
FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // NOVEMBER 2021

THE GROVE

MOVING MOUNTAINS

Stewardship Appeal 2022

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

MOVING MOUNTAINS

“Moving Mountains” is the theme of our Fall Stewardship Appeal. Together as the people of God we carry out a mission for all people to know God’s amazing love. Our hope is for you and all people to know the love of Jesus and for our faith to shape our lives. As we think of the challenges everyone faces, our mission is as vital and determined as ever! God’s mission needs a people who have a faith that can move mountains!

In the weeks ahead you’ll continue to hear more about our ministry hopes for 2022. We have some important initiatives to carry out this next year. Bulletin inserts, temple talks, videos, letters and a brochure will provide more information.

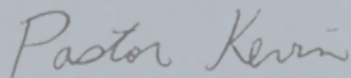
Thank you for your financial support of the mission of Farmington Lutheran Church. **Your financial gifts are indeed the fuel for our ministry** programs and efforts. This mission would not be carried out without you and your support. **Thank you!!!** In a couple of weeks you will be invited by letter to consider increasing your offering for the coming year. **Please pray about this request** and consider what your generous response could be.

Then, on Stewardship Sunday, November 21 we will present our Statements of Intent. You may present your Statements of Intent during the 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. worship services, mail it to the church office, or complete your intent online.

Let’s live out our partnership to keep people connected to God and each other. Let’s give thanks for what we have in Jesus and then prayerfully consider how we can support and further this ministry.

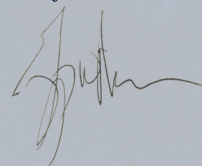
Thank you for the privilege of being on this journey with you. Together in ministry, we can Move Mountains!

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

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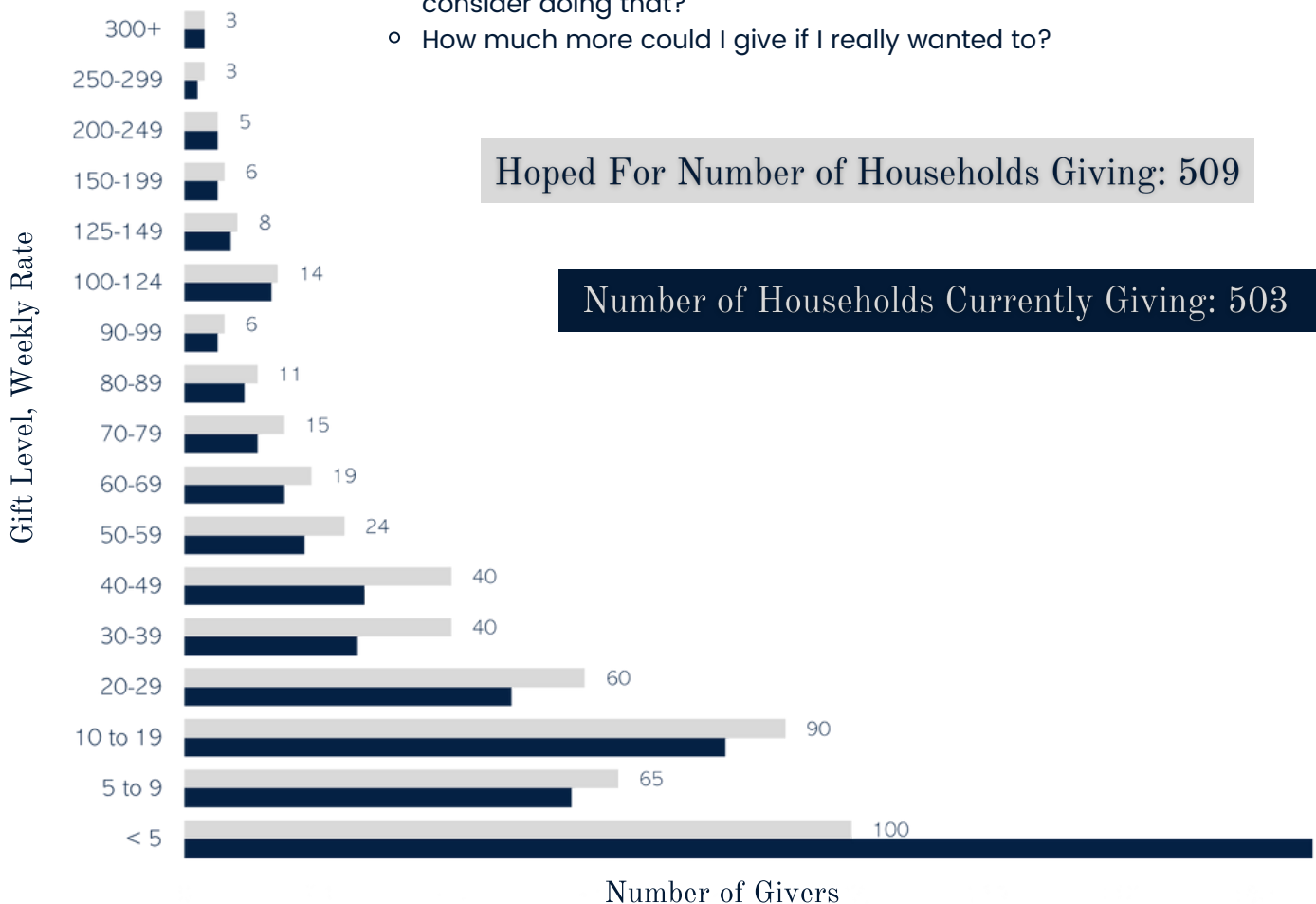


