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FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // ISSUE 15 // OCTOBER 2020

# *THE GROVE*

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**FLC will begin  
hosting events  
indoors starting the  
week of October 18.  
More details inside!**

# *Everything Has It's Time*

LINDA MORRIS

Standing at my kitchen sink looking out the window into the changing view. Leaves showing signs of the new season, preparing for what is to come. Seems like a metaphor for life.

When David and I were in high school we did an English project together. We drove around our hometown of Duluth and “taped” scenes from our favorite places (cell phones and video cameras weren’t available yet). Scenes of sunlight dancing on the ripples of Lake Superior on a beautiful fall day, colorful leaves changing to their coat of many colors. We used the background song, “Reflections of My Life” by Marmalade. I still remember that day nostalgically. Neither of us knew much about life at that time. So young. We did know that throughout the changes, rearranging of life, God was with us. In the years since then we have been reminded so many, many times of God’s faithfulness and grace.

This week two people very close to our family died suddenly. One was younger, one was older. Both going about their daily lives. Families and friendships changed forever in the blink of an eye. Unexpected. We should all live each day to the fullest, with kindness and grace, living out life in the way God has instructed us to. We never know when our time is up here on earth.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” So much in our world feels like it is being rearranged, changed, the future seems like a body of muddied water. Some days it is difficult to put one foot in front of the other. How do we live out God’s plan? What is God’s plan? It can all seem so confusing and scary, especially if we forget to stay centered in the knowledge that God is faithful. The Bible refers to God being with us over 300 times. So, remember, He is with us always – to the end of time. It is a good thing to reflect on that promise.



## NAME A WORSHIP SONG THAT HAS HELPED YOU FEEL CLOSER TO JESUS

**Marilyn Emond**

How Great Thou Art

**Carol Fischer**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Anitra Joy**

Lift High the Cross

**Mary LaVerne King**

Day by Day

**Ashley Shellum**

Grace Got You, Give Me Your Eyes, Overcomer

**Colleen Doherty Adams**

I can only imagine

**Cayla Glade Rother**

Praise to the Lord, was my dad's favorite hymn was played at every family event. Brings me joy and comfort.

**Katie Bultje Tarpinian**

"In the Garden" is my favorite

**Lynn Stevens**

Here I Am Lord

**Linda Mellesmoen Morris**

Through It All and It Is Well With My Soul.

**Timothy Scott Grundler**

Spoken For, In My Life If We Never Meet Again, Broken Together, Draw Me

**Darin Pettis**

Amazing Grace

**Emily Dietz**

"Trust in You" by Lauren Daigle

**Peter Elliott**

On Eagles Wings

**Christine Weis Patsche**

Here I am Lord

**Rusty Brace**

Stairway to Heaven

**Penelope Parker Tower**

Too, too many to list... It is well with my soul, praise to the Lord, Bring many names.

**Leanne Last**

You're Beautiful by Phil Wickham is my absolute favorite and anything by Aaron Shust or Chris Tomlin!





# INDOOR WORSHIP BEGINS OCTOBER 18!

Farmington Lutheran Church has been working closely with members of our congregation as part of a reopening committee to determine the safest way to reopen our doors to in person worship.

Beginning Sunday, October 18, FLC will be open for indoor worship at both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am service times.

***ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR INDOOR WORSHIP WILL BE REQUIRED. YOU CAN FIND THE [SIGN UP HERE](#).***

Due to Minnesota's Covid-19 regulations, we will be operating at 50% capacity indoors. The

