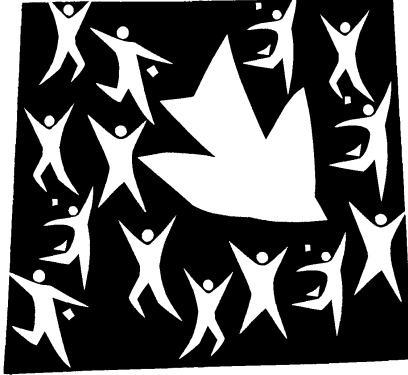


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



*You are the
BODY of CHRIST
and individually
members of it*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

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

Senior Pastor: David Bode – flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com
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DPS: Deaconess Miriam Winstanley – miriam@foothillslutheran.com
Office Administrator: Amber Myers – office@foothillslutheran.com
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Savior, teach us this day to listen to Your Word and to recognize that Scripture is indeed being fulfilled in this house of worship and in the places where we live. May we learn never to doubt, and always to trust in You.

O Christ, our Teacher, may the words of Your mouth sink deep into our hearts.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As projected.

HYMNS: 584; Goodness Mercy and Love;Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise); 523; Our God

FIRST LESSON:.....Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 4:16-30

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. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of	Sunday/Communed	Education Hour	Wednesday
January 19	120/92	25	5

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Hannah Edel; Contemporary Musicians
 Ushers.....Elfrieda Heiden; Tim Roth
 Lector Faith Dueck
 Acolyte Maliyah Chan
 AV Operators
 Coffee Team..... Michelle Funke; Ellen Wagner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	12:00 pm	LWMLC Society Meeting
	7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Direction Committee Town Hall Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:



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

OUR VOTERS' MEETING received the reports of our boards and adopted the budget for 2025. Our new budget needs are reflected in the stewardship information on the next page. May we be faithful in the gifts that God has given to us, as we use His gifts to us to support the work He calls us to do as His people.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,345.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$15,877.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$23,076.92	-\$7,099.92

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 141.00; Visitor Offerings 1000.00; Student Residence Rent 4000.00 Parking Revenue 1800.00; LWML 220.00; FLC Youth 427.05.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2024 will be available in your mailbox next week and until mid-February, then the remaining ones will be mailed out. If you would like your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.

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 lunch and childcare will be provided at the Sunday meeting. Please sign up on the 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.

PASTOR ERIC'S CALL: Pastor Eric has declined his call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Vernon. Please pray for the congregation of St. John's as they trust in God to provide for their needs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week's lesson, "A Tree View," students learn about Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Short of stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see the Savior. Despite criticism, Jesus invites Himself to the tax collector's home. Motivated by Christ's compassion, Zacchaeus confesses his sin and promises to make restitution. Families could discuss, "How does Jesus motivate you to make a difference in your world?"

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.

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY is meeting on **Monday, January 27, 2025**, at noon, downstairs in the Confirmation Room. We will start with some fellowship time - bring your own lunch - followed by a Bible study and a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!

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.

YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE: A huge thank you to our amazing church family and to the youth who lent a hand over our two-day bottle drive! Your generous donations resulted in over \$630 being raised for the Youth travel fund. We are thankful to past and present Youth leaders and committee members who helped built this fund and guide our Youth’s faith journey. For more information on the National Youth Gathering in Waterloo, Ontario on July 4-8, 2025, please see: www.lccnyg.ca. May God continue to bless our congregation and its Youth.

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.



CRAFT-TEA PARTY: On the **second Tuesday of every month**, starting **February 11** from **1:30 – 3pm**, I’m hosting a monthly drop-in for anyone who wants to come for tea, treats, fellowship, and time to work on any craft you may have on the go. Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, card-making materials, OR, just come for the tea and fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact me at (403)710-8347 or at christineheumannegy@gmail.com.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES TRAINING: People are in need of God's care, love and healing through visitation. Is this your calling to serve God? The next Visitor Training Session is planned for **February 8, 15 and 22** at **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**. Contact Rev. Mark Rekken at 587-228-2597 or call Heather at the office at 403-264-4045 for more information.

OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP EFFORT: The congregation approved the sponsorship of a refugee family of four at our Voter's meeting last Sunday. To date, approximately \$14,000 has been contributed to our Refugee Sponsorship Fund, and the \$46,000 balance of funds needed is now designated from our savings. We are currently waiting on CLWR to confirm that they are ready to receive applications for this year. Your gifts to this effort will still be gratefully received and will offset the draw on our savings. May we show our love for others as we seek to "welcome the stranger" (Romans 12:13).

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: February 2, "*Do the Things That Make for Unity*" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest. (John 4:9)

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.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Romass Svell who serves as pastor for the Jarai community 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 Svell, 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.

OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will gather Saturday, **February 1st** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We have breakfast at 9:00 am (free-will offering) and study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!





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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What would your life be like if you were in prison or blind?
2. Jesus said that he came to declare freedom for the prisoners and sight to the blind. You have been set free from sin – how does this impact your life?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
M	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Ezra reads the law
T	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Unity and diversity in the body
W	Luke 6:6-11	Jesus heals in the synagogue
T	Acts 14:1-7	Paul & Barnabas in the synagogue
F	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	The power of God's Word
S	Psalms 19	Heavens declare the glory of God

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to the poor.

LUKE 4:18



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Blindfold a member of the household for the duration of a meal or evening. Sit down and talk about the experience.

Research what it means to be held captive in the world today and find some examples.

Pray for these people.

Visit the websites www.persecution.org and www.persecution.com to learn of particular people and situations that need prayer at this time.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus;
fill us with your
Spirit and this food.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank
you for making us
part of your body.
Help us to work
together to do
your work. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

When Jesus attended the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth he read to them from the book of Isaiah. Volunteer as a household to lead the Bible readings one Sunday at your church. Practise together at home. Also consider volunteering for other duties at your church. For example, cleaning, serving coffee, ushering.



BLESSING

In Christ you are
free! May God's
Spirit strengthen
you as you share
the good news.