
FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // ISSUE 11 // JUNE 2020

THE GROVE

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**HAS LEFT
THE BUILDING**

**BUT THE MINISTRY
CONTINUES**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this time on-site, indoor worship and ministry programming continues to be suspended. Please know that there has been a lot of behind the scenes studying and thoughtful conversations on how to safely re-open the building for in person ministry. A team of people with health expertise has been assembled to develop a thoughtful, deliberate, and safe re-opening strategy. This team's decision making is following the guidance of the CDC guidelines as well as the guidance of epidemiologists and infectious disease experts like Dr. Michael Osterholm.

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! The day will come when we will gather in person, but it is not yet the time.

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: assisting with food distribution, supporting the Farmington Food Shelf, keeping people connected through phone calls and cards, adapting children's and youth ministries to take place via zoom and other formats. Look for more online options for Bible Study and other ministries this summer!

Your Church Council and Staff have been proactive and persistent in their efforts since this pandemic began. We studied and are utilizing an available program through the CARES Act, and expenses are being minimized.

Thank you for your generosity. Our giving is at approximately 93% of the projected plan. We are thankful for your signing up for automated giving at farmingtonlutheran.com/give, for your mailing in of offerings, and your TEXT to Give donations.

Thank you for being church, the people of God, 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

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE?

Shirley Westphalen

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Timothy Scott Grundler

Mark 4:35 let us cross to the other side.

Darcy Knutson Kragness

Psalms 139 The Inescapable God

Krystle Eilen

Exodus 14:14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Blanche Reichert

Psalms 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

Katie Hietala

Phillipians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength.

Pam Weiers

Romans 8:31 If God is for us, who can be against us?

Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Emily Dietz

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans that I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.

Linda Morris

Jeremiah 29:11-13 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Michelle Andrews

John 14:1-3 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you, I will come back & take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Cindi Danielson Hammond

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven!

Kay Halstrom

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me all of you who are carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest.

Karissa Dennis

Psalms 150: 3-6 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Ashley Shellum

1 Corinthians 13 4:8 Love is patient, love is kind.

It reminds me of my wedding vows and what my husband and I pledged to each other.



40 DAYS OF PRAYER

In these days of a global pandemic it can all too easy to become isolated. We invite you into a time of intentional prayer to help us stay connected to God and each other. You can pray anytime. A number of us have committed to praying each day at 1:14 pm. The significance of 1:14 pm is the Bible Verse, Acts 1:14 "All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer..." Disciples of Jesus then and now practice their faith by being in prayer.

Here is a daily prayer that we invite you to pray each day from Monday, June 1st through Friday, July 10th.

June 1st
through
July 10th

Daily at
1:14pm

Lord, you invite us to come to you in prayer.

Be with us now in this time of uncertainty in our world. We ask you to guide us and lead us. Move us beyond our fears and anxieties and help us to live for the sake of our neighbors.

While there are always unknowns, may we live in the comfort and confidence that we are fully known and loved by you.

Help us to be connected to you and connected to each other.

We pray for the health and well being of your people here and everywhere. We ask your blessing on healthcare workers,

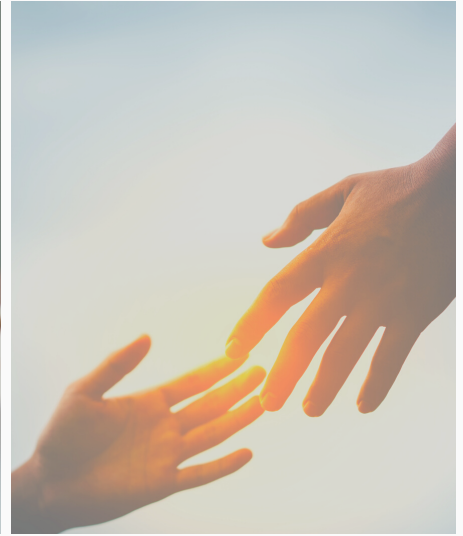
scientists, the pursuit of a vaccine, and all efforts to protect and sustain life.

