
FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // APRIL 2021

THE GROVE





Maundy Thursday

5th Grade First Communion

As a community of faith, the pastors, ministry leaders, and members of Farmington Lutheran Church celebrate the following communicants for sharing in the Lord's Supper for the first time. May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you in faith from this day forward. Welcome to the Table of the Lord, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Emily Atwood
 Gus Becken
 Zoey Bittner
 Elsa Bonde
 Adalyn Burggraaff
 Addyson Duff
 Riley Gary Fricke
 Amelia Goblirsch
 Jenna Goblirsch
 Joseph Hambrecht
 Hayden Hammer
 Megan Florence Henry
 Savannah Hockett
 Khloe Hogan
 Gavin Holmquist
 Tyler Hultgren

Reed Johnson
 Mckenna Kadlec
 Addison Kain
 Sara Krueger
 Henry Lemer
 Colton John Luchsinger
 Madison Lynch
 Luke Manthei
 Wyatt Markeson
 Hayden McMurphy
 Kate Miller
 Lily Nelsen
 Nathan David Nelson
 Blake Nicolai
 Lucille Frances O'Connor
 Stephanie Joy Ohaks
 Nora Paige Olson

Cohen Rodney Peerboom
 Taylor Jacquelyn Risch
 Brooklyn Slick
 Carson Smith
 Carter Steven Stember
 Ariana (Ari) Strickler
 Wesley Toensing
 Cody Traynor
 Ryan Steven Tschetter
 Jillian Van Dorn
 Jon Francis Van Hecke
 Olivia Skye Viegut
 Jayden Webinger
 Kendra Wick
 Luke Woestehoff
 Logan Wylie





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2021 Easter Lily Garden

Sara Jensen, In Memory of Alice Johanson and Kaaren Johanson

Shelly Thelen, In Memory of Mike Wilson

David Schmidtke, In Memory of Dale & Arlene Schmidtke

The Rinke Family, In Memory of Norma Nelson, Dan Nelson and Larry Nelson

Karen Brownawell, In Memory of our parents, Pat and Lyle Johansen and Bob and Ruth Brownawell

Michelle Weed, In Memory of my father, Milo Quinnell

Marc Karrmann, In Memory of parents, Sharon & Marc Karrmann

Paul & Linda Landwehr, In Memory of Debbie Betzold and Connie Dahl

Ruth Olson & family, In Memory of Al Olson

Thomas & Carolyn Ryan, In Memory of Our Parents

Greg, Pauline & John Seurer; Kevin & Kaylene Olund, In Memory of Edwin & Josie Seurer

Kari Lubbers, In Memory of John Lubbers & Ann Strong by Chris & Kari Lubbers

The Mauer Family, In Memory of Jessie's mother, Peggy Van Zanten

Joe Jr. & Marilyn Emond, In Memory of Dr. Joe Sr. & Clara Emond; James Phillips & Michael Phillips

The Woestehoff Family, In Memory of Dorothy Woestehoff

Diane House, In Memory of My Husband Jeff House

The Brock Family, In Memory of Robert and Jean Martin

Kay Gray, In Memory of my Dad Bill Brenner

Greg & Cindi Newman, In honor of Jackie Hazzard, Helen Pellish, Judy Newman, Richard & Rosalie Werner

Greg & Cindi Newman, In Memory of Willard & Ester Newman, Arnold & Agnes Wikkerink, Larry Newman, Michael Pellish, Clarence & Lucille Werner

Janice Rollag & Berik Kallevig, In Memory of Oliver and Arlene Rollag

Lois Luecke, In Memory of David Luecke, Mabel & Ed Schwanebeck

Robert Lubbers, In Memory of Our Parents

Susan Brinkman, In honor of the volunteers during the Covid virus

The Fernandes Family, In Memory of Betty Wrobel, Norb Wrobel & Francis Fernandes

Marilyn Briesacher, In Memory of my Husband Wayne Briesacher

Russell LaVan, In Memory of my Wife Cindy LaVan

Marilyn Nyberg, In Memory of Donald Nyberg

Troy Grengs, Brent, Heidi & Family, In Memory of Ruth Grengs

David, Linda Morris & Family, In Memory of Katie Anne Morris; Willie Morris; Betty Morris, Dale Mellesmoen & Duane Mellesmoen

Dave & Merry Briner, In Memory of Our Parents

Holly Hins, In Memory of our cousin Prad Peden, Grandma & Grandpa Hins, Neuharth, Sanderson, & Pierson

Georgia Larson, In Loving Memory of Roger Larson

HE IS RISEN!

