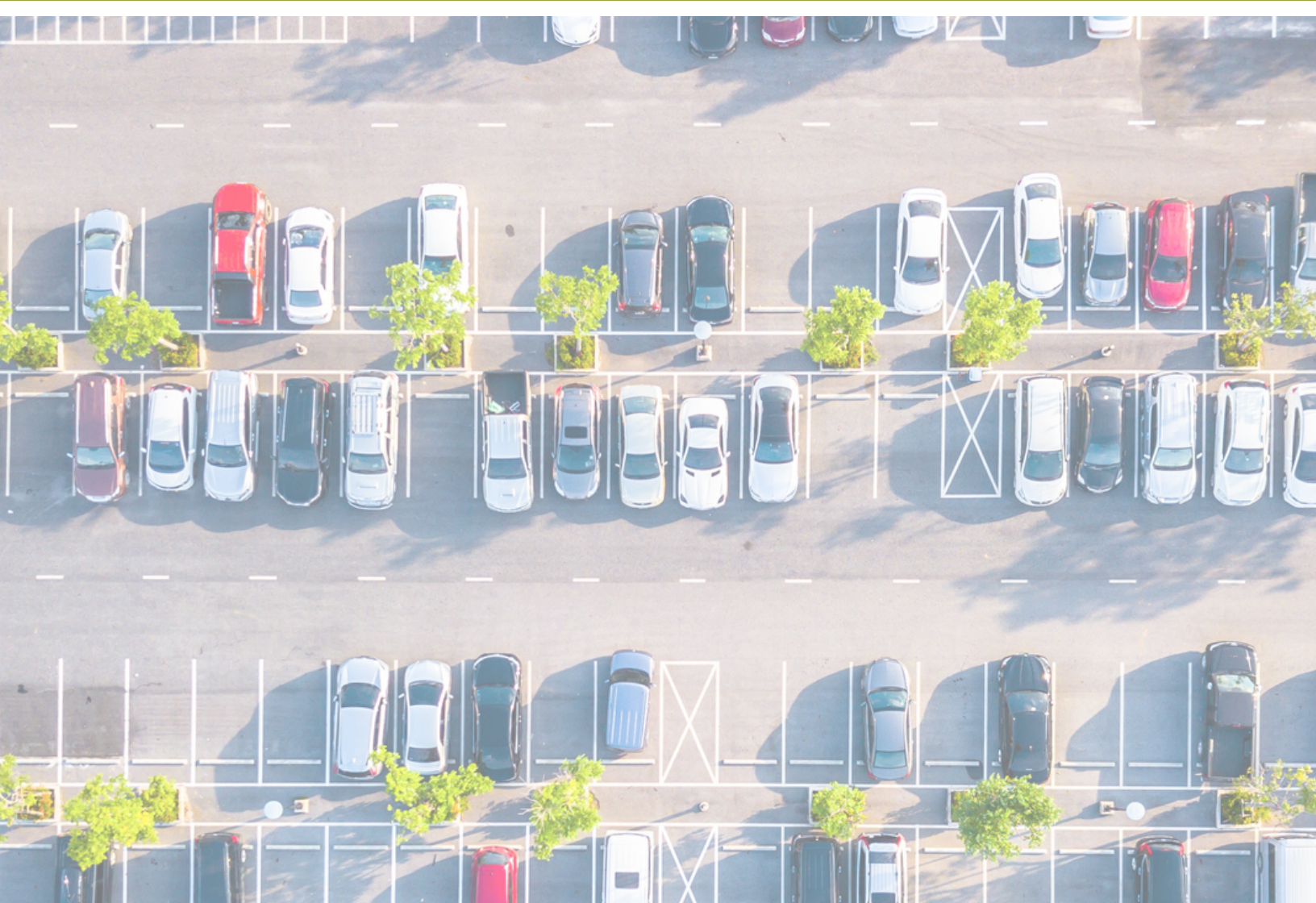


# *THE GROVE*



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# Update from Pastor Kevin

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can share the love of Jesus and say, ‘He died for all.’” – There is a Balm in Gilead ELW 614

Our hearts are filled with so many feelings. It is a time where we are further awakened into the long-term reality of unequal treatment of people of color. We continue in a time of global pandemic and try to understand the individual and collective losses that all have experienced.

