FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2026

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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Foothills,

The months of November and December are months where we have lots of things that happen in the Church Year. The day before November begins, we celebrate Reformation Day, and then on November 1 we celebrate All Saints' Day, which just so happens to be a Sunday this year. Towards the end of November, we get to the Last Sunday of the Church Year, which leads us into the season of Advent as we turn our focus on preparing for the birth of our Savior, which culminates on Christmas Day, though the most popular day for worship is actually Christmas Eve. (And for those of us that celebrate it, though it's not a part of the Church Year even though some Lutheran churches will have a worship service on this day, there's an American Thanksgiving mixed in there, which for a Detroit Lions fan whose team always plays on Thanksgiving, and historically loses, that's part of the tradition that happens in the upcoming weeks/months.)

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When you think about all of these things happening, we all have different traditions surrounding them. Starting with Reformation Day, many of us are probably more focused on handing out candy to all the kids coming to our door (or taking out our kids to collect candy), than we are thinking about what happened in history on this day and what it means for us Lutherans (unless your tradition is that you dress up as Martin Luther, or a door with 95 Theses nailed to them, or Pope Leo X, or even emperor Charles V). This can lead us to the question of... why do we even celebrate specific days? And if we celebrate them, do we truly know what they're about?

I recently had the opportunity to enter into a world religions class and talk about what we as Lutherans believe (as this class had a few others from various Christian denominations come and present as well). The first question I asked was, "what do you know about Lutherans/Lutheranism?" Only one person raised their hand, and they said, "I think it was started by Martin Luther King." … So close, yet so far away. Of course, as you may have experienced, this is not the first time I've heard this, and will probably not be the last.

Yet, sometimes this is how we feel about other denominations and their beliefs. So close, yet so far away. They have Jesus right, but there are other things that aren't. And as I explained to the class, as Lutherans sometimes we are viewed as thinking that "we're better than everyone else" because of what we believe. Yet, if we go back to Reformation Day, it was really all about returning to the Word of God. Martin Luther (not named King) was not seeking to start a new church body. He was seeking to bring the church body that he was a part of to a correct understanding of the Word of God. This is usually summarized in the solas: sola gratia (grace alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola scriptura (Scripture alone). We are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone (solus Christus), which has been revealed to us in Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone (soli deo gloria).

Everything that Martin Luther sought to do was pointing people back to Christ. And so, as Lutherans, we see to do the same, pointing people to Christ. Which means, it's not that we ARE better than everyone else. I will tell people that I am a Lutheran pastor because I believe that what we believe, teach, and confess as the Lutheran Church is better than every other church body, but it's not because we are boasting in ourselves, it's because we boast in Christ, and His Word, which holds more closely (and correctly) to the Scriptures than any other denomination. Does that mean it's perfect? Of course not! Does that mean the people are perfect? Of course not! At least, not on this side of heaven. Was Martin Luther perfect? Of course not! And I most certainly am not perfect. But, as Lutherans we people that God's Word IS perfect, and that is the place that we always go back to. It's the question we've asked before: Do we change the Word of God, or does the Word of God change us. Martin Luther found that the Word of God changed him, and it's no different for us.

And when we talk about differences of denominations, how we got to where we are now, I will usually say it in this way. We major in the minors. By that, I mean, what other churches might view as minor issues/differences, we view as major issues/differences. The two major issues are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. When it comes to baptism, it's infant baptism that separates us. And when it comes to the Lord's Supper, it's the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood that separates us. For us these are major issues, because of what these sacraments provide, as God's means of grace. When baptism is removed as a command by Christ for all nations (Matthew 28:19), and it becomes an outward symbol/act of an inward faith, baptism is no longer done for the forgiveness of sins (see Acts 2:38), for the reception of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:38), and for salvation (see 1 Peter 3:21). We view Baptism as God's work, not ours, as it has been revealed to us in Scripture, which is why it is for ALL people (because all means all). When the body and blood of Jesus is removed from the

Lord's Supper, and it becomes just a memorial meal of only bread (or crackers) and wine (or grape juice) where Christ's body and blood, you are removing from it the forgiveness of sins, which is exactly what Jesus said it gives you (Matthew 26:28). And when you explain away Jesus' body and blood by saying that He is only there symbolically, and that the bread and wine are only LIKE His body or are a representation of His body, then you are explaining away all the benefits Jesus wants to give you, since He did say that the bread IS His body and the cup (the wine) IS His blood (and yes, is means is – see also 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 11:27-29).

