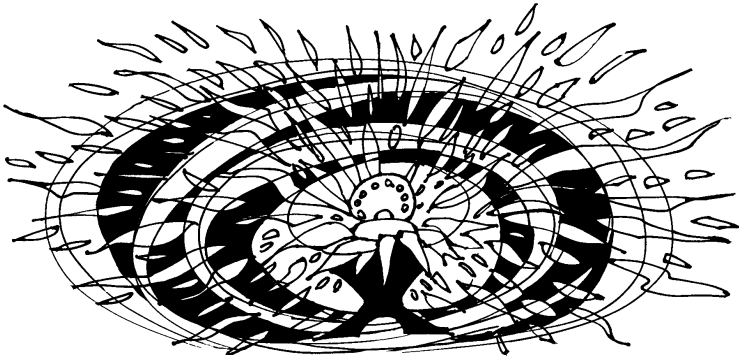


Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

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



Oh, that birth forever blessed

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025

Education Hour.....9:00 am
Morning Worship (Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) 10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Word Made Flesh, You have made Your home among us. May we receive You with joy. May we be enlightened by Your love. And may we see Your glory revealed in our everyday lives.

O Lord Jesus Christ, make our hearts Your home.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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HYMNS:981; 410; 686; Called To Serve;
.....Lord Jesus, You have Called Us; 395; 850

FIRST LESSON:..... 1 Kings 3:4-15

EPISTLE LESSON:..... Ephesian 1:3-14

GOSPEL LESSON:Luke 2:40-52

SERMON: Business—As Usual? – Luke 2:40–52

WELCOME! It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the church.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY as our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service

A NOTE ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS: We are blessed through the faithful stewardship of God's people. Many of our members have chosen to give their gifts either through pre-authorized payments or by e-transfer. If you wish to give your gifts to the Lord by e-transfer, you can do it through your online account. The transfer address is: financials@foothillslutheran.com.

TODAY IS LWMLC SUNDAY: and the ladies of the Foothills LWMLC Society, who support mission projects and mites at home and abroad, invite you to join us for a **pot blessing** after the worship service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music.....Deaconess Miriam Winstanley; Contemporary Musicians
 Ushers.....Lorne Rosenau; Tobi Stene
 Communion Assistant Kellen Rosenau
 Lector Nora Jarowicz
 Acolyte Julia Han
 AV Operators Michelle Funke; Ralf Hinterleitner
 Coffee Team..... Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Worship with Holy Communion LWMLC Pot Blessing Youth Bottle Drive
Monday	7:00 pm	Future Directions Committee
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship Youth Bottle Drive

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of:	Sunday/Communed	December 31/Communed (NYE Special Service)
December 29	122 / 98	16/16

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

**Includes monies received up to Dec. 31. Please note our offering needs & goal will be updated when the new budget for 2025 is adopted.*

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$26,459.50	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$393,925.20	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	n/a	

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 1,054.00; Visitor Offerings 785.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 1,500.00; Lutheran Hospital Ministries 55.00; LWML 25.00; Facility Rental 120.00; Student Parking 800.00.



OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING to adopt the budget for 2025 on **Sunday, January 19th**. Voter packages will soon be available on the Welcome Desk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week’s lesson, “A Mercy-Full Message,” Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question “Who is my neighbor?” for His followers as He challenges us to “go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR is posted on the Worship Bulletin Board by Deaconess Miriam’s office. We appreciate the gift of fresh flowers to beautify the Lord’s altar.



FOOT PRINT: The January/February 2025 Foot Print. Newsletter is available on the Welcome Desk and includes the report from the Foothills Directions Committee.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The large print have arrived and have all gone out. We hope to see the regular print issue arriving shortly.

OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Bode resumes this Tuesday, as we continue our look at the life of David. We welcome you to join us for this time in the Word. We meet at 10:00, and finish at 11:30.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who showered a blessing on someone from the **Blessings Tree**. The love you showed truly warmed the hearts of those receiving those gifts. Thank you again! In Christian love, *Christine Heumann*

FOOTHILLS DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE: The committee has reviewed the surveys that the congregation submitted and categorized them into major themes. The survey results can be found in your mailbox and at the Welcome Desk. There are **two town hall meetings** scheduled for those who want to provide further input or did not have a chance to submit a survey. These will be held on **February 2nd** and **February 8th**, times to be announced.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

Based on the biblical story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), "mites" offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the synod are collected by women of Lutheran Church-Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML-Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML-Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions. This month we are giving all our members an opportunity to support this work through our Mission of the Month.

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE: The Youth Group would be grateful if you would bring in any refundable bottles leftover from your holiday festivities for our current fundraiser. Funds raised will be added to the travel fund for the National Youth Gathering, to be held in July 2025. We'll be collecting again at the church on **Sunday January 12** – please drop off your bottles and cans beside the trailer in the lower parking lot, either before or after service. The Youth of FLC thank you!

OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP EFFORT: The PPC supports the work of sponsoring a family, as we have previously shared and will present a motion on this at the next Voters' meeting. The cost of this is around \$67,000.00. We will be looking at a greater fundraising effort to help with this. Your gifts can still be given now. May we show our love for others as we seek to "welcome the stranger" (Romans 12:13).

THE LUTHERAN HOUR January 12 "**He Made Me a Believer**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made – church, marriage, family, and work. (John 2:11)

Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Van Ravy** who serves as assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh and serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ravy, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN continues to be delayed. The current issue can be read online at <https://issuu.com/thecanadianlutheran> . We do expect the print copies to arrive very soon.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The remaining envelopes have been placed into your mailboxes. Please **do not** use your old envelopes anymore and note that some envelope numbers have changed. If you need offering envelopes but don't presently have them, please let the office know.

GIVING: God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us so that we may use His gifts to His glory. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God.

How much should you give? Scripture says: ***Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*** (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) But as we look at the Scripture guidelines for giving, we would note that we should:

- ***Give regularly*** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- ***Give faithfully*** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- ***Give generously*** – its not about our fair share or simply giving to the budget.



May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you were amongst people speaking a different language. How did you communicate?
2. John 1:1-2 calls Jesus 'the Word'. What do you think this means?
3. How does God communicate with us? How do you communicate with him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
M	1 John 1:1-4	The Word of life
T	Philippians 2:6-11	Jesus became our servant
W	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men worship Christ the King
T	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations will come to the light
F	John 8:12-20	Jesus, the light of the world
S	Psalm 72	Kings will present him with gifts

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us.

JOHN 1:14



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus has been called 'God's love letter' to the world.

As part of your home devotion times this week, have each household member compose a short letter to God (if you have young children in your home, help by writing down their words).

Share your letters with one another.

Say a prayer of thanks for God's communication with us in and through Jesus.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, make our home your home. Bless our food and our sharing, so that we may bless others. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, light of the world, shine through me this day. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Sometimes people use the phrase 'we are Jesus' hands and feet'. How can you show someone the love of Jesus this week? Think of something you could do for someone else, and let them know Jesus loves them.



BLESSING

Child of God, may the light of Jesus shine in your heart, today and forever. Amen.