We also have celebrated our graduating seniors of 2020, and we continue to adapt ministries. In August, we'll be adding a 12-month pastoral intern to our staff.

## **WORSHIP News**

We will continue to worship each week through online, virtual worship. Our virtual worship has expanded our reach of who we connect with in ministry! At this time we will not yet be having on-site indoor worship.

As a people called to live for the sake of the neighbor, we feel that we should not gather at a time where the virus remains quite active in Dakota County. As much as we desire to gather together we will err on the side of caution and act with what we think is the best interest of all our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable. We have assembled a team of folks who will help to plan our reopening.

We are thankful for your

- Automated giving at [farmingtonlutheran.com/give](https://farmingtonlutheran.com/give)
- Mailing in of offerings
- Text GIVE to (855)410-8106





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### **SERVING Ideas**

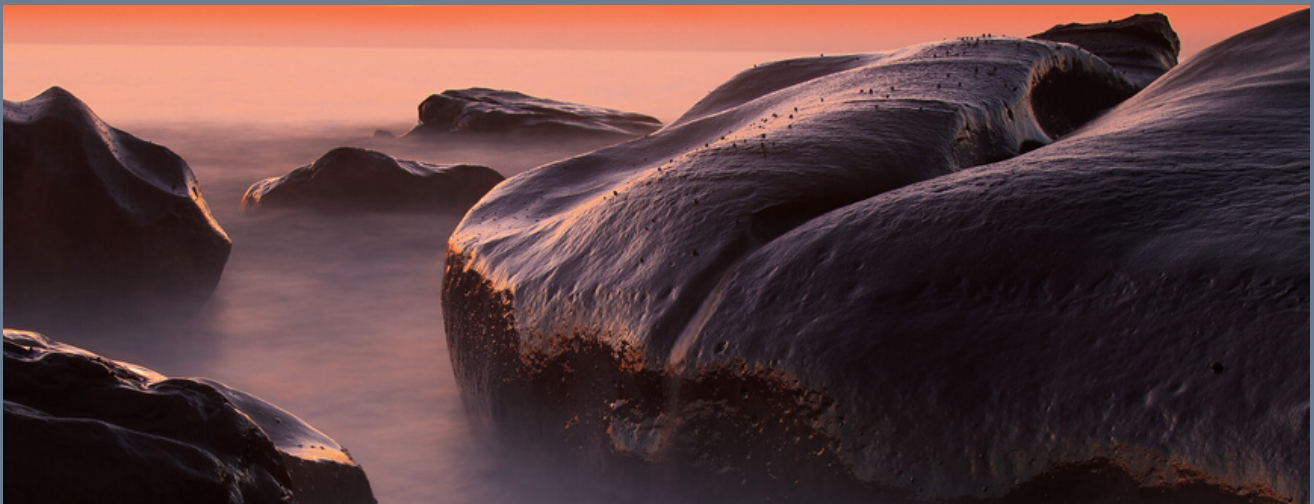
- Support for Farmington Area residents through the Farmington Food Shelf and Caring Hearts in Action of Minnesota.
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Paul is collecting supplies for families in St. Paul. You can also get the most up to date information on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BLCMidway/>
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church <https://www.facebook.com/htlcmpls/>

### **LEARNING Ideas**

- Look for more online options for Bible Study and other ministries this summer!
- We will be doing some intentional work on understanding racism. *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo and *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan are two great resources.
- Anticipate a book study and other opportunities to deepen our understanding of racial injustice.

We continue to live out our core values in new and creative ways! I want to thank you for the great ways you are living out your faith as church in this important time. God is continually doing a new thing! Keep posted for ongoing ministry updates and plans.

