

# Farmington Lutheran Church

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Farmington Lutheran Church is a growing faith community which offers worship and programs to meet the many and varied needs of the Farmington area. We, in the name of Jesus, seek to serve and make a difference in Farmington, MN.



## Ash Wednesday & Lenten Schedule

**There will be Ash Wednesday worship services with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, Feb., 22 at:**

11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (nursery available) & 7 p.m. (nursery available).

There will be no Wednesday classes, choirs, or meals on Ash Wednesday. The Wednesday School schedule during Lent will be as follows (2/29-3/28):

4:30-5:15 – Wednesday School 1

5:40-6:15 – Lenten Soup Service

6:15-7 – Wednesday School 2

7-7:45 – Holden Evening Prayer Worship

**The music practice schedule is on page 7. Regular Wednesday schedules will resume on April 11.**

## Lenten Soup Services

This service is family friendly and for people of all ages. The service includes familiar songs, dramatic scripture readings, activity pages for the kids, and a meal of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches served in the midst of it all.

## Call Committee

Candidate referrals from the congregation have been received and our Mission Site Profile is under review by potential candidates. The committee continues to work on preparations for the interview process including developing interview questions and preparing informational packets for potential candidates. In early February, we will meet with the Synod (led by Pastor Susan Miller) to review the Pastors in the Synod whose gifts match the FLC direction, and determine whether they would be

interested in applying. We will then begin to schedule the first round of interviews. We would like to thank everyone for continuing to hold up in prayer the Call Committee and this important Spirit-led process. We are also grateful to members who continue to bring input and insights to us.

The members of the committee are Brian Wenck, Jim Harper, Gil Anderson, Cindy Adams-Ellis, Sara Otterness, Kris Akin (ex officio from council), and Blanche Reichert.

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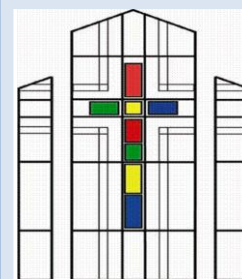
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## Lent – A Journey of Faith

by Pastor Janel

When I was growing up, almost every Sunday my family would travel to my grandparent's farm.

It was a familiar journey I knew would take about 40 minutes. I knew that it would take about 15 minutes to go from the outskirts of Porter to Canby and then we would turn onto Highway 75 and travel further into the rolling hills of rural Canby. It was a familiar ride for sure. I knew exactly where I would lose my tummy on the one hill Dad would purposely gun the engine of our van just to hear his girls squeal. I knew exactly where the country church I was baptized in used to stand with only the cemetery remaining. I also knew exactly where the little country school was on the corner that we would turn right at to make the final little leg to Grandpa and Grandma's farm site. It surely was a familiar journey.

The season of Lent is also a familiar journey to us Lutherans. We begin our journey with Ash Wednesday this year on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and will continue to journey until Holy Week and end on Easter Sunday. Some of us have journeyed through Lent at the church many times and others this is their first journey. Either way, it is a good reminder to prepare ourselves for the journey like packing a bag for a trip. The following is some information about Lent to help you pack your bag for the Lenten journey:

**What is Lent?** Lent is a forty-day time of preparation. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with Holy Saturday, the Saturday before Easter Sunday. If you do the math, it does not quite add up though because you don't actually count the Sundays of these weeks. Sundays are not included in the forty-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

**What does the word "Lent" mean?** The word Lent is derived from an Old English word *lencten* which means lengthen. It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere as spring approaches.

**How does worship change during Lent?** Since Lent is a season of penitence, reflection and prayer, worship during Lent is solemn and somber. Many churches hold special mid-week worship opportunities to encourage people to concentrate on a Lenten discipline of worship, prayer, devotion and almsgiving or charitable gifts of mercy. The practice of these disciplines goes back to the early church and are meant to help Christians recall and be thankful for our Lord's death on the cross.

**As you journey in Lent this year, I encourage you to join us in worship on Wednesday evenings either at 5:40 with a meal or at 7 p.m.**

## Farmington Lutheran Church

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## The FLC Scoop

- Pastor Phil will be out of the office from **Monday, Feb 6 - Friday, Feb 17**. For any concerns or emergencies, please contact the church office to reach Pastor Janel.
- Super Bowl Sunday is **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**. Besides the big game day, **Feb 5** is also a national day of fighting hunger in neighborhoods. Please help our community by bringing your donation of canned or non-perishable goods for the local food pantry. They are in special need of laundry detergent, dish soap and toilet paper.