When other church bodies do not believe what we believe about Baptism and the Lord's Supper, it's not that it makes us "better" than them, or that they are going to hell because they don't believe in the Sacraments like we do. Because it is faith alone that saves us, so if you believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in His death and resurrection for you, whether you are Lutheran, or Catholic, or Anglican, or Mennonite, or Baptist, or Methodist, or non-denominational (which is a denomination of its own—and usually its core belies comes from some specific denomination), then we will all be with Christ someday. BUT, while we are on earth, those who view Baptism and the Lord's Supper differently and just missing out on ALL the blessings that God wants to give them. Yes, Christ died on the cross for our forgiveness and salvation, AND He also gives us these things in His Sacraments. So, why wouldn't we want that? And why wouldn't WE want that for ALL people?

To wrap this thought up, as we celebrate Reformation Day, All Saints' Day, and eventually Christmas Day, it's not that I'm thankful and proud to be Lutheran (it's NOT soli Luther gloria). It's that I'm thankful and proud that Christ did come that first Christmas; that He was born for me; that He lived a perfect life for me; that He died, willingly gave up His life, for me and my many sins; that He rose from the dead for my salvation, so that I would not suffer hell; that He has claimed me as His own in baptism; that He has marked me as one redeemed by Him; that He gives me His body and blood in His Supper to give me forgiveness, life, and salvation; and that one day I'll see Him face to face, be able to touch the places where the nails were, receive a glorious body like His, and dwell in His presence forever. To God alone be the glory indeed.

In Christ,
Pastor Glenn



Presidents Report:

The Parish planning council and long-range direction committee have met this fall. The Parish planning council hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon on October 4th. Thank to all who attended and helped cook and serve. We are behind in our annual giving so I ask all of our members to prayfully consider how they can increase giving by year end so we can balance our budget.

The long-range direction committee has reconvened and will be updating our long range plans for presentation to the congregation at the January voters meeting. The committee is focused on two major areas. These are:

"How do we better connect with all of our members at Foothills, not just the active and engaged members." Discussion has been around connecting our members through small groups and focusing on those who currently are not connected on a regular basis outside of worship.

"How do we better connect with the community to introduce Christ to people outside of our church." Discussion has been around increasing our community events and visibility.

We are brainstorming a number of ideas to do accomplish these two initiatives, some of which will be implemented shortly. One of the key initiatives that you will see shortly will be a survey asking members what their small group interests are so we can focus on some small groups that the majority of our members can relate to and hopefully participate in. Stay tuned as this survey will be coming out before Christmas.

God's blessings to you as we enter our Advent season.

Dale Dusterhoft,
President.



LWMLC News

By Geraldine Chimirri-Russell

After our initial meeting in September we have been able to make some decisions about plans for a number of activities during the upcoming year. The next event which we are looking forward to is our Advent Tea that will be held at the Manor on the afternoon of Friday, December 4th, 2026 at 2:00pm. This annual event is one where we are able to share the anticipation we have during the Advent Season. We plan to bring a variety of Seasonal treats for the residents to enjoy, and to raise our voices singing hymns and music of the Season. We are delighted when anyone from the congregation can join us at this happy time, so please mark your calendars to experience the goodwill and praise that will be present with all our friends at the Manor.
Our group meets usually on the fourth Monday in the month, in the Fellowship Hall from 12.30 pm until about 3.30 pm. We have a social time, a Bible Study and a brief business meeting. We are very pleased to welcome any ladies who would like to come and see what we are all about.

Geraldine Chimirri-Russell
President, Foothills LWMLC (Lutheran Womens's Missionary League. Canada)



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.

FAMILY TIME IN CHRIST

Family Serving Together

"Healthy families value service to others." This little statement from a book written in 1983 (Traits of a Healthy Family, by Dolores Curran) holds true yet today. For Christians, service to others is a characteristic our life in Christ. Many adults serve as volunteers in church and in the community, according to the gifts and talents that have been given to them by God. It is good for our children to see us living lives of service. It is even better when we can engage our children in service with us. Even small children like to help. They can know that what they are doing is helping someone in need or contributing to the life of their Church family.

