

October 2022

# THE GROVE



## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

On Sunday, September 25 FLC took part in the ELCA's God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. FLC cleaned up gardens at Riverview Elementary, Al Maghfirah Cemetery, did landscaping and painting at FLC, sorted and packed food for the schools and food shelf, and made cards for Farmington High School's GSA.



# OWL'S



Did you know we have owls in the building? Not the literal kind, of course, but the Older, Wiser Lutheran variety. OWLs is a group of folks who meet for Bible study and fellowship on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Education Wing at FLC. Come check it out- whether you're new or returning after a while away- and get a reminder of whooo loves you most of all. (Hint: it's Jesus.)

## Food on the James 2:15-17 Fourth

We collected 324 lbs of food on Sunday, split between Riverview, Dodge, and Food Shelf. That brings our Food on the Fourth total to over 4,295 lbs. October 23 is next month's Food on the Fourth Collection.



### **A HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE WITH FARMINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH June 5-14, 2024**

Upcoming Informational Meetings  
When: October 2, 2022  
Time: 9:30 AM - Between Worship Services  
When: October 6, 2022  
Where: 6:30 PM - at FLC

You do not need to attend a meeting to sign up. An email will be sent out on the morning of Sunday, October 2nd with a link to itinerary, pricing and online sign up. To get on the emailing list, please follow the link [HERE](#) and submit the information.

# TRUNK or treat

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28  
5:30 - 7:00PM**



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All are invited to Farmington Lutheran for a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot! This year FLC is collecting candy donations to be handed out during the event. Donations can be dropped off in the office any time, please label them "trunk or treat". If you're interested in decorating your vehicle at Trunk or Treat, sign up [HERE](#).



## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

FLC will hold a New Member Orientation on Sunday, October 2nd and 11:45 a.m. in the Education Wing.

With the gathering happening over the lunch hour we will have some Subway sandwiches for you to enjoy. We would also love to take your picture when you arrive.

This hour long orientation will be a time to learn more about FLC and meet the church program staff. They will share some of the exciting things that FLC is up to and some opportunities that may be of interest to you.

We are also hoping to hear what you are passionate about and interested in. We look forward to celebrating

great ways that God works through you. These conversations aren't meant to overload new members with commitments, but help to speed up the process in getting people connected with opportunities that are a good fit.

This is also a time for you to ask questions. All of this is in the hope of having FLC feel more and more like your church home, and a community where you feel valued as you live out your calling as a follower of Jesus.

New members will be recognized during worship on Sunday, October 9th.

If you're interested in attending this month's New Member Orientation, follow the link [HERE](#) to sign up.

# BREW ED THE OLOGY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

The next Brewed Theology is Thursday, October 27th at 7pm (tentatively!) at Bourbon Butcher. Our topic of conversation is "it's going to happen to all of us, so let's talk about Dying Well." It's not a light subject, but end of life is a reality we all face. We will discuss how to engage end of life discussions, decisions, and meet them with hope.

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS WITH THE WOESTEHOFFS!

This fall marks ten years that Pastor Kevin and his family have been a part of Farmington Lutheran; what a great occasion for a celebration! We'll be recognizing and giving thanks for the Woestehoffs and the many gifts they've shared with FLC on October 16. More details coming soon! If you'd like to contribute to a gift you can do so online [HERE](#), or stop by the church office.



# WHAT'S NEW

*new small groups are starting, check out a few below*

## MOMS' GROUP



Hey, moms! We're starting a new small group, and it's for you! Before winter hits, we hope to have a moms' group up and running, and we'd like your input. Please join Pastor Kristen in the library at FLC on Sunday, October 9th, at 9:45am for a Moms' Group info session. You can share your thoughts and meet some other moms! Feel free to bring little ones along, or to drop them off with Little Lambs in the Sunshine Room. If you can't make it on the 9th but are interested in being a part of a moms' group, or have input to share, please email Pastor Kristen at [kristene@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:kristene@farmingtonlutheran.com)

## GRIEF SUPPORT

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 four consecutive Sundays at 4:00pm at FLC: October 23 and 30, and November 6 and 13. You're welcome to attend all or as many of the meetings as work for you. Dinner (soup and bread) will be provided for our first meeting on October 23. To sign up, [CLICK HERE](#) or email or call Linda in the front office ([office@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:office@farmingtonlutheran.com), 651.463.4100). Please let Pastor Kristen know if you have any questions.