## Council Notes

- The January 10 meeting of the Church Council began with the half-hour devotions and study led by Pastor Phil.
- As part of his report, Pastor Phil shared (1) that the two-day Staff Retreat to Lake Wapo Bible Camp for Jan 8-10 was regrettably postponed due to staff illness and that a shortened retreat is now scheduled for all day on Thursday, Jan 19; (2) that over 1100 people worshiped on the Dec 17/18 weekend of the Children's Christmas Program and nearly 1700 people were in worship for the services on Christmas Eve; (3) that despite Christmas Day being the final Sunday of 2011, end-of-year giving was very strong, which was helpful for our EOY cash position; (4) that the staff is preparing the Annual Report for distribution at worship services beginning the weekend of Jan 14/15; and (5) that he will be taking vacation from Feb 6 – 17.
- In her report, Pastor Janel shared (1) that she had taken a few days of vacation the week after Christmas to "recover" from the wonderful – but demanding – preparations and worship services of the Christmas season; (2) that she continues to make regular care center, home, and hospital visits, along with active participation with Adult Spiritual Growth, the Vintage Kids, Confirmation, and the Wednesday night parenting sessions;
- (3) that she is working with the Vintage Kids regarding plans and preparation for the three free workshops planned for Jan/Feb.; (4) and that she intends to engage with other ministry areas in the coming months in order to help facilitate Pastor Phil's leaving and the coming of the new senior pastor.
- The end of year Financial Report was approved. The report had been discussed at the Special Council Budget Planning meeting held on Tues, Jan 3. Strong end-of-year giving allowed us to end the year with only a slight annual loss (\$7,167), leaving an operating cash balance of \$42,700 going into 2012. The Strengthening Faith Capital Appeal balance, after paying off the first of the two assessments, stands at \$43,000.
- The Council received the end-of-year Audit Report, which found the books to be in good order, and the Council adopted some new language for the HR Manual regarding the offering of a medical benefit offset for benefit-eligible employees.
- After lengthy discussion (including discussion at the special Council meeting on Jan 3), the Council adopted the proposed 2012 Budget and forwarded it to the congregation for action at the Jan. 29 Annual Meeting.

## Thank you for your service!



Rick Fencl, Sara Otterness, Phyllis Bles, Chris Birch

The Farmington Lutheran Church Council would like to thank Sara Otterness, outgoing Church Council President, and Phyllis Bles, Chris Birch, and Rick Fencl, outgoing Council Members. They have served faithfully as leaders in our church, and spent many hours working with ministry teams to uphold the mission of Farmington Lutheran Church. Their time, commitment and dedication is appreciated in this growing, faith filled church community.

## SPARK

Farmington Lutheran's Senior High Youth Ministry program, 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade, is open to all. Come and join your friends! Check out the website for a schedule of events or contact Mike, Britta, Katja or Arlan.



In January SPARK made fleece tie blankets for homeless youth at Lutheran Social Services Rezek House. They made approximately 20 blankets. They also watched a video about homeless youth in the Twin Cities.



Arlan Olson  
Youth Ministry Director

## Winter Fun!



- **Grades 6-8** - join us on **February 26** for an evening of tubing at Afton Alps. The cost is \$15. We need parents to help drive! Sign up on the youth board or contact Arlan.
- **Grades 7-12** - Welch Ski Lock-in **February 10-11** from 10 p.m.-5 a.m. The cost is \$59 for lift ticket/rental/transportation OR \$43 for lift ticket/transportation. **Forms and payment must be in by February 3.** Sign up/rental forms/permission forms are on the youth board. Adult co-leaders are needed.

## SCRIP at FLC

Remember, SCRIP cards are for more than just gifts! Consider purchasing SCRIP cards for your everyday shopping needs. "Shopping cards" are available for the places you shop every day: grocery stores, gas stations, department and discount stores, and restaurants! We have a wide variety of popular cards on-hand every week, and if you don't see what you want, we can probably order it for you! A portion of each "shopping" card sold will come back to the church to help support the ministry of FLC.

Find more information and purchase SCRIP cards at the SCRIP table, which will be set up on Sundays between services. An all-inclusive list of participating stores is available. Cards ordered Sunday are available for pick-up the following week.

