

Foothills Lutheran Church

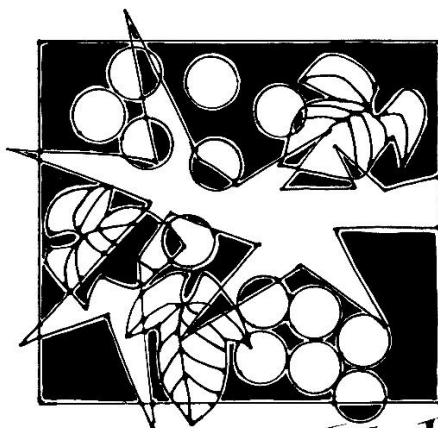
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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30 am-2:00 pm

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

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The owner
sent his SON

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2026

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

Pastor: Rev. Glenn Worcester – pastorglenn@foothillslutheran.com

DPS: Deaconess Miriam Winstanley – miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Office Administrator: Lori Salter – office@foothillslutheran.com

Pastors Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger & Rev. David Bode

A Prayer Upon Entering: On Good Friday, O God above, your Messenger, Jesus, was killed. But the message was clear: You sent Your Son into the world to save all people from sin. Now may we be bold to proclaim all we know about the message and the Messenger. And may all those who speak the truth about Your Son find hearts that are ready to receive.

Sender of our Savior, may we receive Your Son with joy.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service 1, page 151
- HYMNS:**.....909; 566; 685; 912;425;433; 430; 790
- FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 5:1-7
- EPISTLE LESSON:**Philippians 3:4b-14
- GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 21:33-46

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, and if you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church!

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TODAY: Jesus' true body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. We ask that all who plan to attend Holy Communion read and sign the card in the pews and give it to an usher as you come up for Communion.

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 The flowers that grace our altar today are in memory of Christine Heumann's mother, Dorothy, her grandmother, Helen, and her grandfather, Herbert who all passed away in the month of September.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC	Miriam Winstanley
USHERS	Brian Vincent; Robert Kubke
LECTOR	Nora Jarowicz
ELDERS	Rick Nelson; Tim Hohm
ACOLYTE	Elliana Legroulx
A/V	Eden and Paxton Knudtson; Ralf Hinterleitner
COFFEE	Anne Marie Kothari
COUNTERS	Tim Hohm; Zachary Heywood

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
	After Worship	PPC BBQ
Monday	7:00 pm	Sunday school meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Contemporary music practice.
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir practice.
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice.
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital/Hospice:** Marian Ohlinger (Bethany Harvest Hills): Elise Glans (RVH).
- Homebound:** Maxine Abraham; Val Becher; Isabel Ehlert; Walt Evans; Elnora Haas; Faye Hugel; Hazel Litzgus; Ruth Maekelburger; Shirley Otke; Yvonne Reinholz.
- For Special Intercession:** Elke Bittmann; Heidi Bommer; Louise Braun; Joan Copeland; Mabel Davis; Rick Davis; Elise Glans; Rick Goebel; Anna Jarmics-Jarvis; Murray Kee; Naomi Melo; Nelson Meyers; Vern and Phyllis Mussig; Charlotte Rentz; Carol Sandau; Erika Schultz; Monica Schultz; Maria Seifert; Irma Stockler; Jim Surina; Bob Will.
- Family Focus:** Darcy, Gerlie and Steven Drysdale; Hans, Kelly, Faith and Anellia Dueck; Dale, Gail, Jeff and Jason Dusterhoft; Vi Dusterhoft.

LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
September 20, 2026	139	38

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,665.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$263,906.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$288,653.85	-\$24,747.48

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts :Visitor Offerings \$120.00; Plate 10.00; Sunday school 26.00; Flowers 150.00; Concordia Seminary \$5.00

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAMP

LAMP missionaries provide spiritual witness and nurture within remote northern Canadian communities, often accessible only by plane. Various programs bring the Gospel to these areas.

Parish Planning Council (PPC) Luncheon today after service come and meet your PPC board members and enjoy some beef on a bun and fellowship. On October 4th the PPC will be hosting a beef on a bun luncheon after service.

The PPC for the upcoming year is as follows:

Dale Dusterhoft – President

Austin Voss – Vice President

Margit Hopkins – Treasurer

Michael Vivek – Secretary.

