

FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // FEBRUARY 2022

THE GROVE



**This month,
we're looking at:**

First Wednesday Worship

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
5:30 PM

The first Wednesday in February is almost here, and that means another First Wednesday worship! This month we'll be exploring what love looks like: God's love for us, and how we share that love with each other. As always, the evening is meant to be intergenerational and family-friendly. There will be music, a story, an activity and more. Can't wait to see you!

JUST NEIGHBORS

*LENT SCHEDULE AND
INFORMATION*

*FAITH FORMATION
UPDATES*

*SUMMER CAMP
OPPORTUNITIES*

NEW MEMBERS



Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Mark 22: 35-40)

As members of Farmington Lutheran Church, we value meaningful worship, nurture and develop faith journeys, make connections and serve and care for others. In an effort to connect, serve and care for others in a more meaningful, intentional way, a new ministry group was created. JUST Neighbors (Neighbors who work toward justice, understanding, support & trust) is a reimagining of our former social justice ministry.

The group hosted a panel in November focusing on race, mental health and lgbtq issues. The panel was recorded, so if you are interested in hearing from community members on the issues listed above, click

here. The panel addressed how these issues are personally affecting people in our local community, and it was clear that there is work to be done locally. JUST Neighbors will continue to provide opportunities for people to learn more about these issues and to get involved in making positive change.

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to learn with your neighbors. If you wish to be added to our email communication list, please contact Rachel Harmon at rachelkharmon@gmail.com.

Learn more about the mission and goals of JUST Neighbors.

Mission: We seek to learn about our community and our world, explore the backgrounds of people of all cultures, races, and sexual orientations, and work toward equal rights and equitable opportunities for all.

Goals: Education, Exploration, Action
The ministry seeks to engage members of the FLC community in different facets of learning and exploring the communities in which we live through education (book studies, speakers, movie nights, discussion groups, etc.), exploration (attending events and activities which allow us to explore the backgrounds of people of all cultures, races, and sexual orientations) and action (volunteering and taking action to make positive change where needed.)

Micah 6:8 - “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”



Join our team! We are seeking individuals for the following roles:

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY
MINISTRIES ASSISTANT**

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND
FAMILY MINISTRIES**

If you're interested, would like more information, or to apply visit us [HERE](#).

Did you know that you have access to Thrivent Choice Dollars to be directed to an organization of your choice- and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funding. This includes Farmington Lutheran Church.

If you have questions on how to access this information please contact Pat Wrucke, pwrucke@gmail.com (Not a Thrivent Representative, just another member like you).

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT- NOW AVAILABLE



FLC hosted its annual meeting on Sunday, January 30. The meeting was available both in-person and virtually.

If you would like a copy of the 2021 Annual Report you can stop by the office for a copy, or you can view the version online [HERE](#).

**Interested in helping with screens,
sound or the livestream on Sunday mornings or
Wednesday evenings?**

No experience necessary, training provided!

Contact jen@farmingtonlutheran.com with questions or for more information!



WELCOME TO FLC!

On Sunday, January 23 FLC hosted New Member Orientation. FLC staff and households gathered together after the second worship service for a chance to get to know one another and learn more about Farmington Lutheran Church. Please join us in welcoming our new partners in ministry!



Megan, Matt, Harper
and Emma Dimich



Peggy and Ron
Reiersen



Donna Lopez



Kendall and Chris
Mueller



Ashley, Adam, Kendra
and Kyla Wick



Lee, Susan, Thomas
and Tyler West



Merry and Dave
Briner



Anita Grimm



Kari and Chris
Lubbers



Michael Balduyck



Chad, Michele and Eli
Urdahl



MaryLynn, Brad, Gage
and Dahlia Nelson

CHILDREN'S UPDATES



BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, January 9 we gathered with families to celebrate baptism anniversaries. Anyone who was baptized in 2020 or 2021 was invited to take part.