2021 Easter at FLC



CHILDREN'S MILESTONE EVENTS

Wow! March 2021 was a whirlwind of a month! We had the 4th grade Apostles' Creed and the 5th grade First Communion. Check out these pictures and the awesome creed that the 4th graders put together.

We believe that God made the world, and heaven, and that God has room for everyone. We believe that God the Father created everything and loves everyone. We believe that God is always there, everlasting, and will help us in greatest need.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. We believe that Jesus loves, cares, and helps guide us. Jesus died on the cross and He rose from the dead. Jesus forgives us. Jesus showed us the way of life.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is all around us and lives with us all no matter what. The Holy Spirit makes us feel that we are not alone. The Holy Spirit helps bring light to people and is in our hearts and minds.



CHILDREN'S MILESTONE EVENTS

5th grade First Communion Milestone Event
Saturday, March 20, 2021



FLC TIME

Wednesday Evenings: April 17, 21, and 28 (5:30-6:15pm)

Sunday Mornings: April 18 and 25 (9:30-10:15am)

FLC Time had a Palm Sunday parade on Sunday, March 28! The students made palm leaves and put on a parade throughout the education wing. Our FLC Time also made Easter decorations for our friends at Trinity Care Center.



FALL PROGRAMMING registration is open for FLC TIME! Get signed up now and check something off your list for the fall.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Be on the lookout for some sporadic family friendly events throughout May - August.



SUMMER 2021:

YOUTH & CHILDREN OPPORTUNITIES

ADVENTURE TRIP TO COLORADO

Dates: July 31- August 8

Location: Colorado

Cost: \$750.00 (fundraisers available)

This pays for everything for the trip except for meals to and from Colorado.

Grades: currently in 8th through 12th

MISSION TRIP TO BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

Dates: June 19 - 26

Cost: \$655.00 (fundraisers available)

This pays for everything for the trip except for meals to and from Michigan.

Grades: currently in 8th through 12th

CAMP EMMAUS

Dates: May 21 & 22

Cost: \$35/child

Grades: currently in 2nd or 3rd grade

Time: 7-10 pm on the 21st and

9 am - 2 pm on the 22nd

Location: Due to Covid-19 we are not able to host an overnight event. *Registration will close on May 1

VBS

Dates: July 19-23

Cost: \$35/child

Grades: Pre-K* - entering 4th

*Pre-K class -

3 years old and toilet trained

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Location: FLC

KIC ROCKS!

***Time Change

Dates: July 19-23

Cost: \$35/child

Grades: Entering

5th and 6th

Time: 1 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: FLC

(other locations TBD)

[SUMMER 2021 CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



SPRING FUNDRAISERS



PLANT SALE

ON SALE NOW - APRIL 14, 2021

Spring is here! Get all of your flowers, plants, vegetables and herbs and support a great cause- senior high mission trips! Orders can be submitted electronically by visiting this [link](#). Orders should be in by Wednesday, April 14. Orders will be delivered to Farmington Lutheran on Saturday, May 1. If you have any questions please contact Kristine at kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com



BUTTER BRAIDS

ON SALE NOW - APRIL 18, 2021

Don't miss out on these yummy, one of a kind pastries. Proceeds will go toward youth summer trips. Orders will be delivered to FLC on Wednesday, May 5. Contact Kristine at kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com with any questions.

[click here to order](#)

CONFIRMATION UPDATES



We are excited to say that Confirmation will resume in person beginning Wednesday, April 14 from 6:30–8 p.m. at FLC.

Confirmation will meet each Wednesday through May 5. Students should wear their mask and bring their Bibles and offering. We will continue walking through the Old Testament.

Large group lessons will either be live streamed or recorded for those uncomfortable attending in person.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM CONFIRMATION SERVICES

Saturday, May 15 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 15 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 16 10:30 am

Sunday, May 16 1:00 pm

9th Grade youth and families will meet for this special day to celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism. If you still need to register please visit farmingtonlutheran.com/youth.



Wednesdays, 8–9 pm

High school students! Come, enjoy games, fellowship, faith discussion and more. This spring we will explore some of Jesus' teachings and how to apply to our lives.





ON WHAT DO WE FOCUS

Written by Linda Morris

Feeling unsettled. Searching for purpose. Doubting our gifts. Busyness of life. Pandemic. Missing loved ones. Too much togetherness. Anxiety. Am I enough? All these things I have felt within myself over my lifetime, but especially over the past 13 months. All these things I have heard others tell of their struggles with also.

God tells us to turn to him. To live above our circumstances and seek Him in the midst of it all. He tells us not to get caught up the busyness of life so much so that we are too busy to invite Him in.

