

THE GROVE



DRIVE IN WORSHIP WAS FUN, BUT WE'RE MOVING INDOORS!

Indoor worship resumes Sunday,
February 7 and 8:30 am and 10:30 am.
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FROM THE STAFF: Reflections on 2020

Dawn Albrecht

Many can say that 2020 was a hot mess, but I look at it as a time of growth. I spent time reflecting, learning, praying, and trying new things to help grow and evolve our ministries at FLC. It was a time to read, research, reflect, and pause. What if we tried this or how about changing how we _____. Did we struggle with some ideas ABSOLUTELY! Did we find new ways to do what we once did? ABSOLUTELY! I had to overcome the fear of being in front of adults while making changes to FLC TIME and had to put myself in front of the camera. I kept praying that God would hear our prayers and help guide us each step of the way.

Intern Pastor Sara

What I hope to take from 2020 is an increased attentiveness to God's voice: to be able to hear the clear promise of comfort and healing through the fogginess of anxiety, pain and continued uncertainty; to be able to hear God's guidance as we discern God's vision for us versus our own; and to trust and move confidently when God calls us down that path to which we can not see the end.

Leanne Last

2020 forced me to slow down. This is something that is not always easy to do, but when you can't do much you naturally slow down... after I got some home projects done of course. I always play the role of Mommy to 3 beautiful girls, but this past year allowed me to enjoy the little humans that my girls are. Sometimes days were great, some days very trying, but I learned to grow in patience, understanding, and selfless love. In 2021, I hope to continue to slow down so I can keep these precious relationships with each of my girls.

Jen Watts

Looking back on 2020, I learned to use a pencil instead of a pen! Plans and schedules were always changing. Flexibility was definitely a lesson our family took from the year. From work schedules, to home offices, to distance learning, we were adapting all the time. I hope I can continue to take life changes in stride in the future.



Kristine Clemens

Looking back on 2020 I am grateful for so much. I am grateful to be working with such an amazing team of people who support each other and care so much for FLC. I am grateful for technology and that we can keep connected in that way. I have and will continue to be learning more and more about technology & social media and how we can use those platforms to share messages, games and devotions and keep people feeling connected and supported. As I reflect back on the past year, I am excited to move forward. I am excited to see how God will continue to work, continue to guide us and to continue to share His love and grace with others.

Linda Morris

The year 2020 will be remembered as a year that was easy to bid farewell. While it is easier sometimes to point out all that is wrong with something, I am grateful for things born in this time. I have seen a return to families sitting down for meals together. Reaching out to others in new and innovative ways, more phone calls, zooms, FaceTime. Less hectic schedules, more time for reading, hiking, cooking, baking. The reassurance of God's love for us, the best gift of all. The gift that keeps on giving, through the good times and the 2020's of our lives.

Karissa Dennis

The year of 2020 was unlike any other, one that no one could have predicted. Never did I think that there would be a world-wide pandemic where activities would pause...where we would all be secluded from friends and extended family for safety reasons. This past year taught me to slow down and re-evaluate what is important to me and what I should prioritize. It showed me the value of quiet time versus racing from one event to the next. It taught me the importance of connection with others, even if it was only possible virtually. It has shown me how time together should not be taken for granted. My eyes have also been opened to racial injustice and white privilege. I have learned how important it is to advocate and speak up for equal rights. Educating myself about our nation's history and the change we want to see in the world is something that I realize is long overdue. I am hopeful that we can unite in love and care for others as Jesus taught us. I look forward to a year of connection in 2021, making a meaningful difference and impact in our community and world!



KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE



INDOOR WORSHIP RETURNS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 8:30AM AND 10:30AM

We are so excited to get back together in person and indoors! You can expect the same level of safety and sanitizing precautions that we had in place the last time we worshipped together indoors. **Online worship will continue to be offered each week as well.** If you are interested in attending in person, please register your party ahead of time by visiting us [here](#).

REVIEW THE INFORMATION BELOW PRIOR TO WORSHIP

- 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

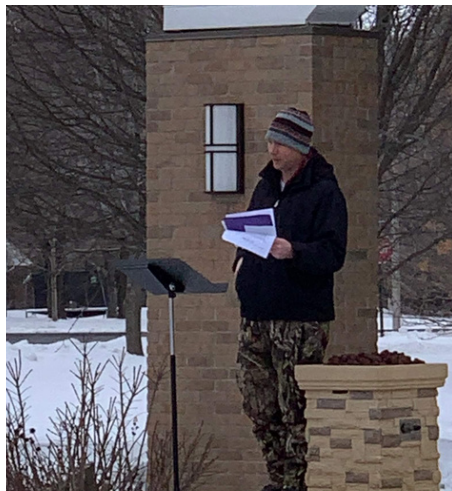
We ask that you DO NOT attend worship if you answer "yes" to any of these questions:

- 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?

2021 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual Meeting took place on Sunday, January 31 and looked very different from previous years. The meeting had two format options, both Drive-In and a virtual Teams meeting. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

You can view this year's Annual Report by visiting us online [here](#).





2021 CHURCH COUNCIL

At the annual meeting on Sunday, January 31 the following FLC church council members were elected and approved. We are so grateful for their time and commitment to FLC and our ministries.

