

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”



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 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: Just as You changed water into wine, O Lord, You have changed us from sinners into saints. No longer must we dread the bitter taste of death, for You have revealed to us the sweetness of Your salvation through Your life, death and resurrection. May Your grace continue to sweeten the lives of so many more.

O Transforming Lord, change us into the people that You want us to be.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service 1, p. 151
- HYMNS:** 768; 762; 408; 394; 636; 750
- FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 62:1-5
- EPISTLE LESSON:**..... 1 Cor. 12:1-11
- GOSPEL LESSON:**..... John 2:1-11
- SERMON:** When the Time Is Right... – John 2:1-11

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.



THE FLOWERS which beautify the Lord’s altar today are generously given by Ingrid Kubke.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Ushers..... Ellen Wagner; John Voss
 Communion Assistant Rob Kaut
 Lector Ralf Hinterleitner
 AcolyteElliana Legroulx
 AV Operators Derek Kiefer; Evan Stene
 Coffee Team.....Brenda Bode; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Worship Service with Holy Communion Voter's Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Silver Saints
	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

LAST WEEK AT FLC

**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/Communed
January 12	127	33	14/14

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

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	Our Budget Goal \$385,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4397.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$9532.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	n/a	n/a

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 133.00; Visitor Offerings 225.00 Sunday School Offerings 8.00; Student Residence Rent 500.00 Parking Revenue 1400.00; LWML 220.00; FLC Youth 20.00; Board of Education (Library Sales) 20.00.

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 2nd after church** and **Saturday, February 8th 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week’s Bible lesson is “A Shepherd Loves.” Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes “other sheep” (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David’s familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, “When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?”

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP: Our Sunday School teachers are hosting a workshop on **Saturday, February 8 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**. Anyone who teaches or helps with Sunday School or Vacation Bible School (or is interested in starting!) is invited to join us. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Deaconess Miriam.

VBS – SAVE THE DATE!: This year’s Vacation Bible School, **God’s Promises for Me**, will run the mornings of **July 21-25, 2025 9:00 am to noon**. More information will be available in February, and registration will be open for our members the latter part of February. If you have children of VBS age (4 years by July 21 to Grade 6), or are interested in volunteering as a teacher, helper, or activity leader, please speak with Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric.

SILVER SAINTS: Will meet on **Tuesday, January 21 at 1:30 pm** 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.

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 26 "**An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told**" with guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. Like an overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36)

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

OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST: Once again you have shown your love and care for us in your generous gifts this Christmas time. We are blessed through your thoughtfulness and are grateful for the kindness you have shown. In the joy we share as we serve together in the Lord's Kingdom, we say, thank you all! We also give thanks to God for you and your participation in the Gospel. In His Service, Pastor Bode, Pastor Moffett, Deaconess Miriam and all our staff.

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, if you have any questions.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Rochom Binh (Rock-om) who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri, Cambodia.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Binh, 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.



WE HAVE A VARIETY OF BIBLE STUDIES to help you be in the Word!

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am, we have our **LifeLight** study, continuing our look at the life of David. We welcome you to join us for this time in the Word.

There are studies for the ladies **on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm** and **Thursday afternoon at 1:30 pm**. The men meet once a month (**1st Saturday**) **at 9:00 am** for breakfast and bible study. Sundays there are studies for youth and for adults. We can always find room for more! Come and join us or ask for another opportunity!



Growing
FAITH
at home

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SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

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A new
creation



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a party or celebration you have attended. What made it special?
2. Jesus changed water into wine. What changes has he brought about in your life?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
M	Isaiah 62:1-5	Zion's new name
T	1 Cor 12:1-11	Concerning spiritual gifts
W	Genesis 2:18-25	God institutes marriage
T	Ephesians 5:21-33	Paul speaks about marriage
F	Hebrews 13:1-8	Marriage should be honoured
S	Psalms 36:5-10	Feasting in God's house

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come: The old
has gone, the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus' appearance at the wedding at Cana shows that God loves weddings, and desires to bless married couples that want him to be part of their lives.

This week is a good time for husbands and wives to share with their children or grandchildren about their own weddings, and what part Jesus plays in their marriage. They may wish to show wedding photos and reminisce with their children about the day of their wedding.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as you blessed the feast at Cana, bless our eating and drinking.

Make us new people, full of love for you and one another. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, help us to make good use of the gifts you have given us. Amen



ACTION RESPONSE

Who in your community is preparing to be married or just recently married?

Work together as a household to write a prayer for them, and all marriages.

Use it this week in your household devotion times. Send a copy of the prayer to them, letting them know that you have been praying for them.



BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit bless you with faith to believe in Jesus and with many gifts to serve him.