You can help sell cards, too! We are looking for volunteers to help sell SCRIP gift cards on Sunday mornings. If you'd be willing to volunteer please contact Mara Ceason at 651.463.8660 or marac@frontiernet.net

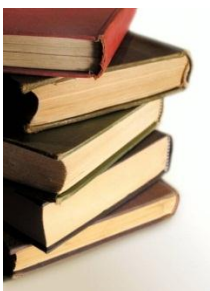
## College Scholarships

2012 FLC Endowment Scholarship Information

Did you know there is a scholarship opportunity right here at Farmington Lutheran for students attending a Lutheran college or seminary? In addition, Lutheran colleges frequently have matching scholarship funds when a student receives a church scholarship.

The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. The **deadline** for receiving applications is **March 15, 2012**. Applicants must be attending or planning to attend an accredited Lutheran college or seminary. There are no restrictions on what areas of study an applicant is pursuing. Details on applicant eligibility and an application form may be picked up at the church office or downloaded from the website.

New donations to the FLC Endowment Fund are encouraged and welcome. Please feel free to contact any member of the Endowment Committee with your questions and comments. Check out the Endowment Fund pamphlet located in the kiosk in the gathering area for more information.



Clear your shelves of old books and help our teens head to the New Orleans Youth Gathering and Kansas City. The FLC Used Book Fair is a chance for you to pick up some bestselling novels, classics, biographies, children's books - any sort of book at HUGE discounts. All proceeds will help out are Mission-bound kids. But they need YOUR gently used books for their inventory! Please drop off your books at FLC **by LEAP DAY – February 29!** Mark your calendars for the **USED Book Fair – Sunday mornings – March 11, 18 & 25.**

The FLC Youth Ministry Team will meet Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.

## Camp Sunday!

Join us February 11/12, when we'll celebrate, promote, and have sign-ups available for all our summer opportunities! Worship will be camp focused with camp songs and scriptures borrowed from each camp's theme. We hope you'll come learn about all the faith-filled events that will engage our youth this summer!

## Camp Emmaus 2012 (June 15-16)

For kids currently in 2nd & 3rd grade. This fun overnight camp takes place right here at FLC! Find out more information and pick up a registration form on Camp Sunday!

## Camp Wapo 2012 (June 24-29)

For kids currently in 4th – 9th grades. Camp Wapo, located near Amery, WI, is a week-long youth camp that includes Bible study, worship, games, campfires, crafts, water activities, and much more! Find out more information at [www.campwapo.org](http://www.campwapo.org) and pick up a registration form on Camp Sunday!

## Camp Wapo Camperships

Want to earn money for camp? Then mark your calendars for our Lenten Soup Services! We will need parent/child teams to help set up, serve soup and sandwiches, and clean up each Wednesday from 5-7p.m. during Lent (February 29 – March 28). Campers who volunteer will earn money toward their camp week. Sign up will be coming soon!

## KiC ROCKS! (July 23-27)

For kids entering 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2012.

KiC ROCKS! stands for **Kids in Christ: Radically Outstanding Christian Kids in Service**, and is a weeklong, local mission experience that takes place right here at FLC. More information and registrations will be coming later this spring!

## Kids In Christ (KiC)

### Snow tubing at Buck Hill!

**Date:** Friday, February 10

**Time:** 6-9:30 p.m.

**Where:** Buck Hill

**Cost:** \$14/person (checks can be made payable to Farmington Lutheran)

**What:** 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, join KiC for tubing at Buck Hill! We'll meet at the church, carpool to Buck Hill, tube for 2 hours, and then return to the church. Friends are welcome, too!

**Find out more information and sign up for KiC events on the Children's Ministries bulletin board, or contact Maria. We hope you'll join us!**

## Vacation Bible School (July 23-27)

For kids entering Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2012. More information and registrations will be coming later this spring!



## First Communion Preparation Schedule for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Wednesday, February 15 and Sunday, February 19 – Info meeting and workbook pick up following Sunday & Wednesday classes
- Thursday, March 29 (6-8 p.m.) **or** Saturday, March 31 (10 a.m.-noon) First Communion Instruction Class & Pre-Confirmation meeting for students and parents
- Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. **or** Sunday, April 15 at 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. – Celebration of First Communion

Please contact Maria if you cannot pick up your workbooks on the dates offered. Workbooks need to be completed in time for our preparation classes.



Maria Tarpinian  
Children's Ministry  
Director

The FLC Children's Ministry Team will be Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.

## Simply Giving

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to give what you'd like to the Church without having to remember to bring an envelope to church each week?