Understand that the task you undertake together may not be done as efficiently as it could be with one person or with adults only, but the benefits to the family are worth it! As parents and children serve together, they grow in love for each other as they support each others' efforts, and in love for those they serve. They have shared experiences which they can talk about and pray about. They expand their family circle to embrace people they would not otherwise have known.Consider your family, its collective gifts and talents, and look for simple ways that you, together, can serve others. Here are some simple suggestions:

·Bake a cake together and take it to a new neighbour.
·Offer to shovel your elderly neighbour's sidewalks. Get the whole family involved.
·Invite a lonely person to dinner. Have each member of the family prepare something special, whether it be food, a conversation topic, or table decorations.
·Ask the church for the name of a homebound person and send him or her regular home-made encouragement cards. Better yet, deliver them yourselves and have a short visit.
·Go Christmas caroling together.
·Sign your whole family up to act as greeters.
·Usher together with your teens.
·Collect warm clothes from your friends and deliver them as a family to the Mustard Seed or Inn From the Cold.

God bless your family as you find ways that can serve others – together!







Children and Family Ministry

by Deaconess Miriam Winstanely

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

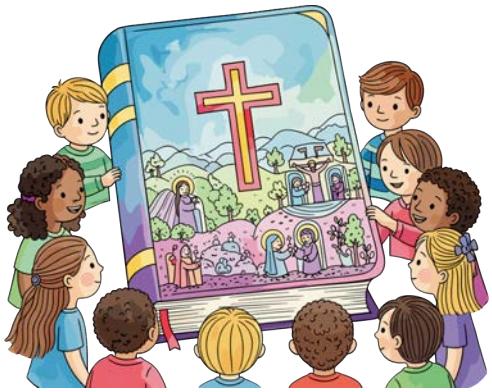


God's blessings to all of our Sunday School students, our teachers, and our parents. We welcome all children age 3 through grade 5 to hear and learn about Jesus' love for them. We will be finishing our walk through the Old Testament in January, with a four-week interruption to be reminded of the coming of that Saviour pointed to by the Law and the Prophets.

Children will be preparing to present "To Us a Child is Born," our children's Christmas service, on December 13th. Information has been emailed and sent home by paper copy, noting that rehearsals will be Saturday, December 5th at 1:30 pm and Saturday, December 12th at 10:00 am.

Our upcoming lessons include:

November 1	Israel Goes into Exile	2 Kings 17:6-20, 24-29
November 8	King Hezekiah – the Praying King	2 Kings 18:1-13, 28-35; 19:14-20, 32-37
November 15	Fall Break – no lesson	
November 22	King Josiah – the Restoring King	2 Kings 22
November 29	Three Men in a Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3
December 6	Jesus' Birth Foretold	Luke 1:26-56
December 13	John is Born	Luke 1:5-25, 57-66
December 20	Jesus Birth and Presentation	Luke 2:1-7, 22-40
December 27	Christmas Break – no lesson	



Money and Me



Take it Home!

Sunday, November 8, 2026
12:00 pm

All we have comes from and belongs to God – including the allowance your child receives and the gifts of money that come at special occasions. Help your child to learn what God tells us about money, and work together on a plan for good stewardship beginning now!

We will meet in the Fireside Room. Please bring your child so you can participate together. Lunch will be provided, and younger children are welcome in the session so that mom and dad can come together.

RSVP TO:
miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for parents with children turning 11 this year.



Children's Choir

Children's Choir has started again! A number of children from the community have joined us If your children are ages 4 to 10, consider bringing them! We meet twice a month on Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. We learn God's Word though song, get to know what we can do with our voices, learn a bit about music, and sing with others. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam at 403-284-1342 or miriam @foothillslutheran.com.

A Letter from the Board of Elders

Written by Tim Hohm

The Board of Elders thanks and acknowledges the contributions of former board members whose terms have expired (Lorne Rosenau, and Rob Kaut), and welcomes new board members (Ralf Hinterleitner, Brian Chandler, Richard Harding, and Zachary Heywood). Returning board members are Trevor Heumann, Hans Dueck, Rick Nelson and Tim Hohm. If you want to put faces to these names, their pictures are on the wall outside the office administrator's office. Feel free to approach any of us regarding concerns. Refer to the latest church directory or contact the church office and Lori Salter can give you a telephone number or an email address.

Richard Harding has accepted the position of Director of the Board of Elders. Please join the rest of the Board of Elders in giving Richard your full support in this important role.

