

# 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”*



## *The Baptism of Our Lord* *January 12, 2025*

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

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O God above, You were well pleased with Your Son, Jesus. May You be well pleased with us, as well, O Father, as we live as Your baptized and beloved children. Help us to follow Your will in all things and to be filled with Your forgiveness and salvation.

*Father in heaven, speak to us in love from above.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....As projected.

**HYMNS:** Your Name; Jesus Messiah; Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me; .....Desert Song; Build Your Kingdom Here

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 43:1-7

**EPISTLE LESSON:**.....Romans 6:1-11

**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Luke 3:15-22

**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 WEDNESDAY** 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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).



**LWML**  
CANADA

**THANK YOU:** We appreciate the work of our LWMLC ladies, and especially when they host a pot blessing lunch as they did last Sunday. About 80 people stayed and enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship. Thank you, ladies!

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music..... Contemporary Musicians  
 Ushers.....Elfrieda Heiden; Barb Vincent  
 Acolyte ..... Adam Hohm  
 AV Operators ..... Michelle Funke; Ralf Hinterleitner  
 Coffee Team..... Tim, Sarah, Eden & Paxton Knudtson

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>		Youth Bottle Drive
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
	6:30 pm	Elder's Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
		Voter's Meeting

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday/Communed</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
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**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

**SILVER SAINTS:** Will meet on Tuesday, January 21 for a presentation by Jean Bauer on their family's recent trip to Germany, including time in Wittenberg, and Christmas Eve service at St. Jakobskirche in Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

*\*Please note our offering needs & goal will be updated when the new budget for 2025 is adopted.*

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$385,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,135.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$5,135.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	n/a	n/a

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 25.00; Sunday School Offerings 17.00; Parking Revenue 400.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; LWML 1150.00; Refugee Sponsorship Project 25.00.

**2025 CHURCH BUDGET:** A new copy of the proposed budget for next week’s Voter’s meeting can be found at the welcome desk. The budget has been updated to reflect new and actual giving numbers from 2024.



**OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING** to adopt the budget for 2025 on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.

**FOOTHILLS DIRECTION TOWN HALL MEETINGS:** We will be holding two town hall meetings to provide the congregation with information gathered to date on the long term direction of the congregation and to receive further input in a town hall format. The dates of these meetings are **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> after church and Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**. The meetings will last no longer than 2 hours and childcare will be provided if necessary. Please sign up on a sheet by the Fellowship hall to help us plan for the meetings or email the office to get your name added to the list. Also indicate whether you need childcare for the meeting. We look forward to hearing from as many members as possible.

**OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** has resumed, as we continue our look at the life of David. We welcome you to join us for this time in the Word. We meet **Tuesdays at 10:00** in the Fellowship Hall and finish at 11:30.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “A Prayer Lesson” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. With Jesus’ disciples, we, too, implore, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord’s Prayer from memory.

**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.

**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 19 "**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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**IT HAS PLEASED ALMIGHTY GOD** to call to Himself the soul of Hilda Pratt, who passed away on December 25, 2024 in her 95<sup>th</sup> year. We pray for those who mourn her departure. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection through faith in Jesus Christ.

**SOME NOTES ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** Please remember that the white wine is dealcoholized for the needs of those with medical conditions. Please leave those glasses (normally in the middle of the trays) for those who need this.

**FLC'S MAY LONG WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP:** Please consider joining us **May 16-19** at the lovely Fish Lake Campground, near Nordegg, AB. The group campsite can accommodate both RVs and tents, and the approximate cost is \$40/night per family. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board, and please contact Hans Dueck [hansdueck@hotmail.com](mailto:hansdueck@hotmail.com), if you have any questions.



**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

**TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2024** will be available in your mailbox over the next couple of weeks. We will leave them there until mid-February then if not picked-up, will mail them out. If you would like your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.

**WHY READ THE BIBLE DAILY?** When you are away from home, don't you long for the voice of those you love? We know how important it is to share with family and friends daily (look at the way people use Facebook and other social media!) The Bible is God's Word. It is how He speaks to us. We hear His voice and stay in contact through prayer. Read your Bible! Let God speak to you! We have a variety of reading plans to help you go through the Scriptures.

**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. What do you know about the day you were baptised?
2. What does it mean to be a baptised child of God?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</b>	The baptism of Jesus
<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah 43:1-7</b>	Israel's only Saviour
<b>T</b>	<b>Acts 8:14-17</b>	Philip in Samaria
<b>W</b>	<b>Acts 2:14, 22-41</b>	Many are baptised in Jesus' name
<b>T</b>	<b>Romans 6:3-11</b>	Baptised into Christ's death
<b>F</b>	<b>1 John 5:6-12</b>	The witness about Jesus Christ
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalm 29</b>	The voice of the Lord is powerful

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

You are my beloved son;  
with you I am well pleased.

LUKE 3:22



### CREATIVE RESPONSE

Watch the song 'No Longer Slaves'.

Google, or look at

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TkUMJtK5k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TkUMJtK5k)

and think about these questions...

- Talk about the words of the song and what they mean to you.
- What part of the song did you like best?
- If you wrote another verse what would you say?

OR

Celebrate baptismal birthdays in your home with some of these ideas:

1. List the baptism dates of each household member on your home calendar.
2. Celebrate each baptismal birthday with a special meal to honour the baptised person. Invite godparents or other faith mentors to attend.
3. Have household members decorate cards to send to their baptismal sponsors or godparents.



### ACTION RESPONSE

Have household members decorate cards to send to their baptismal sponsors or godparents. Use these to say thank you for their support and prayers over the years.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, your children gather in your name. Bless our table and our sharing around it. Amen.



### PRAYER

Lord God, please open our ears to hear your voice and our lips to shout your glory. Amen



### BLESSING

You are a baptised child of God, and he loves you dearly. May he make you strong and bless you with peace.