

May 2023

THE GROVE



EASTER AT FLC

On Maundy Thursday (and again on Sunday, April 16) we celebrated over 25 first communions. Welcome to the table!

Over 1,000 worshippers attended Easter services at FLC this year. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers and talented musicians for sharing your gifts with us throughout the different services of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



TRANSITIONS: A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS AND A TIME FOR LISTENING

By Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

May 11th will be Nick Madsen's last day in serving as our Director of Youth & Family Ministries. While we are sad to see him go, we are thankful for Nick and his time in this position. We also want to affirm Nick and Mandy and all families that are faced with tough decisions, and strive to do what is life-giving.

We will have a service of blessing for Nick during the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services on May 7th, and a fellowship hour in his honor between those worship services. I encourage you to take time to connect with Nick to extend your gratitude and encouragement.

Part of life and ministry are these times of transition. Thankfully, we have a God who is faithful and sees us through these times as we continue to carry out ministry together. We are crafting a plan for our summer Youth & Family ministry activities as well as for next program year, keeping in mind the question, "How are we called to be the church today?" Please join me for an intentional listening session on Sunday, May 14th or Sunday, May 21st between worship services (9:40-10:20 a.m.) in the Sunshine Room. I would love to hear what type of programming, activities, and approaches meet you where you are and help you to feel connected to God and each other.

God's blessings to you as we journey forward together!



Small Group Ministries

Dad's Group

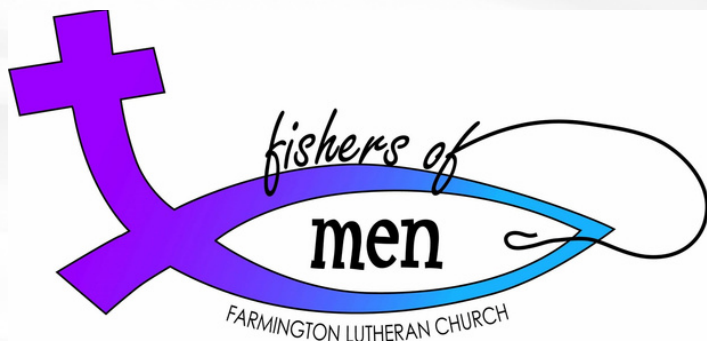
FLC's Dad's Group got together at Nick's Madsen's house a few weeks ago for a fun day of playing retro arcade games. It was a nice time to be together, eat junk food, compete at setting high scores on Nick's arcade games, and have that time of fellowship. We look forward to being together again soon and hope that any dad out there that couldn't make it attend our next get together.



Mom's Group

Come check out Moms' Group! Whether you've been to a gathering before or not, you're always welcome. With patio season around the corner we're hoping to plan an off-site gathering soon. We'll meet again here at FLC on Sunday, the 21st, at 9:30.

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



Fishers of Men meets the First Sunday of each month. This month the Fishers and Dad's Group are grilling up lunch for the Great FLC Get Together on Sunday, April 30. If you are interested in learning more or joining Fishers of Men, stop by our office for contact information or stop by a meeting,

FLC UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

CLOSE THE GAP

Special Appeal Update

Thanks for your great generosity in giving to the “Close the Gap” Special Appeal! Your donations through April 25 has tallied \$26,795! And with the promised match of \$10,000 that will bring the total to \$36,795!

Your generosity is at work to close this year’s \$63,000 budget gap and to provide for FLC ministries and ministry partners that make a difference to you and your neighbors. We will continue to seek your input as we give away \$1,000 to a local organization for every \$10,000 raised in this Special Appeal.

Your contributions are always welcomed and appreciated! Together we can “Close the Gap!”

You're Invited!

GREAT FLC GET TOGETHER

Sunday, April 30

You're invited to the Great FLC Get Together on Sunday, April 30 for a pop-up choir, games, food, and ministry fair!

- Pop-up choir is for anyone middle school and older, please arrive at 8:00am to rehearse for the 8:30 worship service. Email karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com for more information.
- Grill out lunch will be available after second worship service, special thanks to Fishers of Men for cooking.
- Nine square, air square, bags (cornhole), gaga pit, popcorn, parachute, crafts and more!

**GRILL
OUT
LUNCH**



GAMES



**POP UP
CHOIR**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 28. That Sunday is when Farmington Lutheran's summer worship schedule begins. Beginning Memorial Day weekend and lasting through Labor Day weekend, services will take place at 8:30am and 10:00. Livestream will continue to be available at the second service time (10:00am).



FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

May 3 at 5:30pm

First Wednesday Worship is back in May! We can't wait to see you (in the FLC sanctuary or on the Facebook livestream) on Wednesday, May 3 at 5:30 pm, for some informal, intergenerational, and interactive worship fun!