The Board of Elders welcomes Lori Salter, our new office administrator, who has taken over from Jessica Tonn. Jessica was accepted into a graduate program at Concordia University in Montreal. We wish her well in her studies.

Congratulations to Deaconess Miriam Winstanley and all of the 33 volunteers who supported her in providing another successful Vacation Bible School this past summer.

Thanks also to all those involved in leading and taking part in FLC's slate of programs including (without limitation):

· Sunday School and Confirmation
· Bible Studies (LifeLight, Ladies)
· Musicians and Singers (Contemporary, Adult, and Children's)

Provided there is sufficient congregational interest, we look forward to Advent season Wednesday night soup suppers at 5:30 , followed by bible study led by Pastor Glenn Worcester. There is a sign up sheet for those wishing to provide soup please see the Fellowship board in the Narthex.

Greetings everyone from the Board of Stewardship.

by Michelle Funke

First of all I want to thank all of you for your efforts on behalf of our Church - Altar Guild, Flower Guild, A/V operators, coffee, counters and all. We could not run the services and after service activities without you!

Please take note of the Board of Volunteers (and potential volunteers) on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall while you are sipping your coffee. You might find something interesting you want to do and haven't thought of. Try things out, experiment and see what you like. You might discover talents you didn't realize you had :) or you might learn new ones. I have found that all volunteer activities here at Foothills involve transferable skills which could be taken into the rest of the week even when you are not at Church.

I know things are about to get busy as Halloween, Christmas and holidays come around but remember your offerings regularly as these are used to buy the communion elements, coffee, tea used to run the service and the gatherings afterwards.

Again, a huge THANK YOU to all of you at Foothills.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Our Tuesday group meets weekly at 7:00 pm and is nearly finished its study of Joshua. We'll soon be deciding what to study next, and the new Year would be a perfect time to join us!

Our Thursday afternoon study meets weekly at 1:30 pm for an in-depth study of the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

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





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. seniors, family members, friends, etc. 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.

- On November 24 we meet at Nolan Hill's State & Main at 12:15.
- On December 29 we meet at the Crowfoot Dynasty at 12:15.

FLC Youth Group

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

- Nov 6 – The Youth Decide, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Nov 20 – Servant Event, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Dec 4 – Christmas Party, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Jan 8, 2027 – Youth at the Church, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Jan 22, 2027 – Swimming, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Feb 5, 2027 – Youth at the Church, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Feb 19, 2027 – Activate, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Mar 5, 2027 – Youth at the Church – Board Games, 7:00–10:00 PM
- Mar 19, 2027 – Mini Golf, 7:00–9:00 PM
- Apr 2, 2027 – Youth at the Church, 7:00 PM
- Apr 16, 2027 – Lasertag, 7:00 PM
- Apr 30, 2027 – Servant Event – Spring Cleaning, 7:00–9:00 PM
- May 14, 2027 – Escape Room, 7:00–10:00 PM
- May 28, 2027 – Youth at the Church, 7:00–10:00 PM



Adult Choir

by Richard Harding

Lift your voice in praise! The Adult Choir welcomes all who enjoy singing and sharing the gift of music in worship. Join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord and proclaim His Word through song. New members are always welcome! 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, so I will be able to be better prepared to integrate you into what we are working on.



FELLOWSHIP - Submitted by Heather Sommers

COFFEE TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To continue offering our weekly coffee fellowship after worship, we are in need of new volunteers to join our coffee teams. Volunteers help prepare and serve coffee, set up, and tidy up afterward. Whether you are able to serve regularly or occasionally, your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping keep this special time of fellowship alive in our church family! Please talk to Sarah K or Heather S for more information.

There are several events planned by different boards throughout this newsletter. See board of Elders, LWMLC and Christian education for more information.



November Mission of the Month: Inn from the Cold

Homelessness is a problem in Calgary, and like the Mustard Seed, Inn from the Cold seeks to help. Other programs work on support and prevention.

