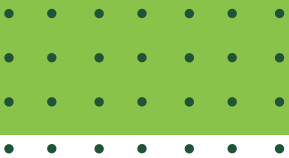


# THE GROVE



# re-connecting

FLC 2022 Special Appeal



Our theme this season is reconnecting, and as we focus on building community, we are working to make our physical and digital gathering spaces more welcoming. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this work.

This spring and summer we are focusing on Re-Connecting! We are celebrating an increased number of people coming to in-person worship and other in-person ministries this past spring. Some folks first connected through livestreamed worship; some have been longer term members. All are God's people who are Re-Connecting!

We are continuing to employ listening strategies to better understand what you are excited about and what you need.

With all that in mind, we are launching a Special Appeal: "Re-Connecting."

In this effort we will strive to help all of you, as well as our neighbors, to feel connected to God and to each other. Those efforts include using technology and digital means, supporting ongoing programming, and attending to places in our building and grounds that need care.

In the next week you will be receiving additional information in the mail. We have some important work that- with your partnership- can be addressed this summer.

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## Provide Welcoming Space

In the sanctuary, where we gather to connect with God, several walls have seams coming apart and long cracks running from floor to ceiling. In the hallway to the Education Wing, a number of carpet areas need immediate attention.



## Tech and Capital Improvement

The ability to livestream and carry out digital ministries allows us to significantly expand the sharing of the good news of Jesus! To immediately address needs as they arise, we will bolster our Capital Improvement Fund.



## Increased Utility Costs

More activity in the building means more people hearing about God's amazing love! Increased use of our building for ministry, combined with increased utility costs, puts us in a pinch.





To bring about these improvements, a special gifts appeal is now underway. Our goal is to gather \$25,000 in gifts by Sunday, June 26th.

Will you consider giving a special gift to the “Re-Connecting” Appeal to make these projects happen? Gifts of all amounts are needed to reach our goal. We invite you to review the gift chart and prayerfully consider how you can help FLC be a place of RE-CONNECTING.

| # OF GIFTS | GIFT AMOUNT | APPEAL TOTAL |
|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1          | \$2,500     | \$2,500      |
| 2          | \$1,500     | \$5,500      |
| 3          | \$1,000     | \$8,500      |
| 4          | \$750       | \$11,500     |
| 6          | \$500       | \$14,500     |
| 10         | \$250       | \$17,000     |
| 10         | \$150       | \$18,500     |
| 35         | \$100       | \$22,000     |
| 40         | \$50        | \$24,000     |
| 40         | \$25        | \$25,000     |



## summer worship schedule

FLC transitioned to the summer worship schedule on Memorial Day weekend. Join us for worship this summer, through Labor Day weekend, at 8:30 and 10:00am.

Livestream worship will continue to be available during our second service, at 10:00am on YouTube and Facebook.



# OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS BACK!



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH JUNE 26 - JULY 24 - AUGUST 28

Grab your camp chair and meet us on the north side lawn for outdoor worship at 10:00am this summer!

\*\*\*Livestream will be at 8:30am on these weekends.

## UPCOMING TRIP EXPERIENCE: JUNE 2024

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.

Questions or for more information  
Contact tour coordinators:  
Denise & Tim Grundler  
651-402-4159 call/text  
dsgrundler63@gmail.com





# LISTENING SURVEY



At Farmington Lutheran Church we are always looking to make sure we are meeting the needs and expectations of our members and guests. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to complete this brief survey so we can better understand our ministry strengths and areas you see as growth opportunities. Thank you in advance for your time!

Use the link below to find the survey online. Paper copies will also be available at the welcome booth and in the sanctuary pews.

[ONLINE SURVEY](#)

## FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP RETURNS NEXT FALL!

We had a great first year of First Wednesday Worship! The evenings were filled with wonderful music led by the youth band, an interactive message, and intergenerational activities. Wednesday evening worship services will return next fall!





**This month we give thanks for fathers, and all who do the work of fathering. To all of you who are dads, stepdads, bonus dads, grandfathers, and uncles, and to all of you who encourage, guide, strengthen, serve and father others: we are grateful for you and we celebrate you! Happy Father's Day!**

**HAPPY FATHER'S Day**

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS**

Thank you to all of FLC's musicians for the wonderful gifts of music you shared throughout the last year!

Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Ringers, Alleluia Bells, and Youth Band will resume next fall. Until then, if you are interested in special music opportunities please reach out to Karissa at [karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com) for more information.



David Rausch, longtime member of FLC, shares the stories behind the intricate wood carvings that he created for Farmington Lutheran Church. Stop by the kiosk in the gathering space and grab a brochure that shares more information on the various carvings located throughout the building.



# CHILDREN'S UPDATES

## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all those who helped in Children and Family Ministries this past year. It is because of YOU and your help that the year went so smoothly. With all the changes due to the pandemic, you went with the flow and didn't miss a beat. We appreciate you all so much. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with the children and families!



The guides helped celebrate the last day of programming by playing games, doing crafts, and eating ice cream and other treats. It was so fun seeing the children and guides smiling and having fun together. We wish you all a Happy late spring and summer. Remember to stop by and see us!



## 4TH AND 5TH GRADE ACOLYTE TRAINING

4th and 5th graders took time during Sunday and Wednesday FLCTime to learn what it means to be an acolyte.

Any youth who are interested in being an acolyte during worship services are welcome to sign up using the link below! If you are or have a child who is interested in learning more about being an acolyte contact

[Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com)







## 2ND GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE EVENT

We had 11 children and their families attend this event. We talked about how the Bible is a book with many different books within it. We practiced looking up Bible verses and walked through how to find a specific chapter and verse. They were encouraged to write in their Bibles and to have their family write down a special verse or message for them. The children were encouraged to learn/memorize John 3:16. We will continue to encourage the children and families to open the Bible and read together.



## JOIN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM!

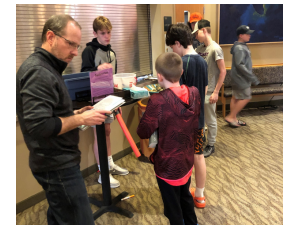
Have you ever wondered what it takes to run Children and Family Ministries? Do you have a desire to help children and families in their faith journeys? Want a way to engage in your church community? We are looking for a few awesome adults and older youth (confirmed +) to join our ministry group. We could also use people to help plan special events and projects. Contact [Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com) to learn more.

# CONFIRMATION WRAPS UP FOR THE YEAR

Confirmation met for the last time of the program year on Wednesday, May 11. Earlier in the month, confirmation youth took part in prayer stations that were set up throughout the building. Students learned about band aid prayers, candle lighting, praise prayers, and more.



The theme for the final night was "Ask the Pastor". Youth were invited to write down any questions they had about faith and religion. It was an exciting night as severe weather rolled through our area. Students were moved in to the hallway and continued their faith conversations.



## GRAD RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 5 Farmington Lutheran will be celebrating the graduating class of 2022. This year's graduates are invited to a Graduate Recognition during the 10:00am worship service so that we can join in celebrating with them and their families and share a blessing for them as they embark on the next exciting years of their lives. Please join us in celebrating this year's class!



# 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

On Saturday, May 14, 8th grade youth and confirmation mentors spent the day at Camp Friendship in Andover for a day retreat. The group enjoyed time together outside, faith conversations, good food, and conversations.





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## Food *on the* James 2:15-17 Fourth

Thanks to all who have contributed and/or helped with our monthly Food on the Fourth initiative. Over 715 pounds of food were collected in May, bringing our running Food on the Fourth total to over 2,030 lbs of goods to the Farmington Food Pantry since the program's start in March. Thanks a "ton" for your part in feeding your community!



# ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY

In the next few weeks you'll be receiving an email invitation from Elvanto to join our online member directory! After you create your account you'll be able to view giving statements, registrations, and make changes to you and your family's contact information.



# DONATIONS NEEDED



Farmington Lutheran Church will be hosting VBS and KiC ROCKS the week of July 18-21. The Children and Family Ministry team is looking for help from our amazing congregation to help with the snacks and supplies for the week.



Please take a look at the list of items needed, sign up for something, and then bring it to the church on or before Wednesday, July 13. Please be aware of the type of item you are signing up for and when it would be appropriate to bring to church. (Please don't bring "fresh" items until right before VBS!)



We really appreciate your support of this amazing program for some of our younger members here at FLC!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning Worship  
8:30 am and 10:00 am  
Livestreaming at 10:00 am



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