**Simply Giving** is so easy to set up. The **Simply Giving** form can be found online at [www.farmingtonlutheran.com](http://www.farmingtonlutheran.com) or at the Welcome Booth in the Gathering Area.

You may also give through Pay Pals, found on our website.

If you have any questions regarding financial giving options, please contact Shelly Lassahn at [shelly.lassahn@farmingtonlutheran.com](mailto:shelly.lassahn@farmingtonlutheran.com) or 651.463.4100

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ...  
for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."  
Matthew 6:20-21

## New Members

- Jenny Lincoln
- Dan & Amber Ottney
- Paul & Dawn Pearson, Savannah & Ayden
- Tim & Whitney Quast
- Chris & Amy Smith, Jack & Charlie
- Brian & Deniann Tennant & Mikayla

## Baptisms

The following children were baptisms into the Lord's family

- Gabriel Robert Tarpinian
- Graham Alexander Rodgers
- Isabella Rose Trout

## Deceased

Long-time FLC member Sylvia Quie went home to be with the Lord on January 11, 2012.

## Nursery Requests

The FLC nursery is in need of some toy donations. Some special needs are:

- infant bouncy seats
- exersaucers
- Barbies
- Barbie clothes
- Little Tikes playhouse

Please contact Maria if you're willing to donate.  
THANK YOU!

## FREE Parenting Session

### Curb Backtalk, Whining and More!

**Toni Schutta**, a national speaker, author, radio host, parent coach and licensed psychologist, has 16 years of experience helping families find solutions that work.



For many parents, back talk and whining rate highly on the irritation scale. Learn how you can improve the way that you and your child communicate so you'll both be happier!

Please join Toni Schutta at **7 p.m.** in the **Firestone Room** on **Wednesday, February 8** to join a stimulating conversation on ways to improve communication with your children.



## Thank you!

A special **thank you** to the *Worship and Music Committee* for providing and serving food at our Chili Appreciation Dinner. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for our Sanctuary Choir & Joyful Ringers!



Karissa Dennis  
Music Director

## Worship Music Schedule

### February 5:

8:30 a.m. - Violin Soloist

10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir

### February 12:

All services - Jammin' for Jesus

### February 19:

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir & Joyful Ringers

10:45 a.m. - SonShine Singers,

Hallelujah Bells, Wee Praise

### February 22

7 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir

### February 26:

All Services - Praise Band

Inviting **parents** of young children:

The FLC nursery is available during

**Sanctuary Choir & Praise Band rehearsals!**

You can easily participate without needing to find a sitter! Please feel free to join us!



## Music Schedule: February 1-15

### Mondays

7-8:30 p.m. Praise Band (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)

### Wednesdays

4:30-5 p.m. Little Lambs (18 months–Age 3, with a parent) Lisa Molitor, Director

4:30-5:00pm SonShine Singers (Grades 2 – 5)

Karissa Dennis, Director

5-5:30 p.m. Wee Praise 1 (Age 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

Lisa Molitor, Director

5:30-6 p.m. Wee Praise 2 (Age 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

Lisa Molitor, Director

5:30-6 p.m. Hallelujah Bells (Grades 3 – 8)

Karissa Dennis, Director

6:00-7 p.m. Joyful Ringers (Grades 9 – Adults)

Karissa Dennis, Director

6-7 p.m. Jammin' for Jesus (Grades 6 – 12)

Ann Mikiska, Director

7-8 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (Grades 9 – 12 & Adults)

Karissa Dennis, Director

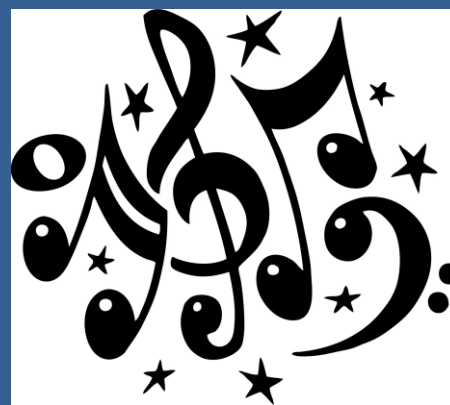
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## LENTEN SCHEDULE 2/29-3/28

### Choir & Bell Rehearsals:

Little Lambs	4:30-4:50 p.m.
Wee Praise 1	4:55-5:15 p.m.
Wee Praise 2	5:15-5:35 p.m.
SonShine Singers	4:30-4:50 p.m.
Hallelujah Bells	4:50-5:10 p.m.
Lenten Soup Service	5:40-6:15 p.m.
Joyful Ringers	6:15-6:50 p.m.
Lenten Service	7-7:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	7:45-8:45 p.m.