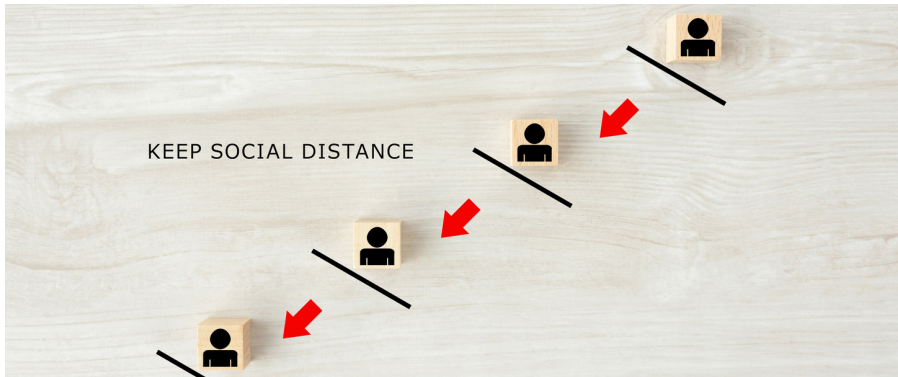
sanctuary space is limited, which is why we are encouraging you to register ahead of time and as soon as possible.

Masks will be required and congregation members are asked to continue to social distance. Please choose seating with your personal family members.

At the end of worship, ushers will dismiss families to ensure a safe, socially distanced exit through the building.

If you have any questions please call our office at 651-463-4100 or email Jen at [jen@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:jen@farmingtonlutheran.com).

*Indoor  
worship will  
require you to  
make a  
reservation  
online to  
reserve your  
spot. This will  
help ensure we  
keep our  
sanctuary  
space in a safe  
capacity.*



# INDOOR WORSHIP FAQ

## PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION BELOW PRIOR TO WORSHIP

Public Health Guidelines as shared by the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health will be followed for all On-Campus Events. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow time to be seated while staying socially distanced.

- **Masks are required. We will have face masks available if needed.**
- **Please remain six feet apart from others not in your particular group.**
- **Please pay attention to the signs with directions on which doors to use for entering and exiting.**
- **A drop box will be available for you to drop off your offerings as you arrive or leave worship.**
- **Bathrooms will be available, however we ask that you only use them in the case of emergency.**

## BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

We ask that you DO NOT attend worship if you answer “yes” to any of these questions:

- Have you been diagnosed with Covid-19 in the last month?
- Have you had close contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19 in the last 2 weeks
- Have you developed any of the following symptoms in the last 2 weeks?
  - New or worsening cough or shortness of breath?
  - Sore throat?
  - New loss of sense of smell or taste?
  - Do you have a fever of 100.4 degrees or more and/or have you taken medication to reduce a fever in the last 24 hours?
  - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea?



## FALL PROGRAMMING MOVES INDOORS

Beginning the week of October 18, Sunday FLCTIME, Wednesday FLCTIME, Confirmation, KOIN and adult music will start to move indoors.

Please know we are working hard to keep our congregation safe during this time. CDC and Minnesota Department of Health Guidelines are being followed. Please be patient with us as we navigate through this transition.

**Children's and Youth programming at FLC follows the Farmington School District schedule. In the event that Farmington School District transitions to distance learning, FLC'S program will also be virtual.**

When you arrive back at FLC you will notice signs that designate entrances and exits as well as reminders to socially distance. Please do your best to continue to keep 6 feet between you and your neighbor.

All classrooms, music rooms and meeting spaces will be marked with COVID-19 capacities. Please do your best to adhere to these restrictions.

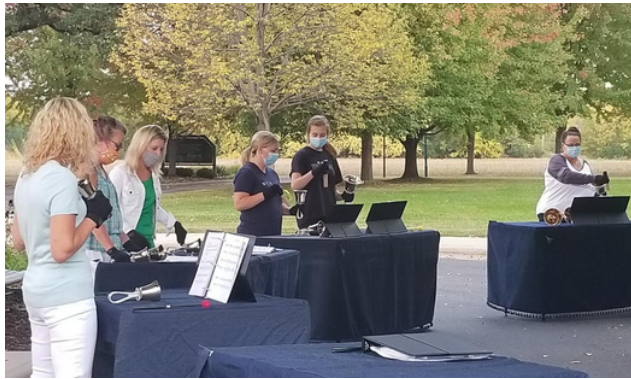
As we get closer to the 18th, you will be getting more detailed information from our program directors. Please be sure to check your emails and share any thoughts, ideas, or concerns you may have.