Council President

Greg Newman

Council Vice President

Chris Lynch

Council Secretary

Kay Halstrom

Council Treasurer

Dennis Watson

Council Members

Peter Elliott

Blaine Kadlec

Andrea Tschetter

Brandon Meyer

Liz Grossman

Julie Amdahl

Ajay Cook

Rachel Harmon

CHILDREN'S MILESTONE EVENTS

Last month we held our PRAYER event for our First and Second Graders. The First Graders learned all about The Lord's Prayer and the Second Graders learned more about PRAYER and experienced different ways to pray.



SUMMER 2021 CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Camp Kick Off will take place on Sunday, February 7. We will have our activities up for registration at that time. Check the website often, as we may add more fun events.

**YOU CAN NOW
GIVE ONLINE
DIRECTLY TO
CAMPERSHIPS TO
HELP SEND OUR
YOUTH TO CAMP!
VISIT US HERE**

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

WAPO BIBLE CAMP

Camp Wapo Week

Dates: June 27- July 2

Cost: \$495/child

Grades: Completed 4th-8th

*Parents will need to transport to and
from Camp Wapo

**Priority registration ends February 28

Seeds at Wapo

Dates: July 8-10

Cost: \$200/child

Grades: completed grades 1-3

*Parents will need to transport to and
from Camp Wapo

**Priority registration ends February 28

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)

FLC TIME is BACK (with just the kids for now)! Wednesday night programming for those in prek-5th will begin February 3. Sunday morning programming will begin February 7. The online option is here to stay. Need to bounce back and forth between in person and online...no problem. Please let us know.

No programming on Wednesday, February 17. Please join us in person or virtually for Ash Wednesday services.



SAVE THE
date

5TH GRADE ORIENTATION
FOR FIRST COMMUNION
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH
20. ALSO, REMEMBER TO
SAVE THURSDAY, APRIL 1
FOR THE MILESTONE.

CONFIRMATION AND KOIN UPDATES

Confirmation has continued to meet virtually this past January and will continue to in February.

Youth have been journeying through the Old Testament. It has been fun to learn about God's faithfulness and all of the amazing things God did in and through people like Ruth, King David, King Solomon and the prophet Elijah. In February youth will learn about Ezra, Esther and Nehemiah.

KOIN

Senior high students have and will continue to meet on Wednesday's from 7:30 – 8:30 via Zoom. Koin is a great way to connect with each other, play games, worship and dig deeper in the Bible. We will begin meeting in person once guidelines have been loosened.

6th & 7th grade youth will not meet regularly during Lent (February 17 – April 4). All are encouraged to attend Holden evening prayer services (in person or virtually) and participate in the Lenten service project. Kristine will also share weekly devotions during Lent to keep us connected as well as occasional virtual game nights.



8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION LENTEN FAITH MENTORING PROGRAM February 17 – April 4, 2021

8th grade Confirmation youth will participate in this program during Lent. The program is designed for youth to get to know an adult in the congregation, meet together, learn about each other and grow in faith. Because of current COVID 19 restrictions the program will look a little differently this year.

Youth should choose a faith mentor. Because of COVID 19 restrictions youth have the option of choosing a household family member to meet with in person at home. Option two is to choose an adult member of the congregation to meet with virtually or in person following safety guidelines. A discussion guide will be provided to guide

conversations together all centered around our Lent theme “What is love?”.

We will have a mentor orientation on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. As of now the orientation will be virtually via zoom. The link will be sent out to families as the date gets closer. Please take some time to think and pray about who you would like to be your faith mentor. Once youth have a name (either parent or FLC member) please email name to kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com.

Questions? Contact Kristine Clemens at kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com.



“Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever.” 1 Chronicles 16:34

You Have to Love Both Ends of the Dog

LINDA MORRIS

February – wow – how did you get here so quickly?

February is the month of Valentine’s Day. The reminder of love. But this is the commercial version of love. The artificial version of love. The kind of love that is flowery and showy with all the best put forward. Is that the kind of love God asks us to have for one another?

When I was young my grandparents had a wonderful dog named Duke. Duke was a big dog, a bull mastiff/boxer mix. Oh, how we loved Duke. He was silly and strong. He loved to play and pull us on a saucer at the

park in the winter. Such a friend he was. We loved everything about him.... well, except cleaning up after him (they did not have poop bags then) or feeding him was a production too. That is when my grandpa would say, “You have to love both ends of the dog, Pinde.” You show love not only in the times that are cute and fun, but in the times that are messy and difficult.

I think that’s how God wants us to love each other. Not the artificial love we see a lot of these days. Not only in the good and easy times. God wants us to love as He loves. God wants us to love one another when it is messy and difficult.

Just A Minute (for spiritual growth)



TRUST

KRISTINE CLEMENS

Throughout my time as a youth director I have been a part of many “trust activities”. Usually these involve a couple of people, one is blind folded and they have to trust the un blindfolded person to lead them to a designated location safely. When taken seriously these can be a pretty powerful activity and reminder of the importance of placing the same trust in God. Trusting Him to lead and guide us even though we can’t see him or even hear Him at times. This

past month we have been learning about Psalms and Proverbs, two great books in the Old Testament.

The book of Proverbs is a book of wisdom. I encourage you today with a passage from Proverbs 3:5 - 6 “Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Wherever your heart is today, whatever is on your mind, take a moment and place your trust in the Lord and find Him making your pathways straight.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Available Online, Saturday 5:00 pm

Indoor Worship, Please Reserve Your Spot Online
8:30 am and 10:30 am