PRAYER MILESTONE

We met with the first and second graders and parents and talked about PRAYER. The first graders focused on "The Lord's Prayer" with Pastor Kristen. They will be leading us in "The Lord's Prayer" in worship. The second graders learned about ways to pray and created keepsakes. They also helped write prayers for worship services.



SLEDDING FUN!

On Sunday, January 22 a few families braved the colder weather and joined in on the sledding fun. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events!

Summer at FLC

REGISTER HERE



CAMP EMMAUS

Dates: May 20 & 21
Grades: Current 2nd and 3rd
Graders
Time: 7pm - 10pm & 9am - 2pm
Location: FLC



VBS: FOOD TRUCK PARTY

Dates: July 18-21, 2022 *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!

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Dates: July 18-21, 2022 *No programming Friday
Grades: Entering 5th and 6th
Time: 9 am - 12 pm
Location: FLC (other locations TBD)

SEEDS WEEKEND

Dates: June 24-26, 2022
Grades: completed grades 1-3
Parents will need to transport to and from Camp Wapo
Check-in: 3:00 to 4:30 pm on Friday.
Check-out: After closing worship, which is held at 12pm on Sunday. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend closing worship
*\$100 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit is due at registration.



CAMP WAPO WEEK LONG

Dates: June 26- July 1, 2022
Grades: Completed 4th-8th
Cost: \$545*
Parents will need transport to and from Camp Wapo
Check-in: 3:00 to 4:30pm Sunday
Check-out: after closing worship, which is held at 12pm on Friday. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend closing worship.
*\$100 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit is due at registration.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2

The season of Lent is just around the corner, when we take time to consider together the many ways we need God's saving power in our lives and in our world, and prepare to celebrate how God delivers that saving power through Jesus' death and resurrection. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. There will be a First Wednesday, intergenerational and family-friendly worship service at 5:30 pm, and a more traditional one at 7:00 pm.

For the five Wednesdays after that, beginning on March 9th, the Wednesday evening schedule will look like this:

6:00pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service
6:30pm Intergenerational, family-friendly activity OR
Adult Education OR
Eighth Grade students meet with mentors OR
Joyful Ringers handbell choir
7:15pm Adult Choir
***Children's and Youth music will not meet during Lent

Stay tuned for more ways to connect and engage throughout the season, both in-person and virtually.

FEBRUARY 24, 7:00pm
Bourbon Butcher

With the rise of Omicron, January's Brewed Theology was postponed, but you're invited to come out to the next date in February. We'll still discuss "God & Sports: Silly or Serious?" Please let Pastor Ben know if you plan to attend.

**BREW
ED THE
OLOGY**

Love...

WRITTEN BY LINDA MORRIS

February is here already! The month of continued cold and snow warmed by the declarations of love in the Hallmark holiday... Valentine's Day. If you strip away the commercialism of the day, do you think it speaks to what love really is? How God loves us and how he wants us to love others?

When it comes to God's loving us, He does not dole it out in some miserly way so that we get just enough to survive on. He pours it out lavishly, but we so often fail to grasp it and so our lives are not rooted in love but in fear, guilt, shame, or insecurity. Our lives are to be lived out of a deep awareness of how much we are loved. He wants us to experience incredible, life-changing love, mercy, and compassion not only from him, but from those around us. And he wants us to show that love to others.

The call to love is often difficult, but it is also a reminder of how God loves us: relentlessly, completely, and without expectation of return

We may think we are not worthy of that love. In which case we need to realize that the love of God is not a payback for our good behavior, it is a free gift offered to all, worthy or not. We may wonder how anybody could love us because we have had so little experience being loved by other humans. We need to realize that God is not like those other human beings whose love for us is ego driven, fickle, or sometimes disastrously misguided.

The bottom line of our lives of faith is that God loves us, and that Jesus is evidence of this. Everything else stems from this. Being loved is the rich soil from which everything good grows.



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestreaming at 10:30 am



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