God's blessings to you,  
Pastor Kevin Woestehoff



# Ask the Congregation

## WHAT CAN YOU THANK GOD FOR TODAY?

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### **Michelle Andrews**

I am thankful for my family, friends, & the community of people where we live, work, worship, & play. I am appreciative for work, & being able to work, for the provision of food, & the clothing, home, & supplies that shelter my body. I am thankful to our God who spared me after being clinically dead many times. I thank God for the first responders who performed CPR multiple times on me, for the perseverance God gave to the multitude of skilled professionals of surgeons, doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, therapists, technicians, & all of the medical staff who cared for me. I am thankful for being able to walk, talk, do my own self cares, serve/volunteer, & sing praises to Jesus. I am blessed to have healthcare. I thank God for forgiveness and grace when life overwhelmed me & I felt defeated, crushed or downright lost. I am thankful for knowing Jesus & for the gift of a promise of everlasting life in Heaven.

### **Rachel Kreger Harmon**



### **Shirley Westphalen**

I'm thankful all that God does for me and the world, but most thankful for Jesus being my Savior.

### **Carol Fischer**

My health - it's a good day - let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Karen Brownawell**

That the tree that fell last night at church didn't hit anything!

### **Andrea Lee Quist**

I am thankful for good conversations full of love, guidance and gratitude.

### **Linda Nordquist Farver**

I can thank God for another day on earth.

### **Susan A Nelson Rinke**

My church family! Since the very first day of the "stay-at-home order" FLC has reached out to its' members and our community every single day. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a powerful group of worshippers. We are the church!

### **Peter Elliott**

The sound of the birds singing in the trees near my patio.



## Ask the Congregation

WHAT CAN YOU THANK  
GOD FOR TODAY?

### **Lisa Weber Pap**

The promise that He will be with us  
even in our darkest hour.

### **Christine Weis Patsche**

That God constantly gives me the  
strength to meet challenges head on,  
the strength to help others with their  
challenges and finally the wisdom to  
know what battles are worth the  
fight and which ones are not.

### **Sarah Kruse**

My babies

### **Karen Metz Hady**

Family

### **Mary LaVerne King**

I am thankful for the peace of mind  
He has given me when the world is in  
turmoil! King of king, Lord of lords!!

### **Katie Hietala**

I am thankful that He knows me and  
loves me! That He has blessed me  
with an amazing husband and  
children. That I've been blessed with  
amazing friends and family. That I  
get to teach children, including our  
own, about our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ!

### **Janice Rollag**

The opportunity to sit and have a  
meal with friends, and work on  
videos for VBS.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SARA JENSEN intern pastor

Hello!

My name is Sara Jensen and I am thrilled to have been placed with FLC for my internship! I am a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. I live in Minneapolis with my husband Kirk, our two kids, Oskar who will be a senior this fall and Claudia who will be a sophomore, our dog Ralphie and our chinchilla Marshmallow. We have been members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis for nearly twenty years. I grew up in Moorhead MN but have lived in either Minneapolis or St Paul ever since starting college at the U of M where I received my degree in Political Science and Mass Communications.



I love my morning walks with my dog and use the time for prayer and meditation. I have found it such a rich practice for grounding myself for the day and remembering to keep my own relationship with God attended to. In addition, I enjoy to cook and have used this time at home to stretch my culinary wings.

I see many of you offer your favorite bible verses so I will leave you with one of mine: Exodus 3:11-12a, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you..."

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Sara will begin her ministry at FLC in mid-August.*

# VBS 2020: very best summer of fun *(virtually)*

*Purchase your VBS CD today!*

Visit us online here to purchase your CD. If you originally signed up for VBS, we have your CD ready for you to pick up. Contact Dawn with questions.

*Did you miss the sign up for VBS?*

Contact Dawn or Leanne to find out how to register for our VERY BEST SUMMER of FUN virtually. We are working hard behind the scenes to provide you with skits, Bible stories, music, crafts, science, and snack opportunities.

