AT THE STARS</b></p> <p>In <i>Genesis 15</i>, God promised Abram that he would have more descendants than the stars in the sky.</p> <p>God kept his promise to Abram. God keeps His promises to us. Talk about some of the promises of God.</p> 	<p><b>BUTTERFLY WATCHING</b></p> <p><i>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.</i></p> <p>- 2 Corinthians 5:17</p> <p>When you see butterflies, talk about how we are a new creation in Christ.</p> 	<p><b>SCREEN-FREE DAY</b></p> <p><i>Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!</i></p> <p>- Psalm 46:10</p> <p>Enjoy an entire day screen-free with your family.</p> 	<p><b>CREATE SOMETHING</b></p> <p><i>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.</i></p> <p>- Colossians 1:16</p> <p>Talk about your favourite part of God's creation.</p> 	<p><b>ENJOY A SWEET TREAT</b></p> <p><i>How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!</i></p> <p>- Psalm 119:103</p> <p>Is there a Bible verse you find particularly "sweet"?</p> 
<p><b>ENJOY TIME IN THE WATER</b></p> <p>Whether it's a splash park, water balloons, or swimming. Talk about the promises God gives in baptism.</p> 	<p><b>SHARE YOUR HIGHS &amp; LOWS</b></p> <p><i>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.</i></p> <p>- Romans 12:15</p> <p>Ask each person to share a high and low from the day and a way they saw or shared the love of Jesus.</p>	<p><b>INVITE SOMEONE FOR A MEAL</b></p> <p>Make a list of people you know who might be encouraged by spending time with you (and your household). Invite one person from that list over for a meal.</p> 	<p><b>THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN</b></p> <p>Read an article to find out what's going on across our synod.</p> 	<p><b>SING TOGETHER</b></p> <p><i>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.</i></p> <p>- Colossians 3:16</p> <p>What is your favourite song to sing together?</p>
<p><b>READ THE BIBLE OUTSIDE</b></p> <p>Take God's Word with you. Need a suggestion of what to read? Try Psalm 8.</p> 	<p><b>AUXILIARIES &amp; LISTED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS</b></p> <p>Learn something new about them.</p> 	<p><b>CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE</b></p>	<p><b>MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE</b></p> <p><i>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.</i></p> <p>- Psalm 119:105</p> <p>Choose any verse to memorize together.</p>	<p><b>GO FOR A WALK</b></p> <p><i>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.</i></p> <p>- Proverbs 3:6</p> <p>Ask for God to direct your footsteps and your path.</p> 
<p><b>BIRD WATCHING</b></p> <p>For one day, count how many birds you see. In <i>Matthew 6</i>, Jesus talks about how just as God provides for the birds, He does so for us. Talk about ways God provides for you.</p> 	<p><b>CAR PRAYERS</b></p> <p>While you're in the car, pray for those who are on the road with you.</p> 	<p><b>FIRE, FIREFLIES &amp; FIREWORKS</b></p> <p>As you enjoy these different forms of light in the summer, talk about how you can shine your light, as Jesus says in <i>Matthew 5:16</i>.</p> 	<p><b>WATCH THE SUNRISE/SUNSET</b></p> <p><i>From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!</i></p> <p>- Psalm 113:3</p> <p>Thank God for this day.</p>	<p><b>FAMILY RESOURCES</b></p> <p>Check out LCC's Family Resources Page</p> 
<p><b>READ A DEVOTION</b></p> <p>Need suggestions?</p> 	<p><b>GO ON A PICNIC</b></p> <p><i>John 6</i> is the account of Jesus feeding the 5000 with a boy's lunch. If you were sharing a meal with a crowd, what would it be?</p> 	<p><b>MISSIONS</b></p> <p>Find out more about our domestic and international missions.</p> 	<p><b>DRAW YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD</b></p> <p>Use the My Hopeful Neighbourhood Map</p> 	<p><b>CHANGE YOUR SPOT</b></p> <p>Sit with someone new at church this week.</p> 