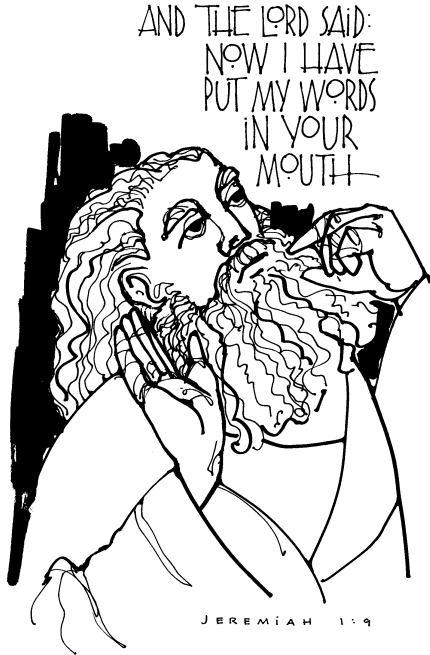


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany *February 2, 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 Lord, may we accept You as You are, not as we would want You to be. May we accept You as our Savior from sin. May we accept You as the Master of our lives. And may we accept You as the Ruler over heaven and earth.

O Jesus, our Savior, Master, and Ruler, help us to see God's plan revealed in You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:Matins, p. 219 and Service of Holy Communion

HYMNS:842; 554; 783; 922; 625; 845; 850

FIRST LESSON:..... Jeremiah 1:4-10

EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 4:31-44

SERMON:Everyone Matters - Luke 4:31-44

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 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/Communed
January 26	135	29	9/9

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Ushers.....Barb Vincent; Robert Kubke
 Communion AssistantRobert Kaut
 Lector Diane Voss
 Acolyte Keira Puchbauer
 AV/Powerpoint Operators..... Brenda Bode; Ralf Hinterleitner
 Coffee Team.....Heather Sommers; Faith and Aneilia Dueck

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Foothills Direction Town Hall
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Saturday	9:30 am	Sunday School Workshop
	10:00 am	Foothills Direction Town Hall
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:



THE FLOWERS that grace our altar today are given in gratitude and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by Michael and Kayden J. Vivek. Flowers are also given in memory of Rick Bennetts (Michelle Heumann's father) and Iain Graham (Christine Heumann's father).

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	\$4570.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$20,547.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$30,769.23	-\$10,222.23

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 131.00; Visitor Offerings 20.00; Sunday School 9.00; Parking Revenue 700.00; LWML 20.00; FLC Youth 65.80.

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

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.

DEACONESS MIRIAM AWAY THIS WEEK: Deaconess Miriam is away Monday through Thursday this week for a joint Seminary Board of Regents meeting in St. Catharine's, Ontario. She will return to the office on Friday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week's lesson is "A Crushing Truth." The events of Christ's crucifixion unfold in a series of brutal and bloody vignettes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—yielding up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb. Discuss how you can remember the crucifixion of Christ.

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. If you plan to attend, please let Deaconess Miriam know as soon as possible. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

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.



PASTOR BODE'S RETIREMENT: Sunday, March 2 Pastor Bode is retiring after nearly 43 years of faithfully serving our God and His people in the Office of the Ministry. He has requested that we acknowledge and recognise this milestone with only a lunch after the service on March 2. Everyone is invited to stay for a catered light lunch and celebration cake. The congregation will be presenting a retirement gift to Pastor Bode. If you would like to contribute towards this gift, you will find an envelope in your mailbox and in the pew hymnal racks labelled "A Gift for Pastor Bode's Retirement". Place your envelope in the offering plate or in Deaconess Miriam's mailbox. E-transfers will also be accepted; please indicate in the message box "Pastor Bode's Retirement Gift".

MISSION OF THE MONTH LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world more than 195 million times each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 60 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: February 9 "**We Have an Advocate**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate. (John 5:6)
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.



POT BLESSING - LOVE FOR GOD AND ONE ANOTHER: Join us after service for a pot blessing on **February 16th** to celebrate the 4 very special types of love captured in the scriptures. Storge (family love), Philia (friendship love), Agape (unconditional love) and Eros (romantic love).

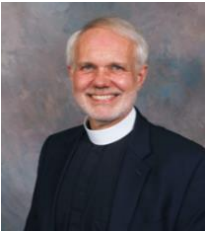
Please sign up in the narthex to bring your favorite main, appetizer, side or salad to share in love with your Foothills family.

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.



CRAFT-TEA PARTY: On the **second Tuesday of every month**, starting **February 11** from **1:30 – 3pm**, Christine Heumann is 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 Christine at (403)710-8347 or at christineheumanncg@gmail.com.

OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP EFFORT: The congregation approved the sponsorship of a refugee family of four at our recent Voter’s meeting. 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).



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Dr. David Somers who serves as the Missionary-at-Large for LCC’s French Ministries in Quebec, as well as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Montreal, Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Somers, 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.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE CHURCH LIBRARY?

There are a variety of materials to inform, educate and inspire both children and adults. Michelle Funke and Barb Vincent are available for assistance and welcome any questions you may have!



MUSIC GALA AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH: Friday, February 7, 2025 7:00 - 9:00 pm This evening will highlight musicians and choirs from various Lutheran Churches in Calgary. There will be a collection of non-perishable food items and cash donations for the Calgary Food Bank. Refreshments will be served following the concert event. Everyone is welcome.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus was rejected by the people who were in his hometown. Share about a time that you felt rejected or left out.
2. How do you react to the news that Jesus will never reject or turn his back on you?



BIBLE READINGS

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

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| S | Luke 4:21-30 | The prophet Jesus is rejected |
| M | Jeremiah 1:4-10 | The call of Jeremiah |
| T | 1 Cor 13:1-13 | Love is patient, love is kind. |
| W | Matthew 13:53-58 | Jesus rejected at Nazareth |
| T | Luke 6:20-26 | Rejected disciples are blessed |
| F | 1 Peter 2:4-11 | Rejected by people but chosen by God |
| S | Psalms 71:1-6 | In you, Lord, I have taken refuge |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 PETER 2:9



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your household devotion times this week use 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a to reflect on the love shown in your home.

Ask household members to recall and name ways in which others in your home have loved them.

For example:

- "You showed me love by being kind when...."
- "You showed me love by being patient when..."
- "You showed me love by forgiving me when..."

Think of people outside your household who show love to you.

Make up heart-shaped cards and write (for example) 'Love is Kind' on the front and 'Thank you for being so kind to me' on the back.

Then on the inside write a personal note thanking them for their love.

Plan a way to deliver your cards.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, give us hearts that are grateful for all your kindness. As you love us, lead us to love others. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, make us strong when we are rejected because of you. Keep us trusting and following you. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Invite someone you haven't invited before to your house for a meal. Decorate your house in a way that welcomes them and makes them feel special.



BLESSING

(Name) You are God's special possession, live in his light.