Greg Newman, Council President

APPEAL GOAL FOR 2022: INCREASE OFFERINGS BY \$95,000

The charts below point out where we are now and how we can reach our goal. Study the charts. See where you are now on the current giving chart. Ask yourself these questions:

- How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my offering reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my giving? And can I consider doing that?
- How much more could I give if I really wanted to?



Use the camera app on your phone to scan the QR code, follow the link to complete your 2022 Statement of Intent online.



Trunk or Treat

On October 29, FLC hosted it's 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat Event. We had over 20 cars decorated and over 400 participants show up this year! It was a fantastic night filled with games, laughter, and lots of treats!



EVERY MEAL
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

Children's offering for the month of October and Trunk or Treat donations were combined to an amazing total of \$425.65! This money will go to the EveryMeal program at Riverview Elementary to be sure students and families have food during weekends and holiday breaks.



KiC EVENTS

Kids in Christ

All 4th and 5th Graders are invited! Bring a friend!

On Sunday, October 17 4th and 5th graders met at Farmington Lanes for an afternoon of bowling!



COMING UP NEXT

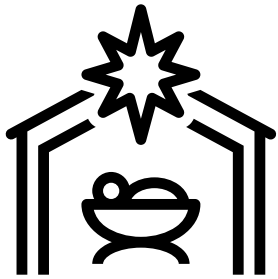
KiC THANKFUL PARTY

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Join us on Sunday, November 21 from 12-3pm at FLC! We are having a Thankful party. Come hungry and ready for fun and fellowship. Wear your favorite football gear (or not) we hear there is a big game that day. The cost is \$10. We never want cost to be an issue, so please contact Dawn if assistance is needed. Register [HERE!](#)



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas program is coming! Dawn Albrecht, Director of Children's and Families Ministries is looking for a few readers for the program this year. If you are interested in reading during the program, please email Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com.



There is also a need for actors/actresses, but there is a twist this year. We won't be practicing ahead of time! All participants can come the day of the worship services (Sunday, December 12) and grab a part. We will have everything available for you that day! All ages are invited and encouraged to participate in the program this year.

Contact Dawn for more details!



3RD GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE

The 3rd graders received their new BIBLES. Pastor Kristen and Dawn showed the children (and families) how to find the different books of the bible, chapters, and verses. They practiced looking up different scripture verses and were sent home with resources to help them at home. The 3rd graders will continue to use their bibles in class and at home.

All are invited to see the 3rd graders receive a special blessing on Wednesday, November 3 or Sunday, November 7 during worship services.



FLY

Farmington Lutheran Youth

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 CONFIRMANDS!

Last weekend, on Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31, 64 ninth grade youth celebrated their Confirmation at 3 different Affirmation of Baptism Services. The youth take part in 3 years of confirmation, and yearly retreats prior to these Confirmation Services.

Congratulations to the Confirmation class of 2021!





Upcoming Events



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 9:00AM - 2:30PM FLC SANCTUARY

Masks are required by everyone over age 3.
Farmington Lutheran Church is hosting its Harvest Market Craft Sale on Saturday, November 6 from 9am-2:30pm. Start the day with a warm cinnamon roll and coffee while you shop from a variety of vendors. This year's vendor goods include homemade quilts, rugs, mittens, knitted and crocheted items, barn art, cards, seasonal items, kitchen tools and organization, books and much, much more! Lunch, refreshments and baked goods will also be available for purchase.



Congregational Care Informational and Brainstorming Meeting

Join Pastor Kristen this Sunday, November 7 between worship services to learn more about our Congregational Care Ministry and to brainstorm for the future! All are invited to meet in the Fireside room about 9:30am.

PANEL DISCUSSION EVENT

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8
6:30 PM
FLC SANCTUARY**

Please join us to learn more about issues affecting our neighbors in Farmington and surrounding communities when we host a panel discussion focusing on racial justice, LGBTQIA+ issues and mental health awareness featuring members of our local community.