We ask for guidance for our leaders as they make difficult decisions. Help us to be mindful of how this pandemic affects our neighbors in different ways.

Bless those who grieve, those who are underemployed, those who struggle for basic needs, and those who feel isolated or out of sorts.

Help us to trust in you. Renew us today. Give us your peace. Help us to see and act in ways where we can be a blessing to others.

AMEN



40 DAYS OF PRAYER

USE THE LIST BELOW AND CHOOSE A DIFFERENT GROUP TO PRAY FOR EACH DAY

- Parents and School age students struggling with distance learning
- Graduating high school seniors
- Teachers and professors
- People recovering from or awaiting surgery
- People going through cancer treatments
- Policemen Fire and Rescue workers, EMTs
- Grieving individuals
- Manufacturing workers
- Meat packing workers
- Farmers
- College graduates seeking employment
- School age students missing their friends
- Immigrants
- Construction workers
- Our Sister congregation in Idete
- Victims of abuse
- Displaced and furloughed workers
- Scientists working on covid-19 vaccines and treatments
- Grocery workers
- People at increased risk of covid-19; elderly, homeless, minorities, immune compromised, underlying health issues
- World leaders
- Mail delivery workers
- Transit workers
- People separated from loved ones
- Entertainers who are working from home to still bring diversion and enjoyment into our lives
- Newscasters
- Medical supply workers
- Those battling Covid-19
- Shut-ins, those experiencing loneliness
- Truckers
- Restaurant owners and workers
- Correctional facility workers and inmates
- Technology support workers
- Farmington Lutheran members, friends and staff
- Nursing home and assisted living residents and staff
- Natural disaster victims
- Support of charities
- Daycare Workers
- Trash and recycling workers
- Brothers and Sisters in Christ

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. Acts 1:14



Buckets of Love Challenge

BUCKETS OF LOVE CHALLENGE *WE ARE THE CHURCH!*

While it seems like every day another summer activity is being cancelled, we want you to know that WE ARE STILL THE CHURCH TOGETHER!

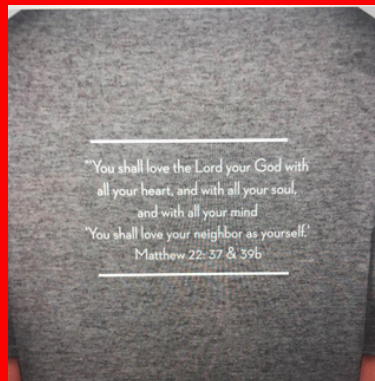
You are invited to be a part of the Buckets of Love Challenge. All are encouraged and invited to participate in this week of service and showing God's love to others.

Jesus' greatest commandment was to love God and love others.

Farmington Lutheran staff has assembled buckets that will be available for purchase. Inside each bucket will be a t-shirt, a daily devotion focused on that day's theme, as well as a daily service project activity.

If you would like to purchase additional shirts for family members or your neighbors, those are available for purchase as well.

Buckets will be available to pick up at Farmington Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 20 from 9:00 am–11:00 am.



If you have any questions please contact Dawn at dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com or Kristine at kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com.

**Orders
due by
June 5th!**

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR OF CONFIRMATION!

Confirmation 2019-2020 wrapped up for the year on May 5th. Confirmation ended with 4 weeks of virtual Confirmation. Kristine shared large group messages each week and small groups met virtually. Thank you to all FLC Confirmation families, Confirmation Guides, Junior Guides, FLC staff and Pastor Kevin for a great year. We look forward to meeting together again in the fall for Confirmation 2020-2021!





GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY JUNE 7TH, 2020

Congregation, friends and family members of graduates please help us in recognizing these young men and women by submitting a short video or written message of congratulations, a blessing and encouragement for them.

Videos or messages can be shared to a google drive found [here](#).

Please contact Kristine at kristine@farmingtonlutheran.com with any questions.

Can't wait to hear from you!