- **Jammin' for Jesus** does NOT meet during *Lent* (Wednesday, February 22 - Wednesday, April 4.) Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, April 11.
- **Sanctuary Choir and Joyful Ringers** will NOT meet Wednesday, February 8. Children's Choirs and Bells will rehearse as usual.
- **NO Choir and Bell Rehearsals on Ash Wednesday, February 22!**
- **Sanctuary Choir** will sing at the 7 p.m. service on *Ash Wednesday*. We'll warm up at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.



## FLC Members going on a “Vacation with a Purpose”



Jesus said to them again,  
“Peace be with you.  
As the Father sent me,  
so I send you.”

John 20:21

On Wednesday, February 1, FLC members Marlo and Connie Dahl, David Schmidtke and Diane Schmidtke will be joining 20 other people from the Twin Cities area on a mission trip to the Garland Hall Orphanage in Jamaica. The first 3 days of the trip (Thursday – Saturday) the group will travel 30 minutes from Montego Bay to the orphanage in Anchovy to complete work projects ranging from replacing windows to building a chicken coup. In all there are 16 projects between 4 work teams – an estimate of 474 work hours! On Sunday, the children will be brought into Montego Bay for worship on the beach, lunch and a swim in the ocean. The highlight of the week for the children will be when everyone returns to the orphanage that afternoon for “Christmas in February”. Each child will receive a gift bag to open containing items donated by the confirmation classes and choirs at FLC. The remaining days of the trip - Monday and Tuesday – is the vacation portion of the trip before returning to Minnesota on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of the confirmation mentors, students, parents and choir members who so generously donated towards items for the children’s Christmas bags, and to the Global Missions Ministry Team for their financial support. Please keep the Mission Jamaica group in prayer as well as the children and staff at Garland Hall.

## Decisions Made Early Workshop Series



Have you ever wondered where to turn for guidance on the following topics: Retirement Finances and Estate Planning for your yourself, your family or for your parents? If so, the following two workshop sessions are just for you.

These workshops are FREE and hosted by a vital group of energetic, retired members of FLC...the Vintage Kids! Each session runs twice on the same day (1 pm and then again later in the day at 6:30 pm) to accommodate your schedule. Don't forget to RSVP by calling the church office at 651.463.4100.

### February 9 – Estate Planning

The workshop on **February 9** about **Estate Planning** will be presented by Bill White from Business and Estate Planning Analytics. He will cover the following topic areas:

- Wills vs Revocable “Living” Trusts
- Who needs an Irrevocable Trust
- How and why to avoid probate
- Why you need a health care directive
- And what is a transfer on death deed
- Plus answer your questions

### February 23 – How Not To Outlive Your Retirement Resources

The workshop on **February 23** titled **How Not To Outlive Your Retirement Resources** will be presented by Joshua Malwitz FIC and Mark Larson FIC both financial advisors from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. They will cover the following topic areas:

- Creating sustainable retirement income
- Managing income from your assets in retirement, regardless of where they are held
- Address the common challenges and risks to retirement income
- Maintain the flexibility and control over your finances for future planning
- Build up sources of income you cannot outlive.

## Adults Growing in Faith Together (A G.I.F.T.)

Pastor Phil or Pastor Janel offer a 40-minute session between services on Sundays mornings at 9:45 am each week. These sessions are on the following three topical areas:

- how we engage the world as Christians
- how we theologically see ourselves as Lutherans
- how we encounter the Bible

The sessions do not hinge on one another, so if you miss a week, still come and join us the next time. Give yourself A GIFT each week and join us in the Fireside Room.

## A G.I.F.T. Schedule

February 5:  
Pondering Jesus'  
Probing Questions

February 12:  
Discerning Our Way in  
the World

February 19:  
Mission Jamaica Reflections

February 26:  
Lutheran Symbols

## Volunteer Opportunities!

### Funeral Luncheons –

Do you have a little time and energy that you could give to prepare and serve funeral luncheons or set up and take down tables and chairs? FLC has many faithful volunteers who help provide the luncheons as a Christian service to families who have lost a loved one.