Six local panelists will share their stories and connection to the issues addressed as well as answer questions. We encourage participants to submit questions prior to the evening of the panel. Use this form to submit an anonymous question.

Sponsored by Social Justice Ministry. Contact Rachel Harmon at rachelkharmon@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Farmington Lutheran Church
Social Justice Ministry Presents

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR: AN EVENING FOR UNDERSTANDING

Join us for a panel discussion about racial justice, LGBTQIA+ issues and mental health awareness in our community.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.
IN THE FLC SANCTUARY

MASKS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*Why is it important?
What would you like to see
in the future?*

Adult Spiritual Growth Meeting

Join Pastor Ben on Sunday, November 21 between worship services to learn more about our Adult Spiritual Growth Ministry. Pastor Ben will discuss the importance behind why we need spiritual growth, and will look for ideas on what the congregation would like to see in the future. All are invited to meet in the Fireside room about 9:30am.



**THRIVENT
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Thank you to Thrivent Financial for their support at our Annual Craft/Bake Sale. With the seed money we received from Thrivent we were able to purchase the supplies needed for our lunch. If you'd like to find out more about how Thrivent can help you with your next fundraiser and/or event, please let me know at pwrucke@gmail.com - Pat Wrucke (Not a employee of Thrivent, just another member)

WINTER GEAR DRIVE



It's that time of year again! FLC is collecting new and gently used items for our local school district and surrounding communities. You can drop off items in the bins in the gathering space during office hours, Wednesday evenings, or Sunday mornings. All sizes needed!

FOOD SHELF NEEDS



The Farmington Food Shelf is in need of some supplies to help families in our community have a safe and secure holiday season. During the month of November we will be hosting a food drive to help supply those things that are in need. With the help of a generous gift from Thrivent Financial, we will be able to match donations to the food shelf. Can you help by bringing your gifts and putting them in the bins in the coat areas of the gathering area throughout the month of November. Items especially in need are the following:

- Diapers size 5 and 6
- Baby wipes
- Conditioner
- Muffin mixes
- Small jars of peanut butter
- Spaghetti/Pasta sauce
- Baked beans
- Boxes of Stuffing/Stove Top
- Boxed pasta (anything but spaghetti)

FILL MY CUP, LORD

WRITTEN BY LINDA MORRIS

A sign on a nearby church read: "Fall for Jesus – He doesn't Leave!" That reminder sat with me for the past few weeks, and I was reminded each time I drove by it.

This past weekend was Confirmation weekend, and the scripture verse was chosen specifically with that in mind. Not just for the confirmands, but for each and every one of us – the children of God. Matthew 28: 20, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Pastor reminded us how we all want to feel like we belong, we fit in. Perhaps we hold back on asking a question or answering one because we don't want to look/feel foolish. The last story he shared was of the woman at the well who went to draw water during the hottest part of the day hoping to avoid encountering anyone who would chastise her for their perception of her and her past. She had had five husbands and people did not take the time to know her and her real story. They did not know the pain she held within because she was being judged. However, she gets to the well and Jesus was there. Normally the two of them would not be conversing together, Jesus being a Jewish Rabbi and the woman being a Samaritan. But they had a conversation that transcended all boundaries, and the woman was changed forever. Jesus showed up when she needed it most and spoke about Living Water. It seems the definition of Living Water could be – to be understood. Jesus says you are worthy, just as you are!

The song is one I first heard back in 1982, a dark time in my life where this song truly resonated with me and has stuck with me ever since. A time when I felt alone, grieving, and feeling like no one understood me or what I was going through. I was reminded of this song, this scripture verse and was uplifted by the knowledge that even when life is difficult, unbearably so, God is with us always. He loves us just as we are! Such comfort! Thank you, Lord!!

Fill My Cup Lord

Verse 1

*Like the woman at the well I
was seeking
For things that could not
satisfy
And then I heard my Savior
speaking
Draw from my well that
never shall run dry*

Chorus

*Fill my cup Lord I lift it up
Lord
Come and quench this
thirsting of my soul
Bread of heaven feed me till I
want no more
Fill my cup fill it up and
make me whole*

Verse 2

*There are millions in this
world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things
afford
But none can match the
wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ
my Lord*

Verse 3

*So my brother if the things
this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't
pass away
My blessed Lord will come
and save you
If you kneel to Him and
humbly pray*

CCLI Song # 15946



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TRANSITION ONLINE GIVING

Thank you so much to everyone who has transitioned their online giving to Tithe.ly! If you haven't made the switch yet, please do so as soon as possible!

If you would like for our office to discontinue your SimplyGiving 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.

If you would like to cancel it on your own, after you log in to SimplyGiving you will see "My Scheduled Transactions". To the right of your recurring giving you will see a "delete" option.

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!

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestreaming at 10:30 am



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