# Children's Updates

## PARENT'S TIME OUT LITTLE LAMBS MUSIC

Did you know that you have the awesome ability to come to PARENTS TIME OUT (PTO) the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month? PTO is for any parent/caregiver. Come and meet other parents and talk about just about anything. Our next meeting is on October 2 at 9:30am. We hope to see you there!

Little Lambs is our music class for children Pre-K and under with a parent/caregiver. This group will sing songs and explore music together. Little Lambs meet at 9:30am the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. There will be opportunities for these little ones to sing in church. Join us on October 9 in the Sunshine Room.



## TRUNK OR TREAT DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of candy and/or trinkets for our TRUNK or TREAT event on Friday, October 28. If you want to help and can donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Last year, we had to make trips to the store to restock the cars here. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn@farmingtonlutheran.com.



## NEW BEGINNINGS MILESTONE

New Beginnings Milestone Event for our 3 yr olds (by September 1, 2022) that are just starting Sunday/Wednesday FLC TIME -OR- those that are new to FLC and in Kindergarten - 2nd grade. Join us on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30am. Parents/caregivers should attend with their child and plan to attend the 10:30am worship service for a special blessing.

This event will give each child a Spark Storybook Bible to use at home and at church. Please sign up [HERE](#).

## BAPTISM ORIENTATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Are you looking to schedule a baptism for your child or yourself? If so, we ask that you attend a Baptism Orientation before setting up a date for the baptism.

Our next orientation is on Sunday, November 20 at 9:45am. We will meet in the Fireside Room and have conversations around baptism and what will happen the day of the baptism. You can sign up to join us [HERE](#).





October

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**4th, 5th,  
and 6th  
graders!**

Our first KIC event has been scheduled for Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm. Please sign up [HERE](#)

The cost is \$7/person, and we will meet at Crazy Legs Farm and Pumpkins off of Biscayne Ave. You can also bring extra money if you want to pick your own pumpkins. Parents/Caregivers are invited to come as well.

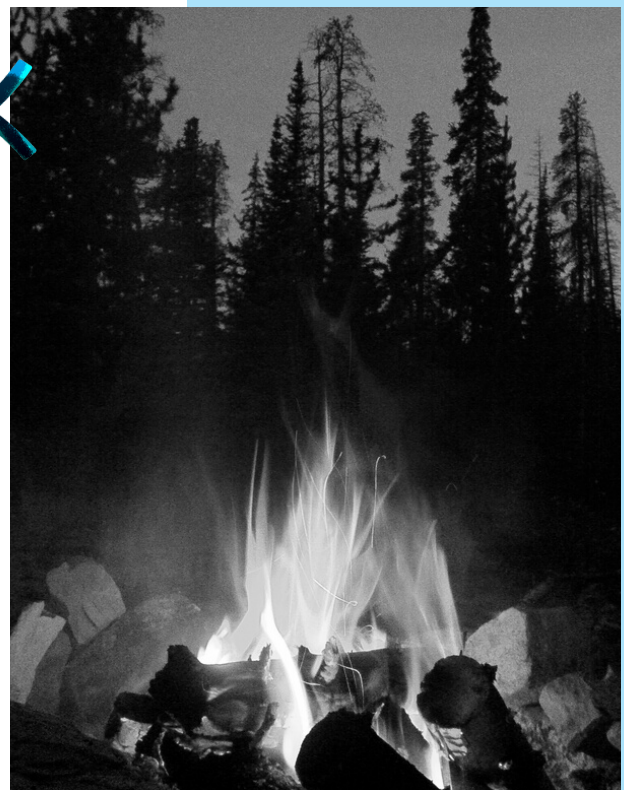
**CRAZY LEGS FARM & PUMPKINS**

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## **SHANTYTOWN OCTOBER 8 - 9**



