

FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // SEPTEMBER 2021

# *THE GROVE*

STARTS THIS WEEK,  
SEPTEMBER 1 AT 5:30PM

# FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

5:30 PM FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



# WELCOME PASTOR KRISTEN AND PASTOR BEN EISELE!

We are so excited to share that Ben and Kristen Eisele have accepted a call as the new associate pastors at Farmington Lutheran Church! The call was for a 1.0 full time Associate Pastor position, so the two will be sharing the role. Ben and Kristen are currently in ministry with three congregation campuses in South Dakota. We look forward to them joining us in mid October!





# FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

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Join us this fall for First Wednesday Worship services at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary!

All are invited to come and join us, and help us learn more about our Lord and Savior. We plan to have music, prayer, a message, activities and offering during this time.

We are so looking forward to this time together building relationships with each other, having caring conversations, and working together for the larger community. We will see you Wednesday, September 1 for First Wednesday Worship!



## Donations to Garland Hall

Special thanks to Julie Amdahl and Nancy Lysholm for their talents in sewing beautiful dresses and pillowcases for Garland Hall in Jamaica. Garland Hall is an orphanage that serves the Montego Bay area. On Sunday, August 8 between worship services, donations were collected to help with the cost of shipping and supplies for future projects. We are once again overwhelmed by the generosity of this congregation and happy to share that over \$600 was raised for this outreach project. A shipment of over 60 dresses and 36 pillowcases are on their way to Garland Hall in Jamaica.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## PROGRAMMING BEGINS

Fall children's and youth programming begins September 22. Be sure to visit our website for registration for Sunday FLCTime, Wednesday FLCTime, Confirmation and music opportunities!



## WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Sunday, September 12, 2021 begins our fall/winter worship schedule. Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday morning worship at 8:30 am or 10:30 am!



## THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Supporting your community is easy with Thrivent Action Teams. Apply to lead a group in a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. Thrivent provides a customized kit of resources to get you started. Contact Pat Wrucke, our FLC Thrivent contact with any questions on Thrivent Action Teams or Thrivent Choice Dollars! [pwrucke@gmail.com](mailto:pwrucke@gmail.com).

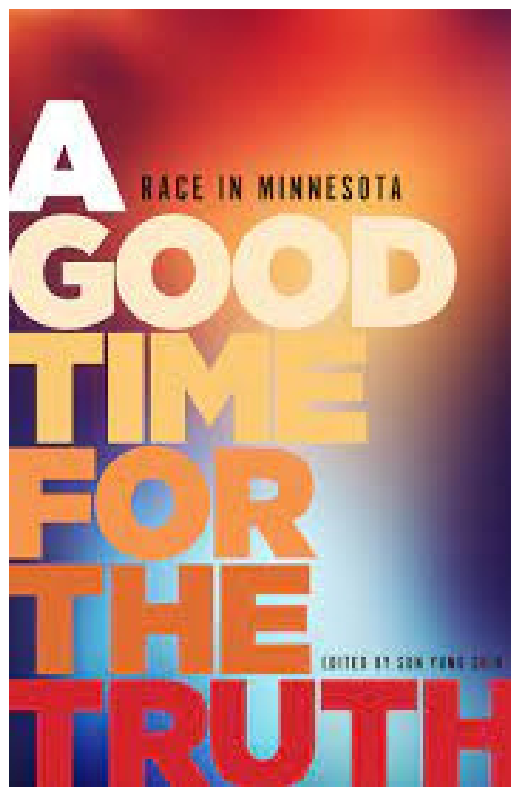
# Book Study: A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota

“In this provocative book, sixteen of Minnesota’s best writers provide a range of perspectives on what it is like to live as a person of color in one of the whitest states in the nation. They give readers a splendid gift: the gift of touching another human being’s inner reality, behind masks and veils and politeness.”

In this study we will look at particular essays and will alert participants to which essays to read ahead of time. Books are available to borrow (14 available first come first serve) or you can purchase your own copy online. Copies on loan will be available on a shelf near the social justice lending library in the Fireside Room. Please fill out the check out form so we can track the borrowed books.

