

September 2022

# THE GROVE



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## FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP is back!

We can't wait to see you (in the FLC sanctuary or on the Facebook livestream) on Wednesday, September 7, at 5:30, for some informal, intergenerational, and interactive worship fun!

5:30 PM FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



Thanks for your great Response to the Re-Connecting Special Appeal! Your donations tallied \$24,400!

Because of your great response we have been able to carry out those plans to be ready to reconnect with more folks in the building this fall!

**PROVIDE A SAFE AND WELCOMING SPACE – \$5,000**

The carpeting repairs are completed and came in under budget! The tripping hazards have been eliminated and the space is ready for more ministry programming. We are on schedule to address the repairs to the cracks in the sanctuary walls as well.

**TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT – \$10,000**

Monies are being transferred into the Capital Improvement Fund. Your giving allows us to be nimble and immediately address needs for technology and Capital Improvements as they arise.

**INCREASED UTILITY COSTS – \$10,000**

In this year where natural gas costs have dramatically increased, your giving strengthens our ability to cover these elevated expenses.

Thank you for your support! Your giving is what funds and fuels all of these needed ministry resources.



**PARENTS'**  
*time out*



**RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 18!**

We will have Parents' Time Out on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of month (starting Sept. 18) at 9:30am. Join us for caring conversations and fellowship time. All are invited!!

We will also be bringing back Little Lambs! Adults and little ones are invited to join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (starting Sept.25th). We will sing, dance, and hear a story or two. The fun starts at 9:30am.

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



**Join Us For One of Our Informational Meetings**

**When:** October 2, 2022

**Time:** 9:30 AM – Between Church 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.



# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF WOESTEHOFFS AT FLC!

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. .



## BREW ED THE OLOGY

SEPTEMBER 22  
7:00pm

Monthly “Crafted Conversations” are starting again in September! If you enjoy structured conversation at the intersection of faith and the real world that skips awkward silences and soapboxes, be here! September’s topic is “Holy God, Holy Humor” and feature guest speaker Dr. Rolf Jacobson from Luther Seminary,

author of Divine Laughter. Upcoming Fall topics will include “Dying Well: Abundant Life at the End of Life,” “Church & PoLiTiC:S: Is Jesus a Democrat or Republican?” and more.

Happening the Fourth Thursdays (starting 9/22) at 7pm, location TBD.



## CELEBRATION SUNDAY & MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, September 11  
is Celebration Sunday at FLC!

You're invited to fellowship and a ministry fair between worship services. Tables will be available in the gathering space with information on faith formation groups, community outreach opportunities, children's, youth and music programming and more! FLCTime will also be hosting an open house. Stop by and find what interests you!

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

Food on the Fourth brought in 601.5 pounds this month for the Farmington Food Shelf! Thank you for continuing to support our neighbors in need. Next month, we are working to stock the pantries at our local schools. Below you will find a list of snack items that our students would appreciate.

- Fish crackers
- Cheese-its
- Animal crackers
- Bubble gum (big tub from Sam's Club)
- Apple sauce
- Granola bars
- Breakfast bars
- Pretzels
- Skinny Popcorn (Sam's Club)
- Mini Oreos

## ADULT BELLS • SANCTUARY CHOIR • PRAISE BAND • SPECIAL MUSIC

Adult music rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 7. If you or someone you know is interested, reach out to Karissa Dennis at [karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com)

**MUSIC ENSEMBLES PROVIDE A WAY TO ENGAGE IN WORSHIP THAT ALLOWS ME TO USE GIFTS GOD GAVE ME AND MEET NEW PEOPLE. I THINK IT MAKES ME MORE AWARE OF THE PART I CAN PLAY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

*Betsy Grawe*

What keeps me coming back to the music ensembles: fun, inclusive, friendly people of faith are good for my heart. Singing in the choir is good for my soul. Beating on the bells is good for my rhythm and soul heart. I'm thankful for being able to participate in both.

ANNE SHADRICK

I'm always happy to participate in the music ministry when I can as I enjoy the music itself, and it is the one way I can contribute to the church by sharing my talents.

KENT SMITH



# FARMINGTON HOMECOMING PARADE SEPTEMBER 28 6:00PM

Join FLC at the homecoming parade to support our youth and community! We'll plan to meet near the library around 5:45pm.

