



NOVEMBER 2022

THE GROVE

What an exciting Sunday as we celebrated 62 Senior High students confirm their faith in Jesus. Watching them affirm their baptismal promise was a wonderful experience had by all. Thank you to all the Confirmation guides and parents as they had walked along side these students through their Confirmation Journey.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023

REAL Faith For REAL People Making a REAL Difference

The individuals and families that make up Farmington Lutheran are authentic people who know the ups and downs of life. You have persevered through the pandemic and you remain filled with hospitality, energy, love, and compassion. Together we are motivated by a deep desire for all people to know the love of Jesus and to have a vibrant faith that transforms lives. Our world needs this love and faith to help light up the path forward now as much as ever! Farmington Lutheran Church is poised for this moment.

We don't pretend to know where, exactly, the path forward leads. Instead, we claim God's promises, and the power of faith to see us through times of uncertainty.

In response to what has been learned through listening surveys and conversations, we have three key initiatives we want to carry out in 2023.

- Nurture Youth with Faith
- Deepen Community Relationships
- Support People Through the Development of Small Groups

The goal of the 2023 Appeal is to fund these initiatives and to sustain other ministries by increasing offerings by \$60,000. A key resource to make these initiatives happen is increasing the shared pastoral role of Pastor Kristen and Pastor Ben from 1.0 to 1.3 FTE.

In the next week, you will be receiving 2023 Stewardship Appeal materials in the mail. Please pray for a generous response and prayerfully consider increasing your own giving for the coming year.

Completed Statements of Intent can be returned online, by scanning the QR code below, through the mail, or as part of Stewardship Sunday on November 13th. Together we will reach our goals for 2023.



BREW ED THE OLOGY

“IS JESUS A
REPUBLICAN OR
DEMOCRAT?”

Thursday, November 17
7:00pm
Location: TBD, stay tuned!

We live every day of our lives as a people of God, and that includes Election Day. Brewed Theology this month is happening after election day, but we're going to talk about how our faith informs our lives as citizens – especially in a divided and partisan society.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30pm

First Wednesday Worship is for all ages. This month, get ready to learn all about why we practice the different parts of a worship service. Why do we sing? Why do we stand sometimes? Come find out or learn more! We look forward to seeing you there.

And mark your calendars for First Wednesday Worship on December 7, at 5:30PM. The service will include singing familiar Christmas carols!



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Join us at FLC for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 23, at 7PM! Area pastors will participate, helping to lead worship, and a community choir will provide special music. If interested in participating in the choir, please contact Karissa Dennis. It will be a night of gratitude!

BAPTISM ORIENTATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 9:30AM

Do you or someone you know want to be baptized? We ask that everyone planning to have a child baptized attend the Baptism orientation class. We offer these orientations multiple times a year to make it convenient for you and your family. Come and learn more about baptism and what it means. Sign up today:
<https://www.farmingtonlutheran.com/baptism>



Food on the ~~Fourth~~ Third (in Nov. & Dec.)

James 2:15-17



Thank you for participating in Food on the 4th! We gathered 586 pounds of food and supplies to help meet our community's needs.

The next couple month's Food on the 4th falls near Thanksgiving and Christmas so we will be doing FOOD ON THE THIRD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Upcoming Food on the Fourth Dates:
Sunday, November 20
Sunday, December 18

Food Shelf Needs:

- pasta
- spaghetti sauce
- tomato paste
- tomato sauce
- enchilada sauce
- canned sloppy Joe
- canned chili
- stuffing mix
- cranberries
- mashed potatoes

Service of Comfort & Hope December 5, 2022 at 7:00pm

As the Christmas season nears, so can feelings of loss, loneliness, and grief. We're taking an evening to recognize Advent and Christmas as difficult seasons at our service of Comfort & Hope on Monday, December 5th at 7pm, for some songs, scripture, and a word of promise. Service will be live-streamed.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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. We'll meet November 6, 13 and 20 at 4:00pm in the Fireside Room at FLC. You're welcome to attend all or as many of the meetings as work for you. Please let Pastor Kristen know if you have any questions.

MOM'S GROUP NOVEMBER 6 at 9:45am

Hey, moms! We're starting a new small group, and it's for you! Please join Pastor Kristen in the Fireside Room at FLC on Sunday, November 6th, at 9:45 for coffee, devotions, and conversation. Feel free to bring little ones along! If you can't make it on the 6th but are interested in being a part of a moms' group, or have input to share, please email Pastor Kristen at kristen@farmingtonlutheran.com.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

On Sunday, November 6th, Farmington Lutheran will join the broader church in celebrating the festival of All Saints. The day gives us an opportunity to grieve loved ones we've lost, recently or long ago, and give thanks for the body of Christ, in which all saints—past, present, and future—are held together. During worship, we will ring bells and name the saints from this congregation who have died in the last year. You'll also be invited to write on a post-it note the names of dear ones you are missing and bring it up to the communion rail. We hope the day will be a reminder of the hope we have in Jesus and a source of comfort for you.



ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Advent is just around the corner, and we'd love your help lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath! There are opportunities to participate during both worship services each Sunday in Advent: November 27 and December 4, 11, and 18. If you and/or your family are interested, sign up [HERE](#)

NOW COLLECTING!

