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FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // MARCH 2021

# *THE GROVE*

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Easter Lily Donations can now be made in person, online or mailed to the church office. We need many lilies this year, as we will have a beautiful large lily cross in the Gathering Space! Please sign up in memory or honor of a loved one. Thank you for your support and generous donations!



## what is love?

LENT 2021

### INTERN PASTOR SARA JENSEN

What is Love? This is our theme for Lent and there are so many ways we could answer this question. Love is central to our most important call as Christians. As Mark tells us in chapter 12, our first commandment is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and the second commandment is to love our neighbor as ourselves. (29-31)

Sometimes it is really easy to love someone else. When someone is kind, giving and loving toward us it is easy to love that person. When someone is similar to us and we understand them and see and experience the world in similar ways, it is easy to love them.

But when someone is not kind or loving, or when we do not see the world the same way that they do, it can be really hard to love them. But, again, that is what we are called to do.

During this season of Lent, we will explore ways in which the hard work of loving the neighbor can be done. We'll talk about humility, listening, begin uncomfortable, telling the truth and healing. Together we will explore what it means to love God and to love our neighbor.

# 2021: LENT AND EASTER

worship times and sign up information

Easter worship services are scheduled to meet in person this year and we are so excited! To ensure safe, socially distanced services we are asking that you *RESERVE YOUR TIME ONLINE*. Sign ups online will be available starting next week. Masks are required. Please do not arrive to services more than 10 minutes in advance to ensure time for worshippers to safely enter and exit the building as well as the necessary time to sanitize.

HOLDEN WORSHIP  
Wednesday Evenings  
Feb 28-March 28  
7:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY  
Sunday, March 28  
8:30 am  
10:30 am

FIRST COMMUNION  
Wednesday, March 31  
5:30 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
*First Communion*  
Thursday, April 1  
5:30 pm  
7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY  
Friday, April 2  
7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY  
Sunday, April 4  
6:30 am    8:00 am  
9:30 am    11:00 am



# 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!

# SUMMER 2021

Late spring and summer activities are ready for you and your family to sign up! Please visit our website or follow the link below to sign up for all activities.

**[SUMMER 2021 CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

## 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)



# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

FLCTIME WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES IN MARCH:

Sunday FLC TIME: March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th  
9:30 am -10:15 am

Wednesday FLC TIME: March: 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th  
5:30-6:15 pm

## UPCOMING MILESTONE EVENTS

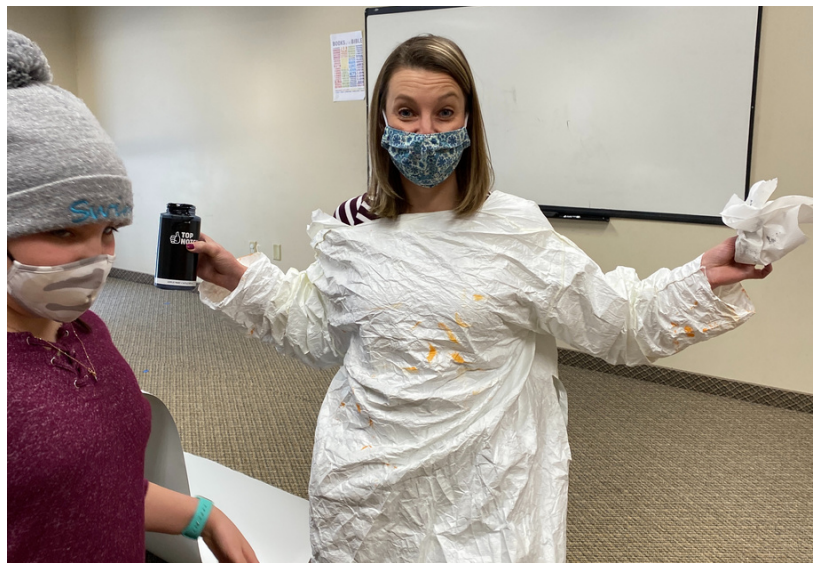
4th Grade Apostles' Creed event is on Wednesday, March 17th.