There will be no children's or youth programming this evening.

# CHILDREN'S

updates

## MILESTONE EVENTS

On Sunday, August 21 we celebrated with kindergarteners and their families as they kick off their first year of elementary school.



## NEW BEGINNINGS MILESTONE OCTOBER 2 at 9:30am

Pre-K through 2nd graders and their caring adults are invited to a New Beginnings Milestone. During the second worship services, children will receive their own Spark Story Bibles.

## COMING UP

7 SEPTEMBER  
Teacher Training

11 SEPTEMBER  
FLCTime Open House

18 SEPTEMBER  
First day of FLCTime & Parent's  
Time Out

## MUSIC

Join us! Children and youth music programming begins Wednesday, September 21! Youth grades 4-8 are invited to participate in Alleluia Bells: Wednesdays in the choir room, 5-5:30pm. Children in grades K-5 are welcome to attend SonShine Singers: Wednesdays in the Sanctuary, 5-5:30pm.

Contact Karissa Dennis, Director of Music Ministries with any questions, [karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:karissa@farmingtonlutheran.com).

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## REGISTER TODAY FOR 2022-2023 PROGRAMMING!

FLCTime Sundays  
prek- 5th grade  
9:30am - 10:15 am

FLCTime Wednesdays  
prek- 5th grade  
5:30pm - 6:15pm

[REGISTER](#)  
[ONLINE](#)



# UPDATES

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 7  
Teacher/Mentor Training at 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 14  
6th - 8th Grade Parent Information Night at 6:30

Wednesday, September 21  
First Day of Programming



On Sunday, August 14 Nick Madsen was installed as FLC's Director of Youth and Family Ministries. We are so grateful to have Nick and his family with us as partners in ministry. Be sure to stop and say hi to Nick and his family-wife Mandy, Mathew (13), Gemma (10), and Madeline (2) when you see them!

Hey FLY Community! Nick here, I want to give you an update on our Sunday morning Chill & Chat event. We have had great turn outs as we are moving towards 15 regulars in attendance. We have enjoyed our time of fellowship eating breakfast, and our time in The Bible. We began our journey in the Gospel of Mark. Our conversations have been a lot of fun and very meaningful.

If you haven't joined in at Chill & Chat yet know that you're always welcome, and that your participation will be more than valued. Hope to see you this Sunday at 8:30AM!

### REGISTER TODAY FOR PRECON AND CONFIRMATION!

Registration is now open for 6th - 8th grade programming. 6th grade students will participate in a new program called PreCon, and 7th - 8th grade students will continue with confirmation. To register for either program click [HERE](#).





# Embrace Every Season

Written by Linda Morris

I am guessing I am not alone when I find myself contemplating life at each new turn of events. The ebb and flow of the seasons. The way people come into your life while others go out. It makes me think of a time we were at my nephew's wedding dance. It was the first wedding of the next generation. While we were there celebrating, my husband's grandma (great grandma to this next generation) Gudrun was home and unable to travel due to age and health.

One of the songs chosen at the reception was by Alan Jackson called, "Remember When." Its lyrics put pressure on my heart and wonder swirling in my head. I looked around the room curious who would be gone, their presence missed, at the next gathering of family and friends, and who would be newly added, welcomed, and loved.

"Remember when we vowed the vows and walked  
the walk  
Gave our hearts, made the start and it was hard  
We lived and learned, life threw curves  
There was joy, there was hurt  
Remember when

Remember when old ones died and new were born  
And life was changed, disassembled, rearranged  
We came together, fell apart  
And broke each other's hearts  
Remember when"

That date was September 15 and Grandma Goody (as we all called her), left us on October 14...followed by my grandma Lil on Christmas Day the same year. Soon thereafter the next generation of littles began arriving. The circle of life continues.

The season of autumn is upon us. I feel like I am in the autumn of my life and that creates pause for self-reflection. Every season is important. Be content. Appreciate your life. Know that even in suffering there is purpose. Sometimes I must pray for clarity and guidance as these seasons and changes come and go.

*Dear Lord, please give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you have laid out for me. I trust your Love, God, and know that you will heal this stress. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night, please bring me clarity with the light of God. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 am and 10:00 am

Livestreaming at 10:00 am

\*\*\*Beginning September 11

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestreaming at 10:30 am



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