**KiC ROCKS**

(those entering 5th and 6th grades)  
We didn't forget about you! We are preparing activities and service projects for you as well.

**VBS and KiC ROCKS SERVICE PROJECT**

During the week of July 19-26 we will be collecting food for the Farmington Food Shelf. Non-perishable and NOT expired food please. The food shelf is currently looking for assorted dry and canned beans in all varieties.



## Upcoming ZOOM Meetings

**We want to see you! ZOOM MEETINGS are scheduled for July 2020. Look for your age group below. Stay with your 2019-2020 school grade.**

4th -5th Graders  
Monday, July 13 at 6:30  
Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)  
Meeting ID: 712 4027 5857  
Password: 7HbZCF

1st -3rd Graders  
Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30  
Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)  
Meeting ID: 735 4371 0698  
Password: 4EW3Q6

14 months - Kindergarten  
Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30  
Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)  
Meeting ID: 779 2777 5084  
Password: 8aztRs





# CAN YOU GUESS THE NUMBER OF SUCKERS IN THE JAR?



Have your guess into  
Dawn by July 5! We  
will announce the  
winner on July 6!

Something exciting is  
coming soon!



## HELP NEEDED!

Do you like to bake?  
Do you like to carve  
WATERMELONS?  
Would you be willing to  
help me with a little  
project?

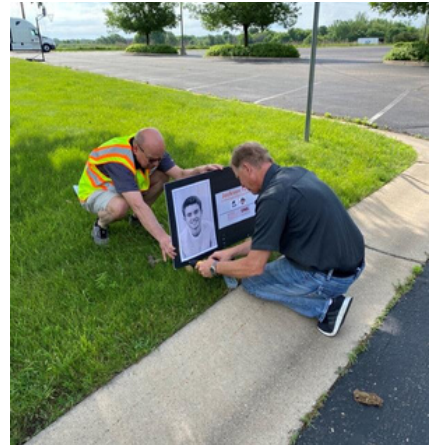
Contact Dawn ASAP if you  
can help!

**ATTENTION PARENTS**  
How can we support you while we aren't  
able to meet together in person?  
Would you be interested (or willing) to  
check in with us virtually? If so, please  
contact Dawn at  
Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com

# GRAD SUNDAY 2020

On June 7, FLC recognized the 2020 high school graduates with a virtual and drive-in service. Pastor Kevin shared reminders of God's word and that we are each God's creation by referring to Psalm 139. Youth and family ministries director Kristine Clemens shared from Paul's letter to the church of Philippi, Philippians 1:1-12. She shared as Paul does that we thank God for each and everyone in our community and world, that in Christ there is no end to what we can do, and prayers for hearts to be continually filled with God's incredible love.

Following the drive-in worship service attendees did a drive through honk and wave congratulations for graduates. Thank you for all that helped, attended and participated. What a beautiful celebration. Congratulations class of 2020!



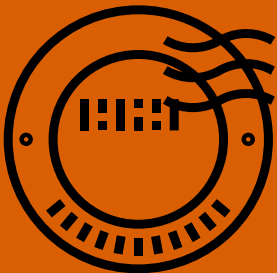




# 2020 FLC GRAD SUNDAY ATTENDEES

- Bryce Aguilar
- Haile Bali
- Katie Bartell
- Julia Barton
- Jack Baumbach
- Rachel Blood
- Ashleigh Buckman
- Andrew Christensen
- Ryland Cook
- Morgan Ebel
- Kayle Farran
- Ella Hammond
- Madeline Hins
- Emma Jansen
- Vaughn Johnson
- Emma Karker
- Brianna Koch
- Seth Krause
- Reese Kruse
- Sadie Lichtsinn
- Carson Lunzer
- Ellie Nielsen
- Claire Nelson
- Vaughn Nelson
- Kailey Ohlhues
- Sophia Patsche
- Ellie Jean Seyfert
- Chad Silber
- Jackson Todd

## penpals needed



Become a PenPal for Our Graduating Seniors!

