

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”



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany *February 16, 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, we are poor in spirit. Enrich us with Your love. O Lord, we are hungry for an understanding of You. Satisfy us with the knowledge of You, found only in the Scriptures. O Lord, we are saddened by what we see in the world. Gladden us with the good news of the good life that is to come.

Bringer of blessings, speak Your words of grace upon us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service Setting 1, p. 151
- HYMNS:** 477; 479 (tune 404); 394; 699; 629; 741; 621
- FIRST LESSON:**..... Jeremiah 17:5-8
- EPISTLE LESSON:**..... 1 Corinthians 15:1-20
- GOSPEL LESSON:**..... Luke 6:17-26
- SERMON:**First and Foremost - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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.



JOIN US AFTER SERVICE TODAY FOR A POT BLESSING with love for God and one another, and 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).

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Ushers..... Ellen Wagner; Brian Vincent
 Communion Assistants..... Rob Kaut; Robert Kubke
 Lector Bill McLeish
 Acolyte Faith Dueck
 AV/Powerpoint Operators..... Brenda Bode; Christine Heumann
 Coffee Team..... Jessica Tonn; Rob McLean; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		Family Day (office closed)
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Silver Saints Meeting
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession

Family

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Rick Bennetts (Michelle Heumann's father) and Iain Graham (Christine Heumann's father).



LAST WEEK AT FLC

**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/Communed
February 2	118	35	8/8

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,247.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$33,102.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$46,153.85	-\$13,051.85

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 91.00; Visitor Offerings 60.00; Sunday School 17.00; Facility Rental 135.00; Student Residence Rental 500.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 95.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00.

ONCE AGAIN, WE DRAW NEAR TO THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5.**

We will hold special services to lead us to the cross and a deeper appreciation of all that our Saviour has done for us in His death and resurrection. Our theme is *The Blessings in the Blood of Jesus*, and we will be examining what Jesus' blood has accomplished as told in the book of Hebrews.



We will again have a Lenten rotation, sharing together with St. Matthew's, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, and Prince of Peace. Pastors will be travelling to each church to share a sermon each week. Our services begin each **Wednesday at 6:30 pm.** We hope you will join us for these services.

LENT BIBLE STUDY – MEANS OF GRACE: On **Monday nights, beginning March 10 through April 7 at 7pm,** and on **Tuesday mornings from March 11 through April 8 at 10am,** we'll be gathering for a special Bible study on the Means of Grace, which are the ordinary, simple things that God uses to demonstrate His grace to us. Please sign up for either Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings on the Board of Christian Education bulletin board, or contact the church office, so we have enough materials for everyone.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "A Revealing Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. On Easter afternoon, Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. Discuss how you, too, can share this amazing story.

PASTOR ERIC IS AWAY on vacation and will return to the office on Thursday.



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".

FELLOWSHIP GOODIES - NO NUTS PLEASE: We usually have goodies after service for our fellowship time but the cupboard is pretty bare right now. If you would like to contribute, please ensure there are no nuts in the baking or items that you bring. We had a recent accidental extreme allergy exposure and want to ensure everyone is safe going forward. Thank you for your support in this. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) 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. We partner with churches and individuals like you to carry the Good News of Jesus into more than 60 countries, including places where foreign missionaries cannot enter. Here at home, you can find our flagship broadcast, The Lutheran Hour®, on radio stations nationwide, SiriusXM's Family Talk channel, or your favorite streaming provider.

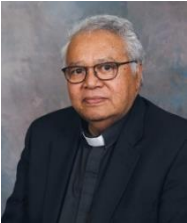
THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (February 23) "**Need to Know**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If you don't need God, you won't know God. (John 7:28-29). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, or at www.lutheranhour.ca.

THE SILVER SAINTS will meet again on **Tuesday, February 18 at 1:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we look forward to a presentation from Carol Berndt, travel writer and photographer, entitled "Finding Joy in the Serendipity of Travel."

THE LADIES OF FOOTHILLS LWMLC will be meeting downstairs on **Monday February 24th** at **noon** with a social time, followed by a Bible study, and then a brief business meeting. All ladies are welcome to join us!

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED: As a partner of this organization, we support delivering meals to people in all walks of life. We pickup and deliver **Thursday mornings** from a drop-off location in the NE and deliver to approximately 7 households. This takes about 1+1/2 hours. If you would like to know more about this Human Care Ministry mission, please contact Christine at (403) 710-8347 or christineheumannnecgy@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for considering this mission.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: King of Kings Lutheran Church in Dickson, AB is hosting a Young Adult Retreat (ages 18-35ish) this coming **June 6-8**, and would like to invite the Young Adults of Alberta to join them. The theme for the retreat is "You will be my witnesses" based on Acts 1:8 with a focus on missions and evangelism. We will have a number of representatives from different mission organizations present for the weekend and look forward to engaging with young adults in this topic through Bible study, presentations, worship and fellowship. Go to <https://kingofkingslutheran.ca/yaretreat/> for more information.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Razafy Razandrakoto** who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reconciliation in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

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

PURDY'S FUNDRAISER SUCCESS! Thank you all so much for supporting the youth through your purchases of Purdy's this past Christmas season. We were able to raise \$939.11 to put towards helping our youth go to the National Youth Gathering in Waterloo this year. It will be an important spiritual event that will shape the lives of many young people, and so we thank you again for your support.

DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG? Wearing our name tags while at church is a great way to help foster closer connections with our fellow members. Please get in touch with the office if you need a new or replacement name tag, and we'll be happy to provide one for you.



Growing
FAITH
at home

SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY

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**Blessed are
those who
trust in the
Lord**



Grow Ministries
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www.growministries.org.au



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever had someone let you down? Share your experience.
2. Jeremiah 17:7 says "blessed are those who trust in the Lord". What does it mean to place our trust in God?
3. Share about how God helped you through a difficult time.



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 6:17-26	Blessings and woes
M	Jer 17:5-10	Trust in the Lord
T	1 Cor 15:12-20	The resurrection of the dead
W	Matthew 5:1-12	Life in God's kingdom
T	Acts 10:39-43	God raised him from the dead
F	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Jesus died and rose again
S	Psalms 1	The Lord watches over

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Blessed are those who trust in the
LORD and have made the LORD their
hope and confidence.*

JEREMIAH 17:7



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Lent begins soon. Start to think about how you will observe Lent and Easter this year as a family. Here are some ideas:

1. Donate time to serve the needy in your area in some way. If this is not possible, make a donation of food or money to a local organisation helping people in difficult circumstances.
2. Ask each family member to be responsible for a prayer before meals for one week of Lent. Encourage them to write a prayer of their own.
3. Encourage each member of the family to “give up” something for Lent or for a part of Lent. The sacrifice should be something of value but also reasonable.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for giving us food in our times of hunger. Make us hungry for your Word, so that we live in your strength and not our own. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, keep me today from trusting in my own strength. Instead, help me to place my confidence in you. Amen



ACTION RESPONSE

Plan as a family how you might be able to support some of the following campaigns to better our world.

www.plant-for-the-planet.org/en/home#intro

<http://treeday.planetark.org/>

www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/



BLESSING

The Lord bless you with delight in his Word, so that you yield good fruit in his name and are kept from fear and worry.