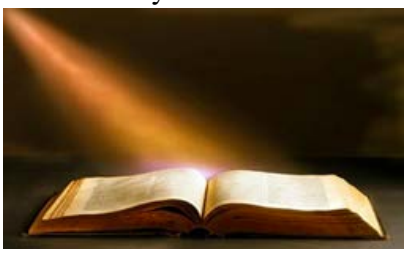
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December Mission of the Month: Lutheran Hospital Ministries

To envision and expand Lutheran Hospital Ministries- Southern Alberta Society as a serving, Christ-centered ministry, which is integral to spiritual, emotional and physical healing. Trained volunteer visitors give support through compassionate listening,

Board of Christian Education Update

by Tobi Stene



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

September was a busy month with Rally Sunday being held on September 13th. The morning started with youth Bible study, Confirmation class, and Sunday School classes along with the continuation of adult Bible study. Following Worship Service, coffee was served in the Fellowship Hall and ice cream treats were provided to mark the start of the many education opportunities that are available at Foothills. Thank you to everyone that helped with the education displays and video slide presentation as well as to those that assisted in handing out the ice cream treats. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

There are many Bible studies that are currently being held each week. LifeLight is held on Tuesday mornings and Ladies Bible study is on Tuesday evenings or Thursday afternoons. These show on the church calendar and information is included in the Sunday bulletin. An Adult Inquiry class led by Pastor Glenn is planned to begin on November 1st. It will be held Sunday morning following the worship service. If you are interested in joining one of the groups or have questions, ask Pastor Glenn, Deaconess Miriam, or email the board at education@foothillslutheran.com.

Deaconess Miriam and the Sunday School teachers are making plans for the Children's Christmas Service. The program is titled "To Us a Child is Born" and it will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, Dec 13th during morning worship. The students will be practicing their songs during Sunday School opening and soon their lines will be assigned to work on at home. It is a time that the students and their teachers look forward to each year and it offers them an opportunity to share with the congregation the Good News of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A week-end Youth retreat was held here at Foothills on October 16 & 17th. Our youth enjoyed some time together in devotion and study along with a movie, games, a servant event and pool time. Thank you to all that assisted with the organizing and meal preparation over that weekend. We are grateful for everyone's help with this.

The Rite of Confirmation was held on Reformation Sunday, October 25th. Our Confirmands Adam Hohm and Elliana Legroulx each did a wonderful job presenting their testimonies to the congregation. We are grateful for the blessings that they are to us at Foothills. Thank you to those that prepared and served the Confirmation supper on the preceding Thursday evening. It was a delicious meal enjoyed by all that attended.

We could use some extra help with teaching youth Bible study on Sunday morning at 9am. An easy-to-prep CPH curriculum is used, so if you would like to support the youth at Foothills and are interested in knowing more details, please contact Michelle Heumann, email the board, or contact the church office.

Everyone is welcome to stop in and visit the library or check out the brochure rack in the narthex. Please help yourself to those that are of interest to you. You can email the board at education@foothillslutheran.com if there are other topics you would like to learn about or resources that you can suggest as additions to the library. As well, if there is a book that you have enjoyed from the library and you would like to encourage others to also read it, speak to a board member about writing a brief recap on it so that we could include it in the Sunday bulletin and Foot Print.

The spare office next to Deaconess Miriam's office has been tidied up and the door will be open on Sunday mornings. It offers a spot for small meetings or a quiet discussion without interruptions. Please feel free to use it at any time that is available.

Plans are underway for a Family Advent event on Friday, November 27th beginning at 5pm. We will have a Pot Blessing Supper at 5:30 and 6:15 we will begin games, crafts, marshmallow roasting along with visiting and fellowship. The evening will also include decorating of the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Please invite friends and family to join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. A sign up sheet has been posted on the Fellowship Bulletin board. Questions and suggestions can be sent to dtstene@shaw.ca. Further details will be shared as plans get finalized. We look forward to sharing this evening together.



The Board of Christian Education is:
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Board Members: Michelle Heumann, Trevor Heumann, Rick Nelson, Derek Kiefer, Evan Stene.
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www.facebook.com/groups/flcchristianed/

HUMAN CARE REPORT

REMINDER! Our CRAFT-TEA fellowship for the months of November and December will be the SECOND TUESDAYS of the month (Nov. 10 and Dec. 8). The time is 1:30-3:00 – EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Bring something you're working on – OR – just come for tea and fellowship. Do you have a favourite recipe you'd like to share? Bring it with you!

THE BLESSINGS TREE IS COMING BACK and will be set up in the Narthex on Nov. 29. Watch the Sunday bulletins and the Human Care bulletin board for more information.





