

March 2023

THE GROVE

FED & SENT

LENT 2023



ABUNDANCE

“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” –God’s call to Abraham, Genesis 12:2-3

God’s call to Abraham in Genesis 12 begins with promises of land, a great name, and blessing. But God also gives the reason for these things. It’s not just so that Abraham (and descendants) will receive abundance. It’s “so that you will be a blessing.” God’s promises and gifts are given for everyone’s benefit.

In our lives together at Farmington Lutheran, two themes are converging this Lent.

The first is our yearlong theme of “Immeasurably More.” We are (slowly, perhaps) recognizing that we’re emerging from a time that highlighted shortage and scarcity, rather than abundance. Health, wealth, community, and normalcy were shaken, if not outright taken, these past years. Sometimes it feels like we’re waiting for permission to be grateful, or celebrate abundance.

As people of faith, we’re called to recognize that we have a God whose promise and blessings are immeasurably more than we could gather and hold ourselves. Furthermore,

we’re called to take stock of life around us, and look – not just for what’s missing, but for blessings. We, too, are blessed to be a blessing. And we’re called to share what God has first given us.

The second theme is the Lenten series of “Fed & Sent.” Each Wednesday we’re highlighting something that we are blessed with; something that “feeds” us – food, community, information, money, and Jesus – and then reflect on how that blessing sends us to bless others.

Our God, who is and offers immeasurably more than we can imagine, feeds us and sends us to feed our neighbors, in lots of ways. This season, you’re invited to reflect how you are fed by a grace-full God who provides immeasurably more than we imagine, and moves us to provide for others too.

Thanks for being church together. Peace.

Pastor Ben



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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

5:00-6:00PM

LENTEN DINNER, GATHERING SPACE

all are invited to a community meal hosted each week by various FLC ministry groups, free will donations will go directly towards youth camperships for Seeds Weekend, Camp Wapo and Outlaw Ranch

6:00-6:40PM

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER WORSHIP, SANCTUARY

6:45-7:30PM

FED & SENT DISCUSSION, SANCTUARY

each week a different topic will be discussed surrounding what feeds us: food, community, information, money & Jesus

MUSIC SCHEDULE

NO Children's Choir or Bell Rehearsals

6:45-7:30PM

JOYFUL RINGERS REHEARSAL, CHOIR ROOM

7:30-8:15PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL, CHOIR ROOM



Palm Sunday
April 2



Maundy Thursday
April 6



Good Friday
April 7



Easter Sunday
April 9

BAPTISM ORIENTATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

AT 9:45 AM

FLC's hosting it's next baptism orientation in a couple weeks. Families are invited to attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism. Follow the link below to sign up. [SIGN UP HERE](#)



COMMUNION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 AT 10:00AM

Are you- or is someone you know- interested in beginning to receive Holy Communion? Make plans to attend the Community Communion Workshop on Saturday, March 11th, at 10:00 am at Farmington Lutheran. We'll learn more about the history and meaning behind the practice of communion and get ready to receive it for the first time. All ages are welcome! If you have questions about whether you or someone you know is ready for communion, please ask any of the pastors. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

BREW ED THE OLOGY

TUESDAY, MARCH 28
7:00 - 8:30PM
TRUTH.
FAKE NEWS.
GOSPEL.



Food *on the* Fourth

James 2:15-17

465 pounds were collected in February! Next month's Food on the Fourth will be Sunday, March 26.

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

- Muffin Mixes
- Brownie Mixes
- Granola Bars (small boxes preferred)
- Syrup
- Pancake/Waffle Mix
- Juice boxes
- Ramen
- Pasta Noodles
- Cereal
- 64oz juice bottles (Apple, Grape, Cran-Apple. etc.)

Are you a mom? Come check out Moms' Group! Whether you've been to a gathering before or not, you're always welcome. We'll meet for devotions and conversation between worship services (around 9:30) on Sunday, March 26, in the Fireside Room at FLC. Grab a snack and a cup of coffee from the Fellowship Window, and feel free to bring little ones. If you'd like to get Moms' Group emails, have an idea for an outing, or have questions, please let Pastor Kristen know! kristen@farmingtonlutheran.com



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SUNDAY, APRIL 16 11:30am

While grief is a reality in all our lives, sometimes it becomes a burden that's especially hard to carry. If the weight of your grief is overwhelming you, find some help and comfort with Farmington Lutheran's Grief Support Group. The next round of the Grief Support Group will begin meeting on Sunday, April 16, after the second worship service (around 11:30.) We'll plan to meet for six consecutive Sundays, all at 11:30, for about an hour each time. You are welcome to participate whether you can make all six sessions or not, and whether you've been a part of a Grief Support Group before or not. Please let Pastor Kristen know if you plan to attend or if you have questions: kristen@farmingtonlutheran.com



4TH GRADE MILESTONE

Fourth graders and their parents joined us to learn more about The Apostles' Creed on Sunday, February 12 between worship services. We had a nice discussion on what the creed was and what they believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Some were able to join us at the 10:30 service to lead us in the Apostles' Creed.