Winter Gear

all sizes needed,
toddler through adult

It's that time of year again to pull out those warmer layers. Do you have items that are too small or you don't need any longer? Bring them to FLC for our Winter Gear collection! Throughout the month of November we'll be collecting gently used winter coats, hats, mittens/gloves, boots and snow pants in toddler through adult sizes. Stop by the gathering space and add your donations to the large square bin labeled Winter Gear Collection.



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Harvest
Market

NOVEMBER 5, 2022
9AM - 2:30 PM

CRAFTS, QUILT & BAKE SALE
LUNCH AVAILABLE



UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS



SHANTYTOWN

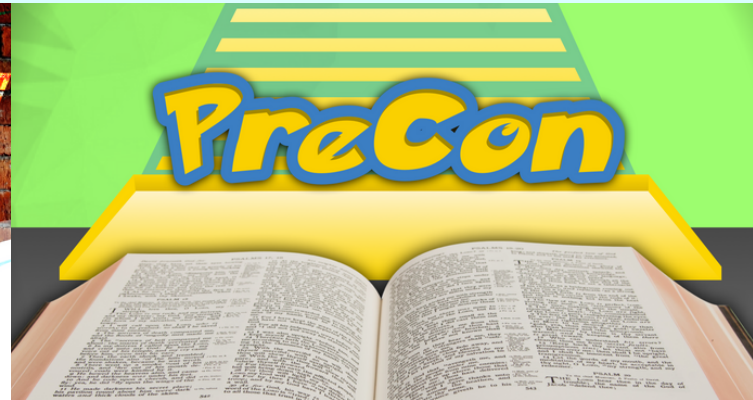
FLY had a wonderful turn out for Shanty Town. We had around 60 students show up for a night of fun, and to help create homeless awareness. 45 students stayed overnight and either camped outside on the church's grounds or slept in sleeping bags inside. Huge thank you to all the leaders who helped with this event, and for Fishers of Men for cooking our students' breakfast on Sunday morning.

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN

Calling FLY peeps to a night of service at Feed My Starving Children's Eagan facility. We will have two sessions on Wednesday, November 16th from 4:40pm - 6:15pm and 7:00pm - 8:45pm Please sign up with Nick or Dawn for this event.



Nick is looking for volunteers that would be willing to be small group leaders for KOIN on Wednesday nights. The task is quite simple as it doesn't require any preparation on your part. Nick is looking for small group leaders who love Jesus, high school students, conversation, and are willing to be consistent. The task is to have small group discussion questions on the screen in the Worship Center and have leaders guide the discussion. These discussions will take place throughout the teaching time to make it feel more interactive for our students. KOIN happens on Wednesday nights from 8PM to 9PM. Please let Nick know if you have any questions and if you're willing to help.



PreCon will meet on Wednesday, November 2 at 4:00 pm. Please be sure to check in and get your name tag from the welcome booth. Please remember your Bibles.

The sign-up for PreCon snacks is [HERE](#). We had our first Supper on the Second in October and look forward to the next one on November 9. This can be for the whole family or just the 6th grader and parents/caring adult. You will receive a Supper on the Second RSVP link soon.

UPCOMING KIC EVENT 4th, 5th and 6th Graders

KiC Event on November 13 will be held at FLC. We will have a light lunch and then create BIRTHDAY KITS for the Farmington Food Shelf. [REGISTER HERE](#)

We are looking for donations to help create the kits. Items needed include cans of lemon/lime pop, cake mixes, frosting, sprinkles, foil pans (with lids if possible), birthday themed napkins, plates, and table coverings, and candles. Drop off items in the office labeled with my name or KiC event. Thank you!



INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 11



Intergenerational Christmas Program is happening on December 11 at both worship services. We are looking for readers. Please let us know if you are interested in taking on a role. We will also need singers at each service. Contact Dawn, Nick, or Karissa for more information.

MILESTONE EVENT

December 4 at 9:30am

This event is for 3 year old's and a caring adult. We will meet and learn about the Christmas Story and our church. Look for a sign-up coming soon!



Other News for Children and Families Ministries

No FLC TIME on Wednesday, November 23 or Sunday, November 27 due to Thanksgiving break.

Please join us for worship on Wednesday, November 23 at 7pm and/or on Sunday, November 27 at 8:30 or 10:30am.

Are you looking for a way to get involved that doesn't take a whole lot of time out of your already busy schedules? We are looking for people that are high school aged and older to be on our ministry team/special project team. Could that be you? Contact dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com

Guitarist and/or pianist wanted to help lead music on Sunday mornings for 10-15minutes. Music provided. Let Dawn or Karissa know if you are interested in helping.

TRUNK or treat

What a fun night we had at Trunk or Treat this year! We had so many new vehicles participate in Trunk or Treat (23 trunks!). We had between 600 and 700 people come through this year.

It was so much fun seeing FLC families and other friends stop by in costumes.

Thank you to those that donated candy or trinkets~ we passed out all of it! And thanks to you we made it to 7:00pm and were able to serve everyone who showed up.

Now, what can we start planning to do for next year? DJ? Anyone want to pop popcorn?



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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



FALL BACK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

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