**Masks will be required at all indoor and outdoor events at FLC. If you forget your mask, or need one, we can provide one for you.**



# FALL PROGRAMMING KICKED OFF!

Yay!!! We are so glad to see everyone back at FLC, even if it is outdoors and socially distanced! Over the last couple weeks our Sunday FLCTIME, Wednesday FLCTIME, Confirmation, Koin and adult music programs have all met in person! It has been so great to get back together and share God's love. We missed you!





## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM UPDATES

It is great to see so many of you. Please remember to bring a chair, your masks, Bibles, and crayons/markers. We hope to be outside as much as we can. We have a team of people working to get us indoors.

Did you miss registration? We have a virtual option and can plan a couple of ZOOM or Google Meets throughout the year! [CLICK HERE](#) to register today!



# FIRST COMMUNION

Our first milestone this fall was First Communion for our current middle schoolers. They didn't get to have all the in person sessions that we normally do, but COVID didn't stop us from welcoming them to the table! We switched gears and offered first communion to this group by means of a DRIVE THRU. The youth and their families came and took part in this important milestone. It was a special event that I believe they will remember when it comes time for them to share with their own families.



# New Beginnings Milestone

New Beginnings was our second milestone. This milestone was geared for those just starting out in church school. We were able to sing and read from the Bible. The children were given pillowcases and Bibles. We want to help get God's word out to our families. Please contact Dawn if you have a child that needs a Bible.



# KiC BONFIRE

KiC (Kids in Christ) had their first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 27. We had a bonfire, devotion time, and played a few games. KiC is for children in grades 4th and 5th. We hope to see you next time!



## Confirmation Updates

October 7, 6:30 to 7:45 pm

Confirmation youth, Guides and Junior Guides will meet for our last outdoor confirmation for this fall. Please bring your Bible, mask, chair, bug spray and dress for the weather.

Topic for this evening is How to Survive Middle School Week 2, Making Wise Choices.

Confirmation will move indoors beginning the week of Oct. 18. Plans are still being made as to times and days. Kristine Clemens will be in communication as plans are made.



# VIRTUAL FAMILY OPTION



A virtual family option will be available weekly for those that would like to participate virtually. Weekly messages will be available on Farmington Lutheran Church YouTube page at 6:30 each Confirmation Wednesday night. A discussion guide will be provided for each week at [farmingtonlutheran.com/youth](http://farmingtonlutheran.com/youth).

## 5'S FOR THE FOOD SHELF GRADE COMPETITION

October 7 will be the last week to bring in a \$5 to help with local food shelves. This is a friendly competition between grades. When you come for Confirmation you will see the designated grade bin to put your \$5 bill in. The grade that collects the most money for the 3 weeks will receive a prize.



## COLLEGE PLANNING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

At Thrivent's College Planning Strategies Workshop, we'll teach you everything you need to know to plan and pay for college, learning how academics, admissions and financial strategies work together to help save you money and avoid excessive student debt. This workshop is hosted by Matt Forsman and David Stay via Zoom. Fall workshop dates will be shared soon, stay tuned!

# KOIN UPDATES

KOIN BONFIRE  
October 7  
8:00 – 9:00 pm

Senior high youth are invited to dress warm and enjoy time around the bonfire pit. We will play a game, have snacks and continue reading through the book of Philippians.

After MEA break, all fall programming will begin moving indoors, including KOIN. The day of the week and time are still being decided. Please stay tuned for more information.



Online

## ARE YOU GETTING ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED FROM FLC?

check out the list below to be sure you're not missing out!

### Emails

- Every Tuesday morning *The Grove Email Update* goes out, and once a month *The Grove Newsletter*
- [Click here to sign up for emails](#)

### On our website

- The Grove Newsletters- current and past editions
- God's Story @ Home
- Blogs
- Calendar of Events
- Online Worship Video

### Facebook

- Every Monday morning join Pastor Sara for *Connecting with God*
- Every Wednesday with Pastor Kevin for *Wednesdays with Woestehoff*
- Facebook Live events in the near future!
- Online Worship Videos

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## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm, available online

Sunday Outdoor Worship September 13 through October 11  
8:30 am and 10:30 am