High School graduation is one of the hardest transitions in a persons life. Help make it easier for some of our youth!

Starting this fall, while our youth are off at college, keep in touch with words of encouragement and support through letters, texting or phone calls!

If you're interested or have questions, fill out the form [here](#) and we'll be in touch! Contact Kristine at [Kristine@farmingtonlutheran](mailto:Kristine@farmingtonlutheran) with questions.



# DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 12  
SUNDAY, JULY 26  
10:00AM FLC PARKING LOT

ENTER THROUGH THE NORTH ENTRANCE  
PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE  
MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE [HERE](#)











# Buckets of Love Challenge

We loved seeing all of your photos from the Buckets of Love Challenge and hope you enjoyed the activities! The Buckets of Love Challenge included 5 days of devotionals and service projects for all ages to take part in. Even though we can't be together, we love feeling connected to our FLC family!



## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

June 1 through July 10th

Join us on Facebook daily at 1:14 pm for prayer.



# other news around FLC



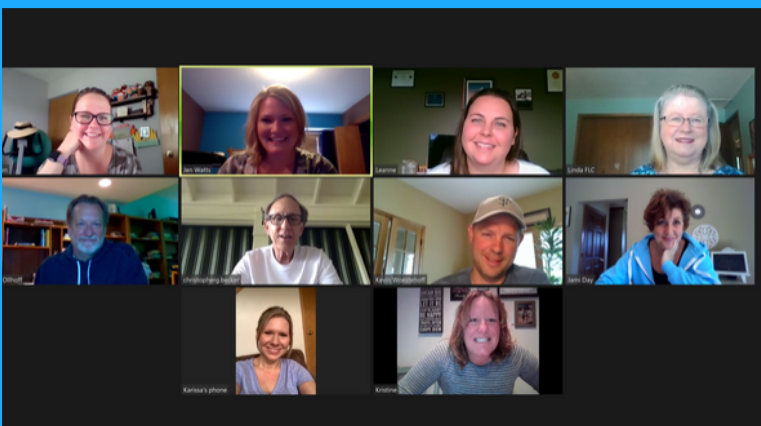
## Gardens at FLC

Please take some time to stop by and enjoy the beautiful gardens at FLC. Our grounds team has done an amazing job creating peaceful spaces.



## FLC Walkers

Some of our FLC family continues to meet each week to walk while keeping safe social distances. We love to see you all finding new ways to connect!



## FLC Staff

Staff continues to meet weekly to plan, reflect and continue to come up with creative ways to connect with our FLC family.

# Just A Minute

(for spiritual growth)

## BE A LEADER LIKE JESUS.

Written by Linda Morris

John 13:13-17 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

Matthew 20:26 It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.

Be a leader like Jesus. To be a great leader it takes courage, discipline, and determination. A great leader can bring great success, but it comes at the cost of being judged and overwhelmed. So many wonderful leaders God blessed for their leadership work. God spoke to encourage men and women who choose to step up and lead. We need more of those people, especially in our world today. Jesus focused on

personal leadership first—matters of character—with the core being integrity. Because without integrity, no one will follow you. If no one follows you, then you are not a leader, right?

Great leaders are great storytellers. Jesus' stories have withstood the test of time. Using life stories as examples are powerful tools, much better than just giving directions. Look into your own life for stories to use as ways to reach people with the messages you want them to hear. To lead in a positive direction.

As in the Scripture verse Matthew 20:26, great leaders are great servants. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples even during his most trying time. Leadership is about others, not you. Jesus was strong in his values and convictions, but still showed tremendous compassion to others, even those who did not share the same convictions.

So, in these tumultuous times we are called to be leaders, to be teachers. We are called to lead in the way that Jesus led. In doing so, can't you imagine the healing that will take place?

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## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm (online)



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