Book study begins Sunday, September 26 between services. It will run 3 weeks: September 26, October 3 and October 10. There is also an online option Monday evenings at 7 p.m. September 27, October 4 and October 11.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY MEETING**

Sunday, September 19  
9:30 am Fireside Room

Stop by the fireside room for the first Social Justice Ministry Meeting, all are welcome!



Confirmation registration is currently open for youth entering grades 6 - 8. We have so many hopes and prayers for each young person and their families. Throughout Confirmation each young person will learn the foundations of the Lutheran faith. This will include the Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed, as well as parts of the Old and New Testament. Confirmation is also about building and creating lifelong friendships within Confirmation small groups and within the Confirmation family. Register at [farmingtonlutheran.com/youth](http://farmingtonlutheran.com/youth)

## **Confirmation Guide and Junior Guide Training Wednesday, September 15 6:30 pm**

All Confirmation small group Guides and Junior Guides will meet for yearly training. We will meet in the Sunshine Room.

## **Confirmation Kick Off Wednesday, September 22 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

All Confirmation youth and guardians are invited to this year's Confirmation Kick Off. Join us Wednesday, September 22 as we begin a new season of Confirmation.

6th grade youth and guardian(s) will meet together for the first 3 Confirmation sessions (September 29, October 6, October 13) with Pastor Kevin in the Sanctuary from 6:30 - 7:20 pm.

Beginning October 27, 6th grade youth will join their fellow confirmands and attend large and small group from 6:30 - 8:00 pm without guardians.

## 9th Grade Affirmation of Baptism Confirmation Services

Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm

Sunday, October 31

8:30 am, 10:30 am and 1:00 pm

This special milestone for 9th grade youth and families will take place on Reformation weekend. Register [HERE](#).



## 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat September 25 – 26, 2021

9th grade youth are expected to take part in the Confirmation retreat. We will meet at FLC at 9:00 am on Saturday, Sept. 25 and head to Camp Friendship. The time away will be spent participating in large and small group times together, games, making Confirmation stoles, and more. This time is very important. **Please make this retreat a priority.** We can work with schedules if you need to come and go. Register at [farmingtonlutheran.com/youth](http://farmingtonlutheran.com/youth).

## COLORADO ADVENTURE TRIP

The Senior High Colorado Team returned back to Farmington Lutheran safely on Sunday, August 8. The team of seven enjoyed a wonderful week together. The week was spent backpacking, hiking and camping in the mountains of Colorado.



The team was lead by two experienced guide in partnership with Rainbow Trails Lutheran Bible Camp. Thank you for all of your prayers and support.





# KOIN

Wednesdays  
starting  
September 8  
8 – 9 pm

Youth entering 9th grade – 12th grade are invited to be a part of KOIN. This fall we will be exploring different social issues for a portion of KOIN, we will also play fun games and enjoy yummy food. 9th graders will attend Wednesday's leading up to their Affirmation of Confirmation. Contact Kristine Clemens at [kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com).

# FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

*On Thursday, August 11 several FLC middle school youth and families served at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. The team packaged meals that will be delivered across the world to those that are in need.*







# FOOD SHELF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Farmington Food Shelf is looking for people interested in committing to 2-4 shifts a month on Thursday afternoons. They are also in need of help with early Saturday am rescue from the Pilot Knob Target.

Email [farmingtonmnfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:farmingtonmnfoodshelf@gmail.com) with questions and/or interest!

## FALL MUSIC Wednesday Evenings

Sonshine Singers 5:00- 5:30pm

Alleluia Bells 5:00-5:30pm

Youth Band 5:45-6:15pm

Joyful Ringers 6:30-7:15pm

Sanctuary Choir 7:15-8:15pm

**SIGN UP HERE**



If you have questions or are interested in getting involved contact Karissa Dennis, Director of Music Ministry at [Karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:Karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com)

## IN BUILDING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES GALORE

Have you ever thought about helping a group of awesome young people? Has it been on your heart to do something around FLC in the Children and Families Ministries area? We are looking for 6th graders – adults to come and help lead and/or assist small groups of children. The lessons are all planned for you (you can see them ahead of time) and most materials are readily available. Do you know someone that would be a great fit? Could you and a friend do it together? We are looking for people to lead/assist on a weekly or biweekly basis.

We need help Wednesday evenings from 5:20-6:20 and Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:20. Email, call, or catch Dawn at church with any questions.