As Christmas approaches, there are SO many organizations that request help from the communities. The FOOD BANK is always looking for donations of non-perishable food and birthday bags. MAKING CHANGES (DRESS FOR SUCCESS) is always asking for winter coats, boots, mitts, hats and purses for their clients. INN FROM THE COLD requests new donations of warm clothing. The MUSTARD SEED is gearing up for winter for their clients looking for warm clothing as well as hygiene products (there is an "URGENT NEEDS" sheet on the HCM bulletin board.

Watch the HUMAN CARE BULLETIN BOARD for current listings of needs for these organizations. These may be dropped in the labelled buckets between the washrooms.

Respectfully submitted - Christine Heumann
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LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY: All ladies are invited to our 2nd annual Christmas party and gift exchange on Saturday, November 28 at 1:00pm at Tobi Stene's home, 247 Church Ranches Way. Please bring an appetizer and a gift valued between $10-$20 for a gift exchange. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship board. Rides will be available for anyone needing one. For any questions, please contact Kelly at kel.frog@shaw.ca or 403-389-7702.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by Elke Bittmann

Psalm 96:3 Declare His glory among the nations.

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. Boxes sent from Canada are destined for Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, The Gambia, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Philippines and Ukraine. The gospel message is also shared. Boxes, brochures/labels, and item lists for OCC are on the table by Deaconess Miriam's office. There will be a bin 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 or email her at elkebittmann54@gmail.com for further information.

Shipping and handling costs do not just pay for boxes to be delivered but also cover the cost of printing the small brochures showing Jesus as the Saviour given to each child before they receive their shoebox. They also cover a Gospel presentation flip chart and a new testament bible they receive when graduating.

CHURCH PROPERTIES.
By Tim Roth

A lot goes into maintaining a house never mind a building as big and beautiful as Foothills. We have been busy this fall keeping up with the never ending task of ensuring our building is safe and beautiful each and every week.

Work done since September 2026

- Pastor Glenn's office has a new electrical outlet closer to the where the portable air conditioner will be located.
- Glass windows were installed in the office doors of Pastor Glenn and Miriam Winstanley, as well as the library door. The white trim was too bright so I am painting the trim brown.
- A bulletin board has been installed outside the office. The board is used to show pictures of the Elders and the members of PPC. Michael Vivek is behind that project.
- I have been struggling to remove foxtail weeds from the upper parking lot. I have applied Roundup with no resulting kill off. I have tried to burn the weeds. With winter coming I may have to wait for spring to complete that job.

Future projects

- A committee dealing with landscaping has met and they will come up a plan for beautifying our property in preparation for next years growing season. We have a member who has a landscaping company. I will use his expertise to purchase materials for landscaping under our large spruce trees, creating flower boxes, and removing the rocks that are in the upper parking lot as they get overrun with weeds.
- If possible, we want to repaint the crosses just outside the church as they are showing rust and weathering.
- The lower entrance doors will need to be modified to be handicap accessible.

Respectfully,
Tim Roth

Help us care for God's house! Volunteers are always needed to assist with various church building maintenance and upkeep projects. If you are able to lend a hand or have skills that could be helpful, please contact the church office. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!

EVANGELISM board news!



Thank you to those that donated 13 more gently used New Testaments for distribution to the 53 Little Free Libraries on our list. We are looking for 20 more so if you have duplicates or go to a used book sale, you could then give them to Betty Ann C. or Michael V. for distribution. Thank you to the 2 new walkers that are help us distribute God's Word to our community.

Lutherans For Life - Canada

As we draw closer to Christmas, we look forward to celebrating the greatest gift of God to us—the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Through His perfect life, innocent suffering and death, and glorious resurrection, Christ has redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil. Because He lives, we too, in Him, have everlasting life, as Jesus says in John 14:19: "Because I live, you also will live."

Life is a gift from God, and this truth is at the heart of the work of Lutherans for Life–Canada (LFLC). Through God's Word, LFLC helps Christians understand the sanctity and dignity of every human life and respond faithfully to difficult questions surrounding life and death. Through educational resources, presentations, Bible studies, and support, LFLC addresses issues such as abortion, assisted suicide, and assisted reproductive technologies. Despite increasing cultural support for these things, LFLC continues their ministry, reminding us that our worth does not depend upon our age, health, or usefulness. Our worth rests in Christ alone. You can find more information through their website, Substack articles, YouTube channel, newsletter, or contacting them directly.