VIRTUAL ONLINE SERVICE

Streaming available at 5 pm on June 6th

All are invited to tune in via Farmington Lutheran Church YouTube or Facebook page. The service will be focused on honoring and blessing the graduates.

DRIVE-IN GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, June 7, 10:00 am

We ask that you stay in your vehicles with the windows up. You will be able to tune into the service on your car radio. There will be designated spaces for graduates and their families. Graduates are invited to arrive at church by 9:45 am in their caps and gowns.

Parking spaces are limited, please sign up to reserve your parking space [here](#).

DRIVE-THROUGH RECEPTION

Sunday, June 7, Line Up at 10:45 am

Graduates and families will be spaced out appropriately in the FLC parking lot. Meet at the north entrance/exit at 10:45 am to line up for the drive through reception "honk and wave" for graduates.



CAMP WAPO UPDATE

We will not be able to attend camp this year at Wapo due to the coronavirus. If your child or children were registered you should have received an email with information on how to cancel your registration. Please contact the camp with any questions. (715) 268-8434

FLC KID TIME ON ZOOM

These short zoom meeting will be taking place throughout the summer. I will set up times for the different age groups to meet. We may read stories, sing, pray, and just chat. There is no pressure to join us, just know that all are welcome!

There could be possible theme meetings or friendly competitions. The sky is the limit!

Look for an email in early June with more information.





A GLIMPSE INTO DAWN'S WORLD

CHECK OUT THIS NEW RESOURCE!

Dawn and Kristine have been busy adding new resources and updates to the youth and children blog. Visit flcfamilies.com. The blog will provide devotions, resources for families, games and an opportunity for families to ask questions and post prayer requests.

While the building is closed, our ministry continues! Here's a look at what Dawn, our Director of Children's Ministries has been up to!

- Children's Team meetings (summer and future planning)
- Writing Blogs
- Zoom Calls with different groups
- Future Planning
- Emailing families
- Writing Letters/Cards
- Creating Videos
- Attending online workshops/seminars/conferences
- Connecting with the FLC team



WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS SUMMER?

Well, much is still unknown currently. We will be deciding within the next week or two on whether or not we will hold VBS/KiC ROCKS as we have grown to love or if some changes need to be made. I know change can be scary, but it can also be wonderful. I ask that you keep an open mind and know that we are working hard to do what is best for us all.

CARING HEARTS HOSTED A FREE FOOD PICK UP ON MAY 21ST

Caring Hearts in Action hosted a food drive at Farmington Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 21st. Anyone in need of food could drive up and receive a bag of food, no questions asked and no contact was made.

We are so excited to share that 600 families were helped through this event!

These events wouldn't be possible without the amazing work of Caring Hearts and the volunteers who worked together to organize and disperse food to so many families in need!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 24, 2020 12PM-6PM

Walk Ins welcome or
schedule a time [here](#)



**GIVE BLOOD.
SAVE LIVES.**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM



VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP



FISHERS OF MEN

**virtual get
togethers
keep us
connected**

Just A Minute

(for spiritual growth)

Living in the Moment

By Linda Morris

Life these days is an upset apple cart, not like the days of yore when you met yourself at the door while coming and going. Most people have been spending their days neither coming nor going but staying in place.

I need to remember that God did not write the days of my life as chapters but "every moment was laid out." It seems everyone tries to plan their life ahead noting goals for today, tomorrow, and forever, but God has decreed our lives moment by moment, so it is our calling to live that way.

Perhaps God is teaching us a new way of life by forcing us to break the rigid guidelines of schedule and routine to completely live by faith and the unseen. (2 Corinthians 5:7) The Plans of God are firm and never shaken so there are times when our own plans must crumble to see the Way of the Lord in our midst. (Psalm 33:11) Perhaps living in the moment is the takeaway of this time of staying in place?

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Remember to check out our weekly worship services, stories, blogs and more online on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and flcfamilies.com site.

We want to partner with you and your family. What would you find helpful during this time? Let us know at office@farmingtonlutheran.com

Remember these things: God loves you, we love you, and we hope to see you again soon!

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

(online only at this time)

Saturday 5:00 pm



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