

THE GROVE

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Fall Schedule for Outdoor Worship

Grab your chair or blanket and join us for safe, socially distanced worship on the beautiful grounds of FLC! Outdoor worship will continue at Farmington Lutheran Church on Sunday's from September 13 through October 11. Our fall worship times will change a little to allow time for our education classes to meet.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

8:30 am Worship Service

**9:30-10:15 am Sunday School FLCTIME
and Bible Studies**

10:30 am Worship Service

*Sunday, September 6 (Labor Day weekend) will be online,
virtual worship only.*



Jim Ollhoff, Director of Church Management Retires

Jim Ollhoff has announced his retirement on August 17th from his role as Director of Church Management (DCM). Jim's role as DCM has been one of handling day to day operations, personnel management, and executing strategies. The staff and myself appreciate his efforts, and his support of our ministry goals and a good work environment. We enjoyed a lunch in Jim's honor at our last staff meeting. As Jim retires on August 31st, we invite you to join in showing your appreciation for his service. Thank you, Jim!

Through these times of transition, we continue to be focused on carrying out our mission all people knowing God's amazing love. We are making adjustments to make sure that all ministry tasks will be covered.

Sincerely, Pastor Kevin Woestehoff



Welcome to FLC Sara Jensen!

Beginning August 31, Sara Jensen will be joining us at FLC as intern pastor for the next year. We are so excited to have her join us in ministry!

Be sure to look for Sara at worship and take a moment to introduce yourself.



HEAVENLY MUSIC HERE ON EARTH?

BY KARISSA DENNIS

One of my favorite scripture readings is Psalm 150. I sometimes try to imagine entering heaven to hear amazing music one cannot even dream of here on earth. Will we see and hear new instruments? Are there new chords and melodies that aren't possible where we are now?

Something about this psalm feels angelic to me since it is mentioned often in the bible about angels singing; though it seems to be asking us to praise God here on earth, now! The

closest I can imagine to this idea is Easter morning with a full brass ensemble, choir, bells, organ, and congregation belting out the song Jesus Christ Is Risen Today. This is Everyone praising God!

These are times when we miss gathering together, when large groups being together to sing and play instruments of praise feels like a long time away yet. But, can you imagine how the music will sound when we do gather again? How have our souls been moved and grown in 2020? Have our values and priorities changed? Has this brought us closer to God, family, and friends? I believe we will feel the music even more so when together as we appreciate each other and what we have missed, and it will truly be glorious!

Until that day, may we find peace in the quiet times and center

ourselves in prayer. Let us show the love of God to our neighbor in meaningful ways as we continue to connect creatively.

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

*Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty
firmament!*

*Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his
surpassing greatness!*

*Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and
dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing
cymbals!*

*Let everything that breathes
praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!*

WHAT'S ONE BOOK YOU WOULD RECOMMEND EVERY PERSON READ BEFORE AGE 30?



Kaylene Olund

The Shack

Katie Hietala

Crazy Love by Francis Chan

Connie Marnin

The Bible!

Krista Heinzerling

The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood

Garrett Haugen

To Kill a Mockingbird Harper Lee

Lacey Zelino

The Alchemist - pursue your own adventure to happiness, even if it takes you right back home again.

Jen Watts

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Ashley Shellum

The Messenger or *The Quilt* by T. Davis Bunn

Dawn Albrecht

Devotions From the Lake by Becky Painter

Rachel Kreger Harmon

Tuesday's with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Sue Miller

The Shack

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: LEANNE LAST children's ministry assistant

Hello everyone, my name is Leanne Last. Over the last 2 years I've had the privilege to help children grow in their faith as

Children's Ministry Assistant here at Farmington Lutheran Church and recently took on the role of Interim Youth Ministry Assistant. One of my main goals for the future is to use my BA degree in Children's Education and Religion from the University of Central Missouri to grow personally in my faith and help the Children and Youth of FLC.

My wonderful husband, Daniel and I have been married for almost 9 years and we have three beautiful daughters: Amberlyn, Addison and Abbygail. As a family we enjoy aviation, and hosting friends and family at our house. In the lovely chaos of my life, I rarely have time to myself but when I do, I enjoy relaxing in the fall weather and sipping on a Pumpkin Spice Latte. My hands may be full, but my heart is fuller.



GET TO KNOW THE FARMINGTON FOOD SHELF!