LFLC depends upon prayer, generosity, and volunteers. We encourage you to pray for its president, Rev. Adam Chandler, its board members, and its other supporters. God grant them wisdom to faithfully respond to the difficult questions of our day; and the Lord encourage that more Christians and congregations to speak faithfully and compassionately about the gift of human life. Pray especially for those facing these difficult decisions and uncertainty in life and death issues.

Michael Vivek

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Substack: https://lflc.substack.com/

YouTube: Lutherans for Life Canada
[http://youtube.com/@LutheransforLifeCanada/videos]



Synod Delegate News

by Michelle Heumann

Recent LCC news of note is that the new Synod Board of Directors met in person in Winnipeg in October, as did the new President's Ministry Council. The Board of Directors page on the Synod website has not yet been updated with the list of who is on what Committee of the BoD, but I expect that will be done soon.
https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/who-we-are/leadership/board-of-directors/

There was a recent news story that explained some of the work that goes on behind the scenes at Synod office – a small administrative staff does a lot of work to keep the vital functions of such a large non-profit organization moving smoothly.
https://www.canadianlutheran.ca/behind-the-scenes-a-day-in-the-life-of-lcc-synod-office/

In my role as an editor of The Canadian Lutheran, I was called on to write an article summarizing some of the recent and upcoming stories about pastoral installations across the Synod, which came out just after Thanksgiving. You might recognize one of the pastors!
https://www.canadianlutheran.ca/thanksgiving-for-recent-installations-in-vacant-congregations/

As well, be sure to pick up a copy of the September/October issue of The Canadian Lutheran, which should have arrived around the end of October, because it includes a story from a youth who attended the IMPACT Youth Gathering at the end of June (our Foothills youth also attended), as well as the first column from our new West Regional Pastor, Rev. Michael Schutz.

If you aren't subscribed to LCC's weekly InfoDigest e-newsletter yet, scan the QR code to be taken to the signup sheet.



Wedding Anniversaries

07-Nov	Merv and Kareen Borgeson (62)
16-Nov	David and Brenda Bode (47)
19-Nov	Tory and Kelsey Cook (21)
24-Nov	Vern and Phyllis Mussig (53)
02-Dec	Colin and Stacey Bablitz (31)
09-Dec	Dave and Gladys Byers (65)
27-Dec	Len and Roxana Anderson (38)



November Birthdays

02-Nov	Amy Chandler
04-Nov	Joan Falcione
06-Nov	Gladys Byers
07-Nov	Marlene Friesen
09-Nov	Glenn Byers; Vicki-Lynne Jost
10-Nov	Betty Ann Chandler
12-Nov	Griffin Voss
13-Nov	Michaela Bridgeman
14-Nov	Evaya Legroulx
16-Nov	Mark Nuspel
17-Nov	Dennis Wong
19-Nov	Robert Kubke
20-Nov	Michelle Funke
21-Nov	Presley Denman; Warren Kee; Carol Sandau
22-Nov	Tom Printz
25-Nov	Brenda Bode
28-Nov	Brent Warwick
29-Nov	Nora Jarowicz; Julio Tabet; Eliza Voss

December Birthdays

01-Dec	Isaac Osz; Dean Zeeben
06-Dec	Tahnee Jones
13-Dec	Stacey Bablitz; Elli Legroulx
15-Dec	Dryden Bablitz; Keira Puchbauer
16-Dec	Derek Kiefer
20-Dec	Joan Copeland
21-Dec	Faith Dueck
22-Dec	Phil Abraham
23-Dec	Isabel Ehlert
25-Dec	Louise Braun
27-Dec	Vern Mussig
29-Dec	Michelle Heumann
30-Dec	Kellen Rosenau