The Lord has promised to meet our needs, our deepest need being one of His Peace. When we sit still and allow ourselves to feel God's

presence in our hearts, that is when we feel most at peace.

Am I enough? The Lord tells us that in Him we are complete. He created us, every one of us, knowing each hair on our heads. To what end does it serve to not believe when God tells us we are complete?

In this world that we currently live in it is difficult to quiet our soul long enough to hear God's voice speaking. What we talk about matters. What we pay attention to grows exponentially. Our God is an awesome God ~ you are blessed in all your efforts to seek Him out. The Spirit of the Lord within us will allow us to face whatever the day brings our way confidently.



Livestream Worship

The 10:30 am Sunday worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube and the FLC website. Just like the videos in the past, these livestream videos will continue to be available to you at any time that you would like to watch them. If you are interested in helping with our livestreaming or running worship screens please reach out to Jen at jen@farmingtonlutheran.com.

Worship Updates

Farmington Lutheran's Reopening Committee continues to closely monitor the guidelines shared by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health. We have increased our worship capacity as well as some of our classroom capacities.

It is so great to have our children's and youth programs meeting together again in person. We have missed seeing everyone and are so grateful for your patience and understanding as we continue to adjust our protocols and procedures.





Tithe.ly

NEW GIVING AT FLC

We are so excited to share that we are transitioning all of our online giving at FLC over to a new platform - Tithe.ly! This transition will allow us to combine our giving records, church database, registrations, volunteer sign up and more all in ONE PLACE!

In order to make this transition smooth, we need your help!

The first step will be to discontinue your current recurring giving through SimplyGiving. If you would like for our office to discontinue this recurring payment for you, please send us an email or give us a call to let us know and we will take care of that for you. Otherwise, you can do that by following this link: [SimplyGiving](#). After you log in you will see "My Scheduled Transactions". To the right of your recurring giving you will see a "delete" option. Choose the "delete" option to

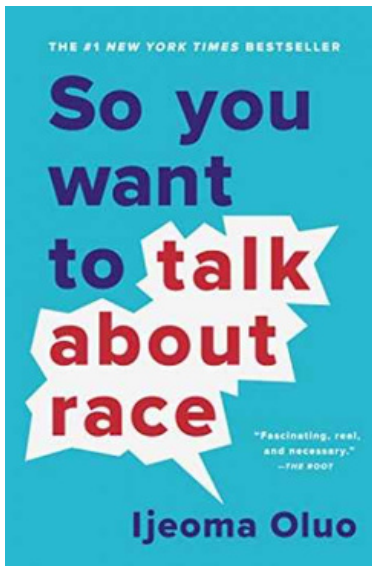
discontinue future recurring giving payments. Please know that scheduled withdrawals begin processing on Tuesdays each week, with a withdrawal date on Thursdays. Please schedule your new giving accordingly to avoid double withdrawals.

The next step is to register on Tithe.ly. It only takes a few minutes to set up, and has the option to use either a bank account, credit card or Google Pay. You can find that link here:

Tithe.ly Giving

We encourage you to use the top right button labeled "sign up" to set up an account that you can continue to log in and access in the future.

We so appreciate your help in this transition! If you have any questions at all or need assistance please do not hesitate to reach out to us!



BOOK CLUB

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, MAY 2 & 16
10:30 AM, OUTSIDE AT FLC**

We've all had moments of discomfort around the topic of race. The most powerful solution is education. And it is OUR job to educate ourselves about this.

Join a group of like-minded people in the FLC community to learn more about issues that affect people of color in our community. Peter Elliot and Rachel

Harmon will facilitate discussions about the book "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Olou.

The group will meet three Sundays outside (weather permitting) beginning April 25 from 9:30-10:30 (Mother's Day excluded.)

Books can be purchased for \$9 through the church office or you can obtain your own copy. Book club is open to anyone ages 18 and older.

[Click Here to Register](#)



GOOD MORNING GOD

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study will begin meeting again on Monday, May 3 at 9 am. We will begin with a study of the women of the New Testament. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Phyllis Blee at pblees@toast.net before April 16th as the books will be ordered the following week. Where we will be meeting (indoors or outside) will be decided closer to the date of our first meeting.

DID YOU KNOW?



ACORN UPDATE

FLC's weekly email update has a new name- The Acorn! In an effort to continue to improve our communications, our email updates will now be known as The Acorn and this monthly newsletter will continue to be called The Grove.

Are you getting our weekly email updates? If not you can sign up [here](#), or email Jen at jen@farmingtonlutheran.com.



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Indoor Worship, Please Reserve Your Spot Online

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestreaming at 10:30 am



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