

February 2023

THE GROVE

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Ephesians 3:20-21
(NIV)

IMMEASURABLY MORE

Written by Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

Maybe you can remember moments as a kid or another time when you were worried that a sibling or someone else got more than you. Or maybe you've known that feeling of worry that you don't have enough, and the idea of sharing was offensive. While there are some real moments of lacking basic necessities, for many of us our feelings come more from a mindset of scarcity, rather than actual lack. It's not a fun place to be.

Who are those people in your life who were more than ready to give of themselves? I remember my Grandma Helen, an incredibly happy woman, who never had much in the way of material goods or money. At the heart of her joy was her approach to life and seeing all that she had. She didn't hold back, whether it was running an errand for a neighbor, giving time to be a friend to the local social pariah, or any other kind of giving.

How awesome it is to live with the reality that you have something to offer, something to give, and that you can truly be a gift and difference maker for others. When our eyes and hearts are open to seeing all we have in our Lord, we realize that we have more than enough, and our mindset is moved from scarcity to abundance!

Our theme at FLC for 2023 is going to be "Immeasurably More." In all kinds of ways, we'll be looking together at how our God is giving us immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine. We'll celebrate God's generosity, deepen our trust in God's ongoing provision, and consider what it means to live in and act out of a mindset of abundance. We're looking forward to witnessing how God shows up and growing in discipleship with you!



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Lent & Holy Week Service Times

February 22
Ash Wednesday
5:30 & 7:00pm

April 6
Maundy Thursday
5:30pm & 7:00pm

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
Holden Evening Prayer
6:00pm

April 7
Good Friday
7:00pm

April 2
Palm Sunday
8:30am & 10:30am

April 9
Easter Sunday
Times Coming Soon



Fed & Sent Lent 2023

In keeping with a 2023 theme of gratitude for a God who gives “Immeasurably More” than we could ever want, this Lent will be an opportunity to reflect on what feeds us, and how we are called to feed others. Each week, we’ll consider something that feeds us, and how we are called to feed others in life-giving ways: food, information, community, hope, and Jesus. A free-offering community meal will be provided by FLC small groups, followed by Holden Evening Prayer, and a “Fed & Sent” discussion/devotion.

**Wednesday Evenings on
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

5:00pm

**Community Meal
(sponsored by FLC small groups)**

No Need to RSVP

Goodwill Offering Accepted

6:00pm

Holden Evening Prayer

6:45pm

**“Fed & Sent” Devotional & Discussion
(Sanctuary)**

During Lent, FLCTime, children's music rehearsals, and youth music rehearsals will pause. You're invited to Lenten meals, Holden Evening Prayer, and devotions & discussions during those weeks.

Happy Retirement Linda!



This month we are giving thanks for the ministry of Linda Morris as she prepares to retire. Linda has been the Office Administrative Assistant at Farmington Lutheran for the last seven years. On the phone and in the front office, with staff, guests and members, Linda has shared her kindness, humor and faith (not to mention her candy basket!) generously and tirelessly. She has been a blessing in countless ways, and while we'll miss her regular presence in the building, we're glad she'll still be around, mentoring confirmation youth, helping with special projects and more. We'll celebrate with Linda and her family on Sunday, February 5, during both worship services and fellowship hour.

You can also email a word of thanks or best wishes to office@farmingtonlutheran.com, or mail it to the church building: 20600 Akin Road, Farmington, MN, 55024. Thank you, Linda!

Food on the Fourth

James 2:15-17

Throughout the month of January you donated 411.5 pounds of food to our community! Next month's Food on the Fourth collection will be Sunday, February 26.

This month the food shelf is in need of the following items:

- Brownie mixes
- Muffin mixes
- Snack bars, small boxes please
- Snack crackers
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Pasta sides



BUTTERBRAIDS FOR CAMPERS

Butterbraid sales are returning! FLC Youth will be willing Butterbraids February 22 - March 15. Money raised will go towards funding Bible Camp experiences.

A HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE WITH FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 5-14, 2024

Enrollment is open!

Join Pastor Kevin and follow in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth and his Apostles as you explore the Christian heritage of Israel. From Jesus' birthplace in Bethlehem to his crucifixion and resurrection in the Holy City of Jerusalem, explore the stories and scenes that set the foundation for an entire faith.

Tour coordinators: Denise & Tim Grundler
651-402-4159 call/text
dsgrundler63@gmail.com

BREW ED THE OLOGY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 - 8:30PM

"FOR YOU WERE
STRANGERS: IMMIGRANTS,
REFUGEES, AND EXODUS"



Thanks to the nearly 30 participants in January's Brewed Theology who tackled "Affluenza." Next month's BT will be on Tuesday, February 28th (stay tuned for location). We're going to talk about immigrants and refugees, and what our faith has to say about our relocating and displaced neighbors.



FLC Moms' Group will meet again between worship services on Sunday, February 26, in the Library at FLC.

All moms welcome, whether you've been to a previous gathering or not! We're also planning an evening gathering in February. Those details are still coming together, but if you'd like the information and you aren't already getting Moms' Group emails, please let Pastor Kristen know! kristen@farmingtonlutheran.com

FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP February 1 at 5:30

All are invited to First Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, February 1! We're talking about God's Love, and how we can share it with the world. Be sure to stick around after for a sweet treat.





It's been a snowy and icy January but despite a few FLY program postponements we were able to reconnect after the holidays. It was great to be together again and have that time with each other. PreCon has dived into more Bible work as we have continued through a journey of the Old Testament. Confirmation had a Parents Night that was informative for parents to understand what their students have learned, and both parents and students were updated on what to expect as we approach Lent. In KOIN we have continued watching our movie, Paul The Apostle of Christ. This movie gives a great visual of what life looked like for the last few days of The Apostle Paul's life and the persecution of Christians. This will hopefully give KOIN students a visual for when we read the Book of Acts.