5TH GRADE FIRST COMMUNION



5th Grade First Communion Orientation will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 10:00am. 5th graders should attend with an adult. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

A donation bucket will be out to help cover the cost of the materials. Thank you for your continued support.

5th graders will take their First Communion on Thursday, April 6th at 5:30pm or 7:00pm.

camp wapo & outlaw ranch fundraisers

Interested in supporting FLC Youth's summer adventures? Check out all the different ways below!



LENTEN MEALS

We are holding Lenten Meals again, each Wednesday in March. Donation buckets will be out (with a suggested donation of \$5/meal). Youth attending the different camps are encouraged to volunteer in helping at these meals. Those that do will receive a portion of the donations to help offset the cost of camp.



BUTTER BRAIDS

Butter Braids are back! Stop by the Gathering Area to check out all the yummy options. There are paper order forms available as well as an online ordering option. Orders will be taken through March 15, and pick up will be at church on March 30- in time for Easter! You can order butter braids [HERE](#).



PLANT SALE

Bachman's and FLC have partnered up to sell annual and perennial plants this spring. Farmington Lutheran youth that sell plants will receive a portion of the profit to use towards Seeds Weekend, Camp Wapo or Outlaw Ranch. Watch the announcements for more information.

events

FARMINGTON LANES: FRIDAY, MARCH 31

On Friday, March 31st you're invited to come bowl and have dinner at Farmington Lanes from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. This will be great chance for Farmington Lutheran Church to have a fun night of fellowship and support our youth who are participating in Seeds Weekend, Camp Wapo or Outlaw Ranch. Farmington Lanes will give our youth 50 percent of the proceeds for those going on the summer trip.

PIZZA RANCH: MONDAY, MAY 8

Come support our youth by enjoying dinner with your family and friends at Pizza Ranch in Lakeville. Our youth will be bussing tables to help offset the cost for their summer adventures. This event will be happening on Wednesday, May 8th from 4pm-8pm. Please grab a Pizza Ranch Flyer at the blue youth table in our welcome area and present it to the Pizza Ranch employee at the register. Farmington Lutheran Youth will get 10 percent of the proceeds that evening.

GRILL OUT AND BAG TOURNAMENT: JUNE 14

Grill Out and Bag Tournament on Wednesday, June 14 at 5:30pm. Come and enjoy some fellowship time, food, and more. Look for more details soon.



CAMP

more ways to support summer programming at FLC

- Pray for campers, families, volunteers, and staff!
- The HANDS Giving Tree is set up in the gathering area with different options to support all of FLC's summer camps/events Stop by and check it out!
- Amazon Wish List: Click the link below to find FLC's wish list of supplies we'd love to use for programming this summer. [VIEW THE LIST HERE](#)



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

FLY Family Game Night was a blast! We had all of FLY, 6th-12th grade students together, enjoying a night of fun. We had board games galore, video games with Mario Kart competitions, an indoor Gaga Ball pit, lots of fellowship, fun conversations, and we enjoyed a lot of snacks. Thanks to everyone who participated!



KIC EVENTS: 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH GRADE

We invited everyone to White Tail Woods for a couple of hours of sledding and/or walking. We didn't know at the time that there was a big event booked at the same time we were going. We are very sorry if you came all the way out there only to be told there wasn't room for you and your family.

Our next event is another family friendly outing to Farmington Lanes. Join us from 5:00-6:00pm on Friday, March 31. This is a fundraiser event, so get your friends and family together for some bowling and dinner or appetizers

***If you can't make 5-6pm work, we also have 6:30-7:30pm available.



Farmington Lutheran Church is seeking a vibrant person to fill our Office Administrative Assistant position.

The key accountabilities of this position include:

- Creating a welcoming environment as you oversee the overall functions of the church office.
- Administrative duties that focus on recordkeeping, scheduling and correspondence.
- Providing assistance to pastoral and program staff.

For a complete job description click [here](#).

This part-time position is not eligible for benefits outside of vacation or sick leave. Variable work hours with a usual schedule of 9-3 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 1-7 on Wednesday and 8-12 Sundays.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to hr@farmingtonlutheran.com.



CONNECTION CARDS

Interested in getting involved in something at FLC? Have a prayer request? Looking to connect with a staff member?

we want to hear from you!

Connection cards can be found in the sanctuary pews, and the welcome booth. Fill one out and return it to the prayer box, offering basket, or to any staff member.



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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



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