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FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // OCTOBER 2021

# *THE GROVE*

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## FALL PROGRAMMING IS HERE!



**SUN. & WED.  
FLCTIME**



**CONFIRMATION &  
KOIN**



**CHILDREN, YOUTH  
AND ADULT MUSIC**

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OCTOBER  
FIRST  
WEDNESDAY  
WORSHIP

OCTOBER 6, 2021  
FIRST WEDNESDAY  
WORSHIP- OFF SITE!



JOIN US AT THE  
HOMECOMING PARADE!

Meet by the library around 5:45, parade starts at 6!

October's First Wednesday Worship happens to fall during Farmington's HOMECOMING WEEK! Instead of meeting at FLC for worship, we're heading to the parade and hope you'll join us! Plan on meeting around 5:45 near the library! We hope to see you there to support our Farmington youth!

First Wednesday Worship will be back at FLC on Wednesday, November 3 at 5:30.

FOOD SHELF RESCUE DRIVERS NEEDED

What a Farmington food shelf rescue driver opportunity looks like:

- Choose the day you are volunteering on Sign-up genius
- Arrive with a truck/van at the Target on pilot knob road around 7am on the Saturday you signed-up for
- Load boxes of produce, deli, bread and other groceries in your truck/van
- Deliver the boxes to the Farmington food shelf (510 walnut street) by 7:30am
- Unload boxes, weight & record temp
- Help with breaking down boxes, gather trash and compost
- Help with sorting if needed
- Usually done by 8:30am

If interested, please contact Shelby Lunzer via email [slunzer29@gmail.com](mailto:slunzer29@gmail.com) or text 612.250.9403

# WELCOME PASTOR KRISTEN & PASTOR BEN EISELE!

We are so excited to share that Ben and Kristen Eisele have accepted a call as Pastors of Intergenerational Ministries at Farmington Lutheran Church! The call was for a 1.0 full time position, so the two will be sharing the role. We look forward to them joining us in mid October!

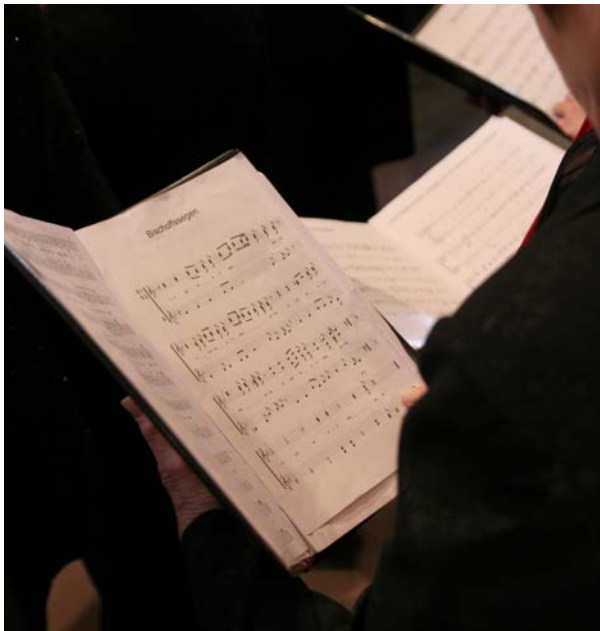


**Be sure to join  
us in worship  
on Sunday,  
October 10 as  
Pastor Ben  
shares a  
message.**

Greetings, Farmington Lutheran! We're Kristen and Ben Eisele, and we're so excited to be joining you this fall as your new associate pastors. Coming along for the ride are our three children - Evelyn (nearly 6), Gabriel (nearly 4), and Clara (8.5 months) - and our cat, Bart.

When not parenting or pastoring, Kristen enjoys yoga, reading, all things HGTV, (although house hunting in the current market is challenging that love,) cooking and baking, and time outside, doing everything from walking to weeding. Ben likes the outdoors, too, (not so much the weeding,) as well as games of all sorts, working out, craft beer and testing his limits for daily coffee consumption. This move brings us closer to much of our family, and we're looking forward to spending time with them and with you, as we settle into life in Minnesota. We welcome your prayers during our transition, and we will be keeping you in ours. See you soon!





## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

*We'd love to have you join our Wednesday night music programming! No need to sign up in advance, contact Karissa Dennis with questions.*