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Christian Education Hour 10:15 am Worship with Communion	2 7:00 pm Long Range Panning	3 7:00 pm Tuesday Ladies study	4 7:00 pm Sunday school meeting 7:00 music practice	5 1:30 pm Thursday Ladies Study 6:00 pm Children's choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	6	7
8 9:00 am Christian Education Hour 10:15 am Worship Faith @ Home Money and me after worship Rosenau Baptism	9 7:00 pm PPC Meeting	10 1:30 – 3:00 Craft Tea Miriam on vacation	11 Miriam on vacation	12 7:00 Adult Choir Miriam on vacation	13 Miriam on vacation	14 Miriam on vacation
15 9:00 am Adult Christian Education Hour 10:15 am Worship with Communion Young Adult Gathering after service	16 Miriam on vacation	17 6:00 pm Elders meeting 7:00 pm Tuesday Ladies study	18 10:00 am Mom & Tots 7:00 pm music practice	19 1:30 pm Thursday Ladies Study 7:00 pm Long Range Panning 6:00 pm Children's choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	20	21
22 9:00 am Christian Education Hour 10:15 am Worship Shoebox blessing	23 7:00 pm Board of Education	24 7:00 pm Tuesday Ladies study	25 Winkel at Foothills 7:00 music practice	26 1:30 pm Thursday Ladies Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir	27 5:00 pm Advent Family Event	28 1:00 pm Ladies Christmas party
29 9:00 am Christian Education Hour 10:15 am Worship with Communion	30 12:00 pm LWML					

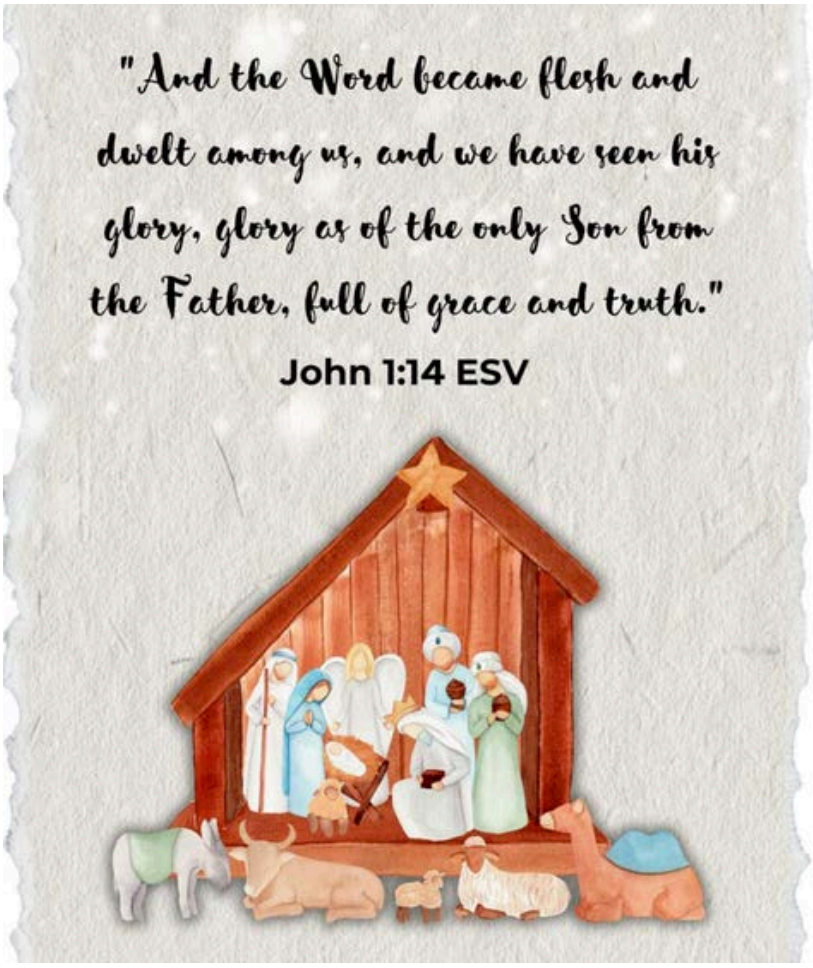
December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm Tuesday Ladies study	2 5:30 Advent soup supper and devotion	3 1:30 pm Thursday Ladies Study 6:00 pm Children's choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Long Range Panning	4	5 1:30 pm Children's Service Practice
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27 9:00 am Christian Education Hour 10:15 am Worship guest Pastor Russ Howard Pastor on Vacation	28 Office Closed	29 Pastor on Vacation	30 Pastor on Vacation	31 Pastor on Vacation		


When
they
saw the
star,
they
were
filled
with joy!
-Matthew 2:10


A CHILD is born
unto us a SON is GIVEN
the Ever lasting FATHER
the PRINCE of Peace
FOR UNTO US
and His name shall be called
WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR
THE Mighty GOD


FOR
UNTO US A
CHILD
IS BORN
UNTO US A SON
IS GIVEN
ISAIAH
9:6


"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."
John 1:14 ESV