Betty Ann Chandler – Board of Evangelism

Christine Heumann – Board of Human Care Ministry

Heather Sommers – Board of Fellowship

Michelle Funke – Board of Stewardship

Tim Roth – Board of Church Properties

Tobi Stene – Board of Christian Education

Head Elder

PPC/Elders Portraits Update- A big thanks to all the Elders and PPC members for their cooperation, Elke Bittmann for coordinating this project and Tim Roth and Al Innes for installing the bulletin board in the narthex. All the photos have now been printed and brought to the church. The pictures will be displayed soon. Any questions contact Michael Vivek (williamsimichael2015@gmail.com)

Missing Item Last Sunday a white denim jacket was left behind at church if you happen to see it please let the church office know.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Meets at 9:00am in the fellowship hall looking at defending the faith, and how we speak to those who don't believe. Some might call this Apologetics, some might call it Evangelism, we'll call it Bible study! We'd love to see you join us!

SUNDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY HELP NEEDED: we are looking for someone who can commit an average of one or two Sundays per month during the school year to teach youth Bible study from 9 to 10am. It is a small group, and youth are usually confirmed and in grades 8 to 12. We use an easy to prep CPH youth Sunday school curriculum. If this is something you might be able to help with, please contact Michelle Heumann.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Meets Tuesdays at 10:00am, and will continue looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians. Anyone is welcome to join, even if you have never come before!

The MUSTARD SEED once again needs your help! Their stores of hygiene products are either empty or significantly depleted. You will find sheets on the Human Care bulletin board of their URGENT NEEDS LIST - please take one and prayerfully consider how you might assist this charity. Any donations can be placed in the "Mustard Seed" bucket between the washrooms. They sincerely thank you, and so do I (Christine Heumann), for helping them assist their patrons with dignity and respect.

REQUEST FOR GREETERS: Welcome greeters help visitors with any questions they may have, direct them to a seat in the sanctuary, and tell them about fellowship coffee after service. If possible, they will also introduce them to other members to make them feel welcome in our church. **Please contact Elke Bittmann if you have an interest in being a welcome greeter.**

COME SING WITH US: Choir rehearsals began Thursday September 10, and are held every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The choir sings hymns at every traditional service (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) and monthly anthems for the church festivals. We are actively looking to expand the choir and warmly invite any and all who may be interested to come join us. No prior musical experience is required. Musical training is provided with recorded aids to simplify learning each part, all in a mutually supportive environment."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS UNDER WAY! Shoe boxes and Item lists are available for pick up in the Narthex outside Miriam's office. OCC is an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes are filled with hygiene items, school supplies, toys, and a "wow" item for children living in poverty, war zones, or experiencing the fallout from natural disasters. There are bins under the table for any extra items. Please pray over your box, that it will go to the child God intended it; to go to. **Please return boxes to FLC no later than November 22.** Contact Elke Bittmann at church.

CRAFT-TEA Party: Tuesday October 13th. For October, we will be making delicate tea light holders. I ask that you sign up on the fellowship board if you're interested in coming and interested in making our craft of the month, a delicate tea light holder. Please see picture on the bulletin board.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: One of our neighbours is looking for a pet friendly, affordable apartment in the northwest for herself and her retired service dog. If you are aware of any possibilities, please speak with Deaconess Miriam.

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER Bill C-218: The Canadian federal government expanded Medical Assistance in Dying by removing the requirement that a person's natural death be reasonably foreseeable. Eligibility for MAID was then extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness, with automatic delayed implementation to take effect March 2027.

Please pray that parliament would prioritize the passage of Bill C-218 to permanently exclude individuals whose sole condition is a mental disorder from being eligible for MAID.. If you feel so moved, there are several petitions available online. If you wish to give voice to your faith in another way, you could contact your MP, or reach out to even more

MP's. There is a contact list on 4mycanada.com. There is a sample letter and a sample voicemail message at evangelicalfellowship.ca. Please see Evangelism bulletin board for more information

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES: Is looking for volunteers to visit at Calgary Hospitals, Hospices and Long Term Care Centres. Our next training session is Sept 30th, Oct 7th, and Oct 14th from 6 to 9:30 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church upstairs in the Parish Hall. If you feel this is a calling for you, please contact **Pastor Rekken at (587) 228-2597** or the office to register.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT REQUEST: KITCHEN HELP! For the first time in many years, we'll be hosting a youth retreat here from October 16 to 18, and we'll need volunteers to help the Board of Fellowship with the meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday). Please sign up on the youth bulletin board with your email address, and you'll be contacted with more info. Contact Michelle Heumann with any questions.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT: YOUTH IN GRADES 6 TO 12 who want to attend the retreat at Foothills from October 16 to 18, please register online **and** with the paper forms that are available on the youth bulletin board **TODAY** Find more info at www.foothillslutheran.com/fallyouthretreat/