*Alleluia Bells: 4th-8th Grade  
5:00-5:30 pm- Choir Room*

*Sonshine Singers: Preschool-5th Grade  
5:00-5:30 pm- Sanctuary*

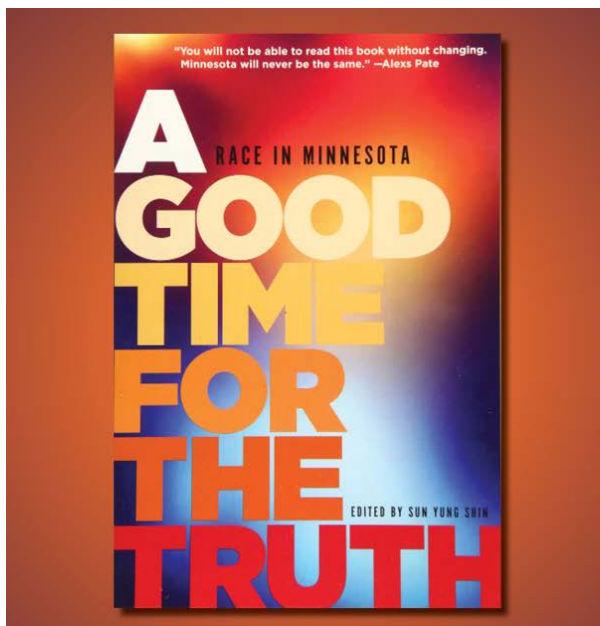
*Youth Band  
5:45-6:15 pm- Sanctuary*

*Adult Sanctuary Choir  
7:15-8:15- Choir Room*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*No Childrens' or Youth Programming on the following dates:*

*October 6, 2021  
October 20, 2021  
October 24, 2021*



## BOOK STUDY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

*For the next two weeks, between worship services on Sunday mornings, the group is meeting to discuss the book "A Good Time For The Truth: Race in Minnesota".*

*Special thanks to Rachel Harmon and Peter Elliott for leading the group discussions.*

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 - 9:40 AM

Youth and Family Director Kristine Clemens invites you to join her as she shares about mental health. She will share some statistics, some of her personal stories, resources, warning signs, and present tools for caring for loved ones who live with mental health concerns.



## MASK UPDATE

As Children and Youth programming is ramping up to return this week, our Reopening Strategy Team has been in communication with one another and staff to ensure we have a safe and fun year together!

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the Reopening Strategy Team has followed the guidance of our local school district concerning our children, youth and family events. At this time, we will be requiring masks for everyone during programming times for youth age 3 through 8th grade on Wednesday evenings and during Sunday FLCTime.

We are recommending facemasks regardless of vaccination status. Facemasks will continue to be recommended but not required for all ages during Sunday worship services.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you again for your support and understanding.

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# FALL PROGRAMMING BEGAN SEPTEMBER 22!

We are so excited to have Sunday morning and Wednesday night programming back in action! Children's, youth and adult music, FLCTime, Confirmation and KOIN are all off to a great start to the year!







**If you missed registration, don't worry, we have a place for you! Contact one of our Director's to get registered or to answer any questions you have.**

Director of Children's and Family, Dawn Albrecht at [Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com)

Director of Youth and Family, Kristine Clemens at [Kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:Kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com)

Director of Music Ministries, Karissa Dennis at [Karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:Karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com)



## 3rd GRADERS

3rd graders and their families will be invited to participate in the Third Grade New Bible event. This milestone will take place during class time. We are waiting for Ben and Kristen Eisele to start at FLC so we can all be a part of the milestone event together! Please look for an email announcement in the near future.

**KiC: Kids in Christ**  
4th and 5th graders  
Sunday, October 17  
1:00-3:00 pm

We will be heading to Farmington Lanes for a fun afternoon of bowling!

Please register for this event as we have to turn in our numbers a week in advance. Register [HERE](#)



**Sunday and Wednesday FLC TIME is up and running. Did you miss the sign up? We have room for you!**

**Are you new to FLC TIME and need a Bible? Contact Dawn at [Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com) for more information.**

Grab a friend and join us! All ages are welcome!

# Trunk or Treat

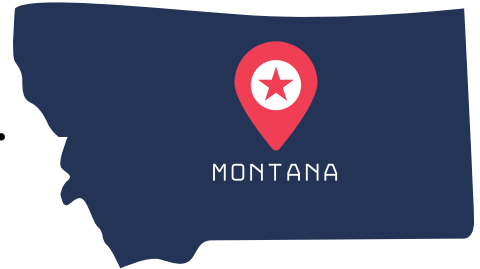
**Wear your Halloween best!**  
**Friday, October 29 5:30-7:30 pm**

If you'd like to decorate a vehicle, you can sign up for that [HERE](#).





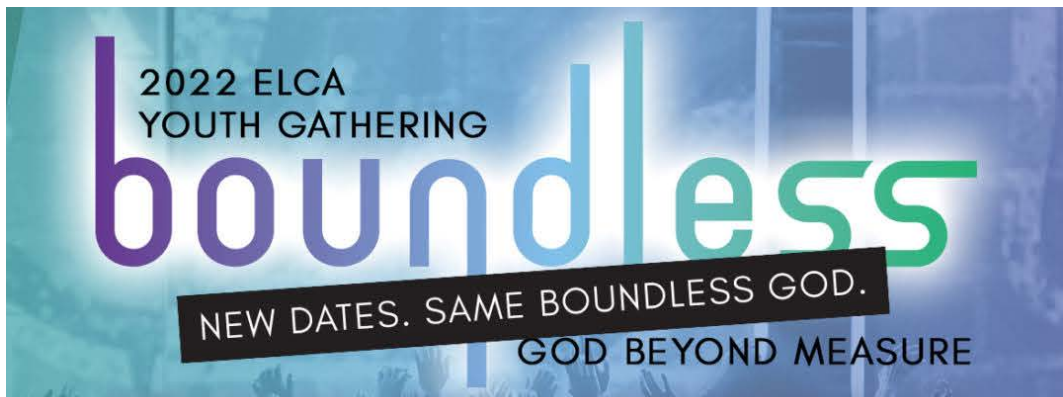
## **MONTANA SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP** **July 9 – 16, 2022** **Informational meeting Sunday, Oct. 3 at 9:45 am.**