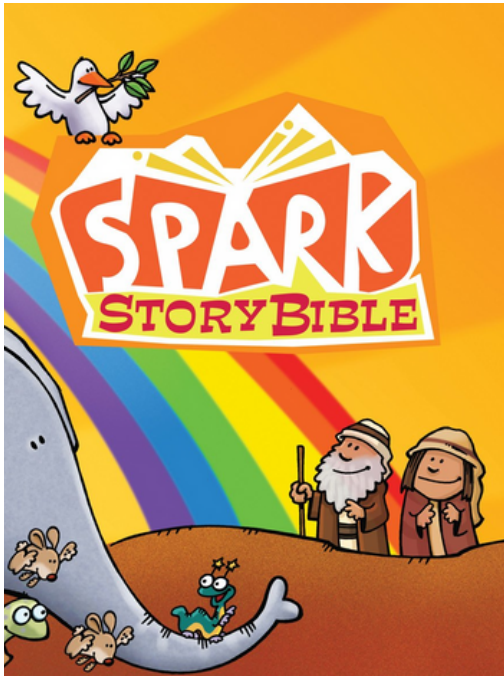
Do you like to make copies? Find supplies? We are looking for one or two people to help prep materials for Sunday and Wednesday FLC TIMES. Please let Dawn know if you are interested in helping throughout the year.

Sunday FLCTime and  
Wednesday FLCTime  
Registration is now open!  
Sign up today!  
[CLICK HERE](#)



**SAVE THE DATE for the  
TRUNK or TREAT event at FLC!  
Friday, October 29**

Do you want to deck out your car or truck and pass out treats to the children? Watch for a sign up to go out in late September. Do you want to help plan this event? Please see Dawn right away.



## NEW BEGINNINGS MILESTONE

**Pre-K through 2nd Grade**

**Sunday, September 19**

**9:30 am Education Wing**

Milestone Event for those just entering Sunday and Wednesday School or for those that are new to Farmington Lutheran and in grades Pre-K through 2nd.

Not sure if this event is for you? Contact Dawn today and she will guide you. Please register for this event as your child will be given a bible to keep.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

## KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE EVENT

We had a blast hanging out with our KINDERGARTEN friends and their families! We spent time creating a flat self and talking with one another. The kindergarteners listened to a story and created an art project with the Lynch family. The parents had time together to share their thoughts and feelings of their children heading off to school. They also gave us ideas on what would be helpful from us (the church) to support them in their faith journeys. We are grateful to be partners in ministry together!





## SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Linda Morris

I came across the Homily written for my father-in-law's, Willie Morris, Memorial Service. It described well my father-in-law in his life, but also gives a great description for how we, as God's people, should live. Here is an excerpt from his message:

"Matthew's Gospel speaks about having balance in our lives. Jesus encourages us not to focus on storing up treasure for ourselves on Earth; but to share our treasures with others and in this way we store up treasure in heaven. Jesus says, "your treasure is where your heart will be"; and Willie's treasures were in his family, in his friends and the work of his hands which he shared generously with others. When Jesus speaks about what is important in life, he tells us not to focus on the clothes we wear, or how the necessities in life will come to us; which is so hard for us to comprehend, since those are the things that sustain our lives. But in retrospect, Jesus says, trust that the Lord will provide those things that you need and that we oughtn't worry about the things we cannot control. Jesus said, be concern with what you can control...such as caring for others, working for a strong community, sharing hospitality,

and living into the gifts we have to make the world a better place. In the Old Testament lesson from Ecclesiastes, we hear that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. The rhythms of life ebb and flow; the good times come as do the lean times; the times of building up and times of sharing. Willie seemed to have a solid understanding of who he was in the scheme of life. To hear his children talk, he was not perfect, but he was grounded. He understood the world as well as any of us can, and he used his energies for the treasures that rust and moth could not destroy."

Make Jesus the center of your life, and he'll provide the stability, control, and power you need for your life. The Bible says, "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33 NRSV). Put Jesus in the center of your life. Let him direct your life, influence it, empower it, and give it stability. Do that, and all the other areas of your life – from your family to your career to your goals – will find balance in Jesus.

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## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Worship

8:30 am and 10:00 am

10:00am livestream available



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