Fly Event 6th-12th grade students  
Saturday, October 8th-Sunday, October 9th  
Shanty Town is a fun night of fellowship and great way to raise homeless awareness. This is an overnight event that will consist of camping outside (weather permitting), we will play some fun games, a campfire, and have breakfast served in morning by our Fishers of Men group. Bring a tent or a cardboard box to sleep in for our Shanty Town experience. We are also encouraging that you bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our Food on the Fourth. If you have any questions, please contact Nick or Pastor Ben at [nick@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:nick@farmingtonlutheran.com) or [ben@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:ben@farmingtonlutheran.com).





# UPDATES

## PROGRAM KICK OFF!

FLY has kicked off and it's been a wonderful experience with great turnouts! Many students have participated in what FLY has to offer such as Chill & Chat on Sunday mornings, our Middle School Milestone, PreCon, Confirmation, KOIN, and other fun events. It's been great to see all the life and excitement from our students. It's going to continue to be a great year for FLY students. If there is any interest in being a Small Group leader for KOIN students, please contact Nick Madsen. KOIN is 9th-12th grade students and takes place on Wednesday Nights from 8PM to 9PM. We are looking for leaders that love God, teenagers, and having fun discussion with them regarding their faith.



## PreCon: Supper On the Second October 12th

On October 12th, PreCon students and their families will gather for our first "Supper on the Second" at 5:30pm. Parents/guardians and siblings are encouraged to attend. We'll have pizza and talk about family faith formation at tables together. Consider giving us a head's up with how many will be joining for supper.

## Affirmation of Baptism October 30th 8:30, 10:30 and 1:00pm

Affirmation of Baptism - On Sunday, October 30th, we celebrate with our 9th Graders as they confirm in their faith. Affirmation of Baptism services will be held at 8:30 & 10:30am, and 1:00pm. You're invited to worship with these students to support and encourage them. The community is welcome to attend Night of Sharing on October 26th, as students share their faith statements and projects.

# Thankful For Our Lives - Through the Good and the Bad

Written by Linda Morris

We arrive in the world tiny and new – sent by the God who created us. From then the days, weeks, months, years, continue with joy and sorrows, unexpected circumstances, and events that become the fabric of who we are. Who we become is a compilation of the people, places, and experiences we have had in our lives to the present moment. While we may have other people in our families, none of us will see the world in exactly the same way because, we go out on our appointed rounds for the day, and when we return, we have all had different experiences.

When we choose to weave God into the fabric of our lives, we have created a protective coat of many colors, a shield. The Lord is with us always and when we choose to recognize that no matter what happens in our lives we can celebrate with Him, we can cry with Him, we can rejoice and praise Him, but all those things are choices. If we maintain a “woe is me” no one has the same unfortunate events in their lives as we have in ours, we lose the ability to be joyful and to receive the gifts that God gives us daily. We miss the beauty of our days, the changing of the leaves, the smile and laughter of a child,

the friendships we have forged along the way whether for a reason, a season, or a lifetime, and the love of our family and friends.

Happiness is circumstantial – it comes and goes. Joy is eternal and its only source is Christ, our King. God is constantly and continually trying to get our attention. Big ways and small ways, we will be changed. If not, we have learned nothing. We have a choice to acknowledge it or to ignore it; not choosing is also a choice. The beauty is, even when we don't choose, He invites us to come closer, and through His Spirit, guides us in what to ask. He makes intercession for us because in our grief, we do not know what to ask. We can rest in the knowledge that the one who intercedes for us, understands us. The love God has for us, His children, is unconditional.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestreaming at 10:30 am



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