Serve this summer in Montana! We will partner with an organization called Service Learning Camps (SLC). We will meet at FLC Saturday, July 9 and travel to Montana. We'll spend the first night in Rapid City, SD. The next day we'll get to Billings, MT. Billings, is known as Montana's Trailhead, located on the Yellowstone River, with views of mountain ranges in each direction.

We will serve that week with these organizations: Tumbleweed Youth Homeless Services, Family Services (various services for all ages), Friendship House, Summer Camps and various other organizational outreach agencies connected with United Way. The week will end with a surprise Friday Funday.

Youth currently in grades 8 – 12 are invited to be a part of this experience.



## **SENIOR HIGH ELCA YOUTH GATHERING** **JULY 24 – 28, 2022** **Informational Meeting on Sunday, October 3 at 9:45 am.**

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. This year's youth gathering will be in Minneapolis, MN. For more information visit [elca.org/nationalyouthgathering](http://elca.org/nationalyouthgathering).

Youth currently in grades 8 – 12 are invited to attend this great experience.

# CONFIRMATION KICK OFF

Confirmation kicked off on Wednesday, September 22nd. It was a wonderful night to gather again. The theme for Confirmation this year is "God's Chosen, Holy and Beloved".

Our theme verse is Colossians 3: 12-14 "Therefore as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all this put-on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

## 9th GRADE RETREAT

9th Grade Confirmation retreat took place September 24 - 25 at Camp Friendship in Annandale, MN. Youth and adults enjoyed a wonderful time together participating in games, creating Confirmation stoles, quiet time with God, walking through the small catechisms, reflection on the Confirmation experience and how we will continue on in faith and service long after their Confirmation service. Thank you to all students & parents for this great weekend.

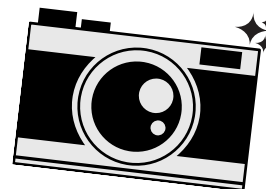




## **9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION NIGHT OF SHARING**

**Wednesday, October 26 &  
Thursday, October 27  
6:30 – 7:30 pm**

As part of preparing for their Affirmation of Baptism Confirmation service each 9th grader will complete a faith project. All students will present their project at one of the Night's of Sharing. All are invited to come and listen to our 9th graders. Each service will also be live-streamed. 9th graders presenting should arrive by 6:15 and dress nicely. Contact Kristine at [kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com) with any questions.



## **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & PHOTOS**

**Saturday, October 30  
11:00 am**

Students and guardian(s) of students will meet at FLC at 11:00 am for rehearsal and to have Confirmation photos taken. Please come dressed nicely. Rehearsal will last approximately 1 hour.

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## **CONFIRMATION, AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SERVICE** **Saturday, October 30 at 5:00 pm** **Sunday, October 31 at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 1:00 pm**

9th grade Confirmation students will affirm their baptism on this very special day. Confirmands should arrive 20 minutes prior to the service that they will be confirmed at. Youth should dress nicely (same as rehearsal), put on their robe and stole and meet in the Gathering Area. This service is a very special service and pivotal point in your faith life. There will be a time during the confirmation service for each youth to come forward for a "laying on of hands". Youth are encouraged to invite family, friends and other mentors in their faith life to be a part of this special moment. All services will be live-streamed.

# BE THE LIGHT

As I sit contemplating the arrival of autumn, the fall equinox, I am reminded that on this day for a moment there are equal hours of daylight and darkness. Then the swift spiral to long, longer, longest days of darkness begins... until the Winter Solstice...the longest night....and then we climb back out of the darkness into the light.

The Winter Solstice is the festival that's mentioned the most times in the Bible! It is when Jewish people remember that they depended on God for all they had after they had escaped from Egypt and spent 40 years in the desert. It also celebrates the end of the harvest.

In the Bible, light has always been a symbol of holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, grace, hope, and God's revelation. By contrast, darkness has been associated with evil, sin, and despair.



How can we live in the light of Jesus? Light gives us life. Christ's light is like that. Christ teaches us in scripture that faith keeps the darkness at bay. ... The good news is that Christ's light gives us life, and in turn we can share Christ's light with others when their light grows dim, or darkness overwhelms someone close to us. Share the goodness, grace, and mercy of our Lord and Savior. Be the light in someone's life...let it shine!

Written by Linda Morris

*"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:15-16*

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## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sundays 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestream available at 10:30 am



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