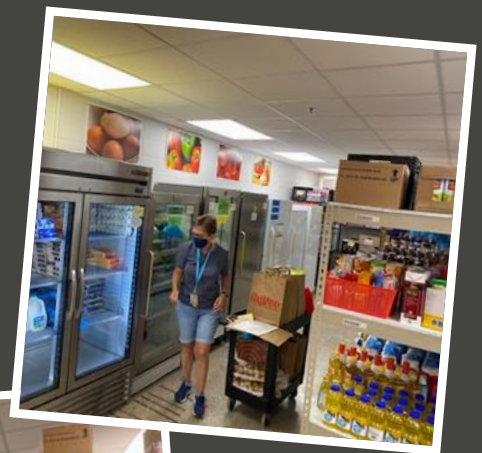
MONDAYS: MASKS AND GLOVES PROVIDED

- 10:00-12:00pm this shift: **Need 3 volunteers asap!** Food delivery 2-3 pallets of food to unload and help stock on shelves, Sort produce, shop for pre ordered client grocery orders.
- 12-2:00 (or 11:30-1:30) continue to stock shelves, shop for grocery orders, walk orders out to cars, check expiration dates on food on shelves and donations, sort/bag produce, face items on shelves, clean the food shelf.
- 2-4:00 (or 1:30-4:00) same tasks as above, put produce away, dump garbage's, disinfect carts, finish cleaning the food shelf, bring in signs and cones, check all cold units for closed doors.

Volunteers interested in being a shift or lead volunteer please email Cherie Rudolph at cherierudolph@charter.net and or Karen Brownawell rhpositive03@yahoo.com for details!

THURSDAYS: MASKS AND GLOVES PROVIDED

- **Need 2 volunteers 1 each shift ASAP!**
- 11:00-1:30 shopping, taking orders out to clients, restocking, cleaning
- 1:30-4:00 same as above, shopping, restocking shelves, putting away produce, bringing in sign and cones, vacuum, and checking cold unit doors closed.



FALL CONFIRMATION

KICK OFF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

6- 8 grade Confirmation youth and parents are invited to meet at FLC outside as we kick off a new season of Confirmation. Please bring your own chair and mask. If you still need to register please do so [here](#). For those not able to meet in person an online option will be available as well.

REGULAR CONFIRMATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 30 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

6 – 8 grade Confirmation youth, Guides and Junior Guides will meet outside for a regular Confirmation. Please bring your own chair, mask and Bible.

NINTH GRADE FAMILIES

Dates to please have reserved on your calendar are listed below. These are all tentative dates as of right now. We are excited to continue to walk with you and beside you on your faith journeys, and hopefully all be together very soon. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, prayer requests or if there is anything else we can do for you.

- September 23, 30, October 7, & 14 - 8 pm - Be a part of KOIN bonfires.
- September 26 & 27 - 9th grade retreat. In the event we are not able to have a full retreat we will have a day retreat at FLC on Saturday, September 26. This will be an important time to be together.
- Confirmation Services - Saturday, October 24, 5 pm & Sunday, October 25 at 1 pm. You will be able designate the service you prefer when you register.

**Don't Forget
Your Mask!**



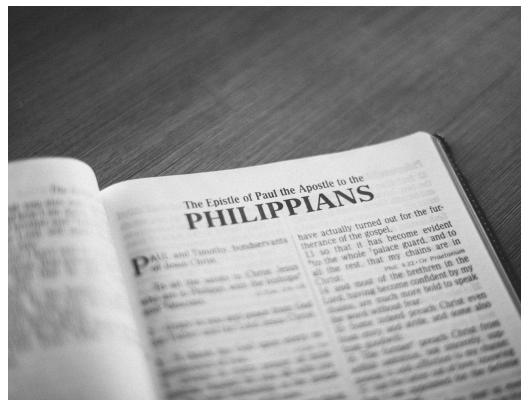


SENIOR HIGH BONFIRES

**SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23 & 30
8 – 9 PM**

Come enjoy snacks, fellowship, bonfire, and we will walk through Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Philippians is filled with instructions for everyday life. We will read about having joy, persevering, confidence, what to do when we are anxious and more. Bring your Bibles and we'll see you around the campfire.



FALL SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

FLC TOGETHER IN MEANINGFUL EDUCATION

Sunday and Wednesday Programming registration is now open! And this year we are introducing FLCTIME, FLC Together in Meaningful Education!