FLY Day Retreat

On Saturday, January 28th all FLY students were invited to participate in a day retreat. We started the day at Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. After we packed meals, we had a fun day at Bowlero in Lakeville. We enjoyed pizza, bowling, played laser tag, and some arcades.



8th Grade Mentoring Begins



All 8th Graders in Confirmation are required to complete mentoring during Lent. Students and their families should prayerfully identify and ask someone who is not from their immediate family, active in their faith community, and (ideally) a member of Farmington Lutheran Church. Mentor training will be on February 22nd (Ash Wednesday), at 6:30pm (between service).

FLY Summer Trips and Parent Meetings

FLY has some awesome trips planned for this summer that we are excited to announce.

- Camp Wapo is June 25th-30th and is focused for Junior High students.
- Outlaw Ranch in Custer, SD. Outlaw Ranch is focused for our completed 8th grade through 12th grade students. This trip will take place on July 22nd-28th.
- Extreme Shanty Town on August 12th-13th.

We are not collecting money right away for Outlaw Ranch, but we would love to have your student signed up soon as we only have 20 spots available.

Shanty Town will be quite the experience this year. It will be called Extreme Shanty Town and it's an all FLY event. We will go to, Union Gospel Mission, Two Bit Arcade, and will end with a lock in here at FLC. There will be more information for Extreme Shanty Town coming soon.

Grab a FLY summer trip brochure next time you're at FLC.

We have 2 parent meetings planned in February to discuss all the information regarding these summer trips and all the fundraising options available. Parent Meetings will be held on Sunday, February 5th, and Sunday February 19th in the Education Wing after 10:30am service.

Children's Updates

KIC LOCK-IN

We had a blast at the Lock-in in January. It was a great way to start off the new year. The youth participated in minute to win it games, group challenges, and a few games of SARDINES. You haven't lived life until you played Sardines at church. LOL! We had so much food that night. The kids did not go hungry or thirsty. Thank you all who helped with the food and with chaperoning. We can't do things like this without your support.

Our next KiC event is for everyone. It will be at White Tail Woods on Sunday, February 26 from 2:00-4:00pm. Bring your sled and/or walking boots and enjoy some time with your church family. This is a whole family event. Contact Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com with any questions.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated the 2022 baptisms on Sunday January 8, 2023. Pastor Kristen and Dawn walked through ways to celebrate this special milestone. The families had time to talk with each other while the children played with water. The families were invited to attend the 10:30 worship service and be celebrated by the whole church family. This is one way FLC helps you live out the promise of baptism. We enjoy partnering with you and your family and look forward to watching you grow in your faith journey.

LENT MEAL HELP

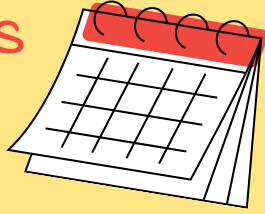
LENT is coming!! We are excited to be bringing Lenten meals back to FLC, but we could use your help! We are looking for people to help sponsor a night of meals.

Maybe you and your friends want to prepare a meal? We're also looking for youth to help with the set up, take down and clean up during Lent. Reach out to Dawn for more information.

We are hoping that all monetary donations brought in during the meals go directly to the kids attending Week-Long Wapo and/or Outlaw. Youth attending these camps will be encouraged to work these meals. A suggested donation for each meal is \$5.00.

A week at:
Camp Wapo = \$610
Outlaw = \$700

UPCOMING EVENTS & MILESTONES



- Sunday, February 12: 4th graders and caring adults will meet at 9:30am for the Creed Milestone. The 4th graders will be invited to lead the congregation in the Creed at the 10:30am worship service.
- Saturday, March 4: 5th graders and caring adults will meet at 10:00am for their 1st Communion Orientation. 5th graders will take their First Communion on Thurs., Apr. 6 at either 5:30pm or 7:00pm. Look for more information to go home soon.
- Saturday, March 11: Anyone wanting to learn more about communion can join us for a special workshop at 10am. If you have questions, please contact Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com
- Sunday, April 16: 1st and 2nd graders and a caring adult will meet at 9:30am for their special event on The Lord's Prayer and Prayer. The children will help lead The Lord's Prayer at the 10:30am worship service on the 16. The 2nd graders will lead the PRAYERS in worship on Sun., Apr. 23 at either worship service.

SUMMER

Register today for all our SUMMER FUN events!

CAMP EMMAUS- REGISTER HERE

Dates: June 2 - June 3, 2023

Grades: Current 2nd and 3rd Graders

Time: 7:00pm - 11:00am

Location: FLC

VBS: STELLAR- REGISTER HERE

Dates: July 17-20, 2023 *No programming Friday

Grades: Pre-K* - entering 4th

*Pre-K class - 3 years old and toilet trained

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Location: FLC

KIC ROCKS- REGISTER HERE

Dates: July 17-20, 2023 *No programming Friday

Grades: Entering 5th and 6th

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Location: FLC (other locations TBD)

SEEDS WEEKEND AT WAPO- REGISTER HERE

Dates: June 23-25, 2023

Grades: Completed grades 1 - 3

CAMP WAPO WEEK LONG- REGISTER HERE

Dates: June 25- June 30, 2023

Grades: Completed grades 4 - 9

Have you noticed the tree in the Gathering Area with all the HANDS? We have put together ways to help get youth to camp, help purchase items, and so much more. Stop by and check it out.

Dawn will be putting together an AMAZON wish list soon.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestreaming at 10:30 am



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