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Thank you to all our amazing music volunteers who participated in our ensembles and provided special music throughout the school year. Your talents, time, and dedication help to make our worship services inspirational and meaningful!

If you are interested in providing special music during worship services this summer, whether you sing or play an instrument, please contact Karissa Dennis, Director of Music Ministries.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATES



FUNDRAISER MONDAY, MAY 8 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Come support our youth who are participating in one of FLY's summer trips by enjoying dinner with your family at Pizza Ranch in Lakeville. Our youth will be bussing tables to help offset their cost for the trip that they will participate in. This event will be happening on Wednesday, May 8th from 4pm-8pm. We will get 10 percent of the proceeds that evening.

BACHMAN'S ANNUAL AND PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER



Students have fundraised for their FLY summer trips by selling annuals, perennials, and vegetables from Bachman's. Plant sales will end on Wednesday, May 5th and we will be in contact with you regarding a pickup date for your orders.

FLC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 8

Farmington Lutheran Church offers scholarship opportunities to those who are planning to attend post-secondary college, university, or 2-year technical school, regardless of religious affiliation.

Scholarship applications must be well thought out and completed in full to be considered. Given the Endowment funds available in 2023, priority will be given to applicants attending Christian schools. [APPLY HERE](#)

8TH GRADE RETREAT

FLY had a retreat for our 8th Grade Confirmation Students where they volunteered at Trinity Campus in Farmington. It was a meaningful experience serving the wonderful residents of Trinity Campus. Students served lunch, participated in giving some ladies manicures, and picked up trash outside on the campus grounds. Students were also being prepared as they wrap up their Confirmation Journey and get ready for their fall Affirmation of Baptism service.



FIRST AND SECOND GRADE PRAYER MILESTONE

We had a wonderful turnout for our 1st/2nd grade milestones on The Lord's Prayer and Prayer.

The 1st graders spent time with Pastor Kristen and learned more about The Lord's Prayer and what it means. They led the congregation in The Lord's Prayer at both services and during large group for FLCTime.

The 2nd graders and families were given opportunities to talk about prayer. They had the chance to write down different ideas for what, who, where, when, and how to pray. They created the prayers that were led in church on April 23. Here is what they came up with for the service:

Dear God, we pray for our family and friends to be safe and healthy. Watch over our Sunday/Wednesday FLC Time teachers and confirmation guides. We are thankful for them and all that they do to help share your love and light with us.

Lord, in your mercy... (hear our prayer)

We pray for Ethan and other kids battling cancer and other illnesses. Please continue to comfort others who are sick and be with everyone who feel alone.

Lord, in your mercy... (hear our prayer)

We pray for those who are deployed and their families.

Lord, in your mercy...(hear our prayer)

We pray that you would continue to guide and support our pastors, Dawn, Nick, Karissa, Jen, and office staff. Continue to help those who work at the food shelf and help supply food for those that don't have enough to eat.

Lord, in your mercy... (hear our prayer)

We pray for those in Ukraine, for those in dangerous situations, and for the Red Tide areas in Florida. Please be with the police and other emergency workers. Be with those who are missing and their family and friends.

Lord, in your mercy...(hear our prayer)

We are thankful for food, water, air, shelter. We are thankful for our family, siblings, friends, and pets. We are thankful for the sunshine and for the ability to do activities. We are also thankful for those working to fill all the potholes on the roads. Most of all we are thankful for you, God!

Lord, in your mercy... (hear our prayer)

Thank you for helping us learn more about prayer and listening to us when we pray.

And all God's children said together...AMEN!



Summer is quickly approaching. Be on the lookout to register for fall programming at FLC. Have you thought about helping in Children, Youth, and Family ministries? Not sure what we would have for you? Come and talk with Dawn. Our programs need older youth and adults of all ages to help us live out our Core Values.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER



VBS: STELLAR- REGISTER HERE

Dates: July 17-20, 2023 *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- Email Dawn to be
added to the waitlist

Dates: July 17-20, 2023 *No programming
Friday

Grades: Entering 5th and 6th

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Location: FLC (other locations TBD)

Have you noticed the tree in the Gathering
Area with all the HANDS? We have put
together ways to help get youth to camp,
help purchase items, and so much more.
Stop by and check it out.

It's not too late to sign up for the 2023 Youth Summer Impact Trip!

Dates: July 22 - 28, 2023
Completed Grades 8 - 12

What: Join Pastor Kevin at Outlaw Ranch this summer! Outlaw Ranch offers a beautiful and intimate environment ideal for a spiritual retreat, personal growth workshops, horseback riding, and more.

Where: Outlaw Ranch is located on 200 acres of private Black Hills Forest, near Custer, South Dakota and provides a setting conducive for learning, relaxation, and time apart.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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



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