It will look different as we navigate through this pandemic. We are asking that at least one parent stay with the children and help move them to different areas. All staff and volunteers will be wearing masks and we are asking that others wear masks as well.

Sunday FLCTIME 9:30 -10:15 am [REGISTER HERE](#)
Wednesday FLCTIME 5:30-6:15 pm [REGISTER HERE](#)

We understand that you may not be comfortable with meeting in person at this time and will be putting up a virtual option for you as well. Please register under either Sunday or Wednesday school and choose which option works best for you.

Volunteers Needed!

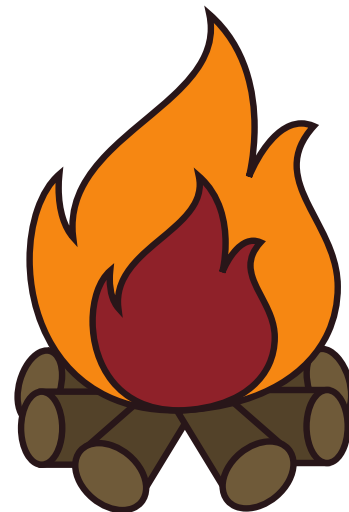
Have you thought about helping in Children and Family Ministries? Do you have the time to help read a story, help lead a discussion, sing/play the guitar, lead a craft, help lead a game or project? We are looking to fill a few positions for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Please contact Dawn for more information!

KiC EVENTS

4TH AND 5TH GRADERS!

KiC (Kids in Christ) is a group for our 4th and 5th graders. It is a mini youth group that gets together for fellowship, faith building, and fun! Our first event will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 6pm.

Please register for the KiC bonfire by clicking [here](#).



Milestone Events

MILESTONE EVENTS OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR STUDENTS AGES THREE YEARS OLD THROUGH 5TH GRADE. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING MILESTONE EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE

The Kindergarten Milestone was held on Wednesday, August 19. We had 20 kindergarteners attend with their families. Dawn and Pastor Kevin helped lead a parent discussion and Leanne read stories to the children. Karissa was there to help lead all in music. This event took place in Emmaus Grove.



upcoming milestone events

FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE

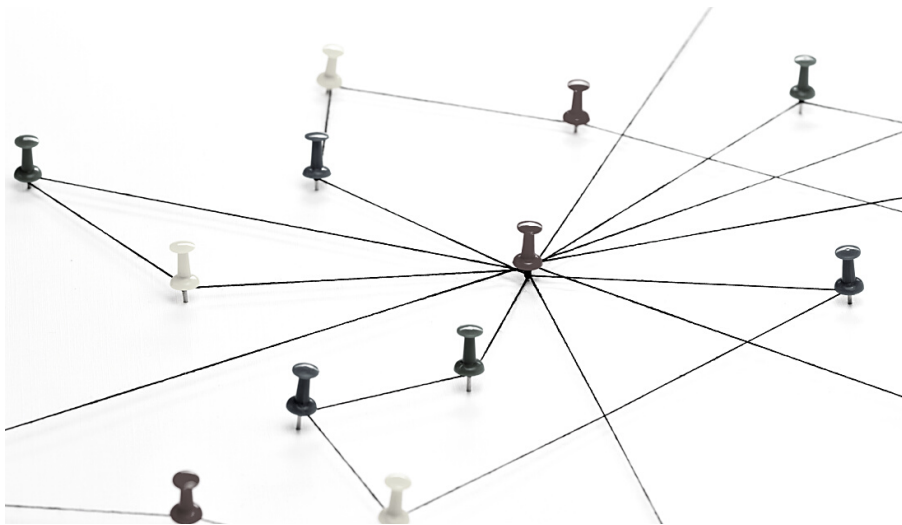
First Communion Milestone for those in 6th grade will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Dawn by September 1 to join in this special service. Thank you.

NEW BEGINNINGS MILESTONE

For children age 3 - 2nd grade

Is your child just starting church programming? We have our New Beginnings Milestone scheduled for Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 am. We will be handing out Bibles to the children at this event. Register [here](#).



THE GROVE UPDATES

Email and newsletter updates are shared regularly with anyone who would like to stay up to date on the happenings of FLC.

The Grove Newsletter is a monthly publication that is shared at the beginning of each month. In these publications, you will find information on past and future events as well as blogs, devotions and ministry team news. If you would like to get a hard copy of this newsletter mailed to you, please contact Linda in the church office and she will get one sent to you each month.