5th Grade First Communion Orientation is on Saturday, March 20th.



# FLC TIME

We are so grateful for our FLC Time volunteers who help make each week fun and impactful for our youth. You are so appreciated!



# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!



## 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

## 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



**DON'T MISS THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES OF SERVING, ADVENTURE, FRIENDSHIPS, FUN, GROWING CLOSER TO GOD AND SO MUCH MORE. THESE TRIPS ARE OPEN TO CURRENT 8—12 GRADE YOUTH.**

**VISIT [FARMINGTONLUTHERAN.COM/YOUTHSUMMER2021](https://www.farmingtonlutheran.com/youthsummer2021) FOR ALL INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER!**





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# 8th Grade Lenten Faith Mentoring Program

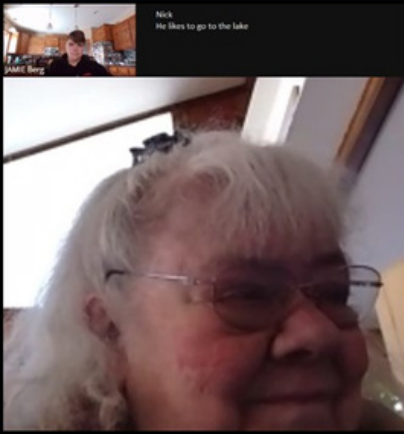
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LENT 2022



Over Lent 8th grade youth are participating in the Faith Mentoring Program. Youth meet with their mentors 4 or more times during Lent. They are discussion Guides with weekly questions, devotions and activities all centered around our Lenten theme "What is Love".



this is my commandment to you,  
love one another as I have loved you  
John 15:12



*linda morris*

# PREPAREDNESS IN THE LONGER DAYS

Lent means longer days, the ground is getting softer, even ground still hidden under snow. Lent means something is changing, and our priorities will change too, sometimes whether we like it or not. Soon the weather rollercoaster will begin for farmers: they will need to be ready to plant on the days when they can plant and willing to wait on the days when the weather does not wish to cooperate. Lent is the season of preparing. Readyng ourselves for what is to come, even when we cannot always see clearly what it is that is coming.

The season of Lent is accompanied by the lengthening of the days. Opening windows, letting in life and death, the things we cannot control. It means going to the cemetery and standing in the mud and snow and grass, where the pain and the hope are mixed together. It is a time of waiting and preparing.

The work of a pastor and church during Lent - Holy Week is

immovable, even if you have three funerals the same week. What Must Get Done, and what is simply Elective becomes crystal clear. Priorities change. You give things up in order to grieve and rejoice and speak a word of hope to people. You realize, again, that relationships are important, and that, all appearances to the contrary, there is an awful lot of life you have no control over. Preparation is the key to being ready, no matter the circumstances.

Lent leads to spring. The time when hope springs eternal. The time when the Hope of the Resurrection is realized. Are you prepared?

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

# MUSIC UPDATES

Thank you, Holden musicians, for your leadership during our Wednesday Lent services! We are grateful for your musical gifts and time.

Please contact Karissa if you are interested in providing special music after Easter, as she will be looking for musicians throughout the Spring and summer months. You are welcome to record a song at home or provide music in person during Sunday worship services.



Wooden plexiglass barricades are on the music stage to protect the congregation and each other from aerosol spread during this time.

Joyful Ringers resumed rehearsals on February 24, masked and socially distanced in the choir room. They meet weekly from 7:40-8:20 pm after Holden worship, and will move to an earlier Wednesday rehearsal time after Easter. There is potential for moving outside under the portico like last Fall when the weather is nicer.



# live stream worship sundays at 10:30 am

## DID YOU KNOW?

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](mailto: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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