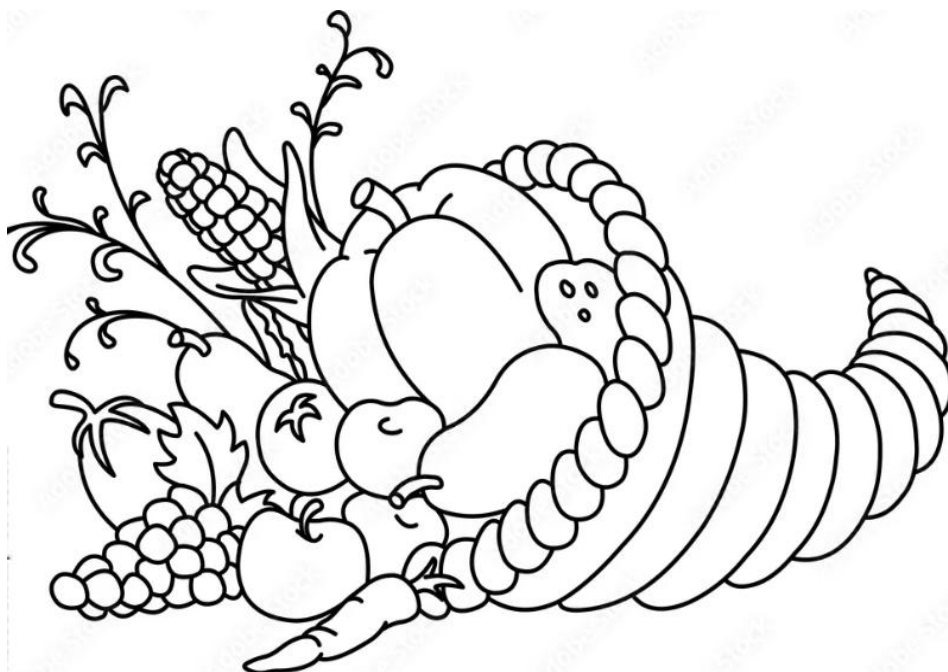
This week, we pray for **Rev. David Milette** who serves as pastor of *l'Eglise luthérienne du Bon Berger* (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) in Moncton, New Brunswick. He also provides support for LCC's French Ministries.



Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Milette, asking You to sustain him in Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 11, 2026). **"Covered"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](http://www.lutheranhour.ca) Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ's perfect righteousness. **Matthew 22:11-12.** Hear the message on CHRB 1140AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the LH app.

PRAYER CHAIN: What a privilege it is as Christians to pray for those in need! Here at Foothills we have a group of dedicated people who pray regularly for members of our congregation, our community, and the world. A weekly prayer chain e-mail goes out to them, with prayer requests. Please contact Dcn. Miriam if you would like to take on this important task, which can be done anytime and anywhere. If you have a prayer request, please contact any of our church staff.





Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 22

YEAR A

**Jesus is a 'stone'
we can build our
lives upon**



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Sunday between
October 2 and October 8



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Of all of your possessions, what would you miss most if it wasn't there?
2. How important is Jesus in your life? Is he the 'cornerstone' that holds your life together?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
M	Ezekiel 19:1,10-14	A lament for Israel the vine
T	Amos 9:11-15	God will restore Israel
W	Luke 13:6-9	Parable of the fig tree
T	Exodus 20:1-20	The ten commandments
F	Philippians 3:4-14	Gains and losses
S	Psalms 80:7-15	Restore us, God Almighty

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The stone the builders didn't accept has
become the most important stone of all.
The Lord has done it. It is wonderful
in our eyes.

MATTHEW 21:42





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Gather some river stones. As a home devotional activity, take turns attempting to build a stone 'tower' by placing the stones one on top of another.

See who can build the tallest tower.

Talk together about the different things that people try to build their lives upon, and Christ's place as the "most important stone of all".

Pray together for faith and strength to build your lives upon him.



ACTION RESPONSE

The prophet Isaiah compared God's Old Testament people to a vineyard that God planted and cared for. Volunteer this week to help a sick or elderly person clean up their garden, mow their lawn, wash their car, or to help maintain your church grounds or a community area.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food before us, the friends around us, the love between us, and your presence with us.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, there is nothing more important than knowing you.
Please keep our faith strong.
Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord watch over you and smile on you this day.