The Grove Email Update arrives in email inboxes every Tuesday. This is an abbreviated version of our monthly newsletter. You will find information on events that will occur in the next few weeks, as well as links to find out more information.

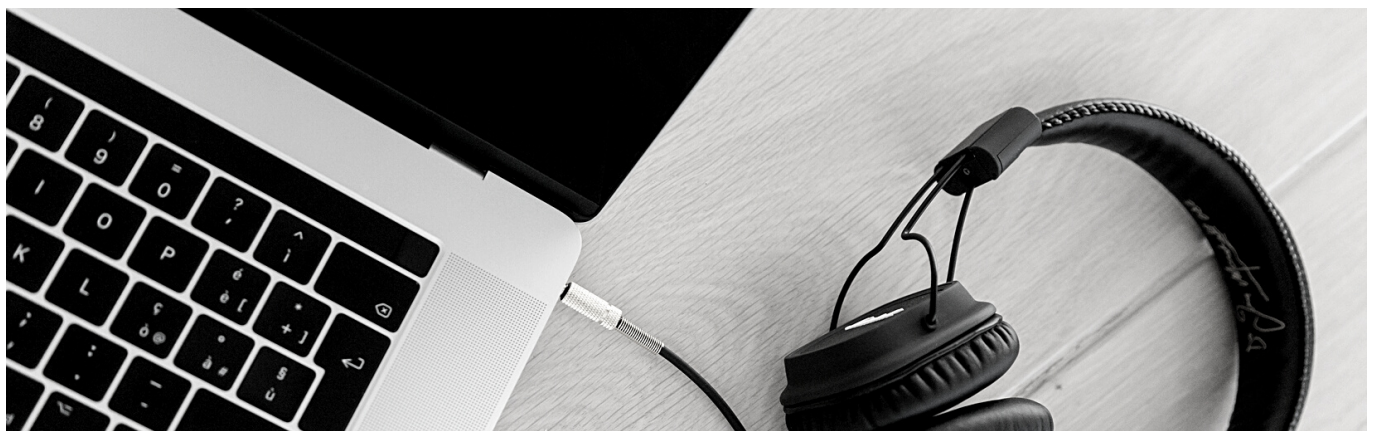
If you'd like to sign up for either of our newsletters please visit us [here](#).

HOW CAN YOU STAY CONNECTED?

Farmington Lutheran is working hard to ensure you are feeling connected while staying safe and socially distancing. Every week worship is available online starting Saturdays at 5:00 pm on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and our website.

Throughout the week, stay connected through devotions, Wednesday with Woestehoff messages, Bible stories with Dawn and more!

Also, we now have our worship sermons podcast! Did you miss the weekend's video? Or would you like to listen while driving? Search "Farmington Lutheran Church" wherever you get your podcasts and tune in today!



ONLINE WORSHIP

Virtual worship is available every Saturday at 5:00 pm. Click the link below to view the most recent worship service.

[WATCH HERE](#)



BIBLE STORIES WITH DAWN

Children's and Families Ministry Director, Dawn Albrecht shares Bible stories on both our YouTube and Facebook pages on Wednesday evenings. Click the link below to watch the most recent story!

[WATCH HERE](#)

WEDNESDAYS WITH WOESTEHOFF

Every Wednesday, Pastor Kevin Woestehoff shares a short devotion or message on our Facebook page. You can find current and previous videos under our video library by searching "Wednesdays with Woestehoff". Be sure you set your notifications to let you know when new videos or posts are shared!

[WATCH HERE](#)

Just A Minute

(for spiritual growth)

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

(Paraphrased from an article by Daniel Rebant)

Some of the most quoted words of the Bible are from the Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, verses 1-8:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and
a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

This sacred list from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 represents all the seasons and the important changes of our lives. Some are happy times, others sad; some are productive while others seem wasteful; some inspire peace and others bring pain.

All of them are necessary for us to learn, grow, and evolve as spiritual beings. Their appearance is not by accident. If we look closely enough, each experience reveals a loving, divine purpose that we can learn to trust.

If we respond to each storm from the “eye” of God's presence within, where perfect peace and wisdom dwell, we will emerge even stronger, wiser, and freer than before. We will be transformed.

Written by Linda Morris

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm, available online

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

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