Funeral services usually are held at 11 a.m., with the luncheon following. The first shift, which works about two hours, makes sandwiches, places cakes and bars on platters and prepares beverages. The second shift serves the luncheon and cleans up, working about two hours. Also, volunteers are needed to set up and take down tables and chairs. Each shift usually takes less than an hour.

FLC serves about a dozen funeral luncheons each year, so you would only be called a few times a year. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please e-mail [leatguen@yahoo.com](mailto:leatguen@yahoo.com) or call 651-463-3102.

### Screens & Sound –

Volunteers are needed to run the screens and sound during the Sat. & Sun. worship services. Training is available. Please contact Cindy at the Church Office if you're willing to help, or to get more information.

### Welcome Booth –

We need your smiling face to help greet people and assist new-comers before and after worship services. If you'd be willing to help with this important duty, please contact Cindy at the Church Office.

Thank you to all that help serve and volunteer at FLC. We would not be able have the wonderful ministry that we do without YOU!

If you've not already completed the Time & Talent sheet, you may do so online or through the Church Office.

## February Service Groups

Every member is assigned to one service group annually. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help out at FLC this month.

If your name is below, please contact Kim Dralle at 651.329.4910 or [jdralle413@msn.com](mailto:jdralle413@msn.com). **Thank you!**

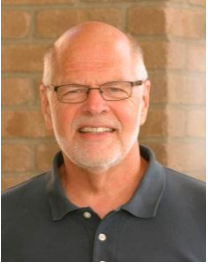
Craig & June Benson	Jim & Tawnya Peterreins
Damian & Nicole Bigbee	Dennis & Judy Pilger
Joel & Kimberly Boulanger	Matt & Kim Price
George & Kim Bovee	Trevor & Ann Quigley
Bob & Karen Brownawell	Hazel Raasch
Marlo & Connie Dahl	Gail & Kate Reimnitz
Jim & Arleen Dodge	Jean Reimnitz
James & Kim Dralle	John & Geri Rotert
Marilyn & Joe Emond	Jared & Christine Sachs
Carolyn Halvorson	Arlene Schmidtke
Scott & Rhonda Hareid	Diane Schmidtke
Dale & Sandra Helleson	Dan & Deb Schmitz
Terry & Ruth Holmes	David & Sue Schorr
Gary & Carol Hovland	Nathan & Stacy Shaw
James & Angie Hultgren	Brian & LaVonne Soderlund
Spencer & Carla Hunter	Cary & Mary Stone
Pat & Marni Karker	Michael & Deanne Thompson
Paul & Linda Landwehr	John & Kari Tonsager
Jason & Angie Mahowald	Kent & Jennifer Tonsager
Arlan & Lori Olson	Allen & Maryalice Wachter
Byron & Peg Olson	Stuart & Jackie Workman
Chad & Rachel Olson	Bradley & Sonja Zangs
Karen Palmateer	David & Michele Zinke

## Usher Schedule (2/11-3/4)

<b>5:00</b>	Tom Ryan Carolyn Ryan Marge Rice
<b>8:30</b>	Scott Haugen (Cap) Chuck Hansen Barry Kintner Scott Hareid Mitch/Garett Haugen
<b>10:45</b>	Chris Birch (Cap) Susan Birch Jim Merle Spencer Merle Mike Henricks

## Sound & Screen Schedule

<b>2/4</b>	<b>5:00</b>	Steve Quist
<b>2/5</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Jim Harper
	<b>10:45</b>	Jim Harper
<b>2/11</b>	<b>5</b>	Mike Pahl
<b>2/12</b>	<b>8:30</b>	
	<b>10:45</b>	
<b>2/18</b>	<b>5:00</b>	Mike & Linda Baumgartner
<b>2/19</b>	<b>8:30</b>	
	<b>10:45</b>	
<b>2/25</b>	<b>5:00</b>	Darrin Ceason
<b>2/26</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Darrin Ceason
	<b>10:45</b>	Darrin Ceason



### Excerpts from 2011 (!)

What follows is a “condensed” version (excerpts) of what I wrote for the “Senior Pastor’s Report” contained in the 2011 Annual Report. That report of mine is three pages long (wow!) – not because I am so long-winded, but rather because I believe the Annual Report serves as the best ongoing “historical” record we have as a congregation, so I always put a lot of effort into its creation. In addition, I hope it will be very helpful information this coming year as a new senior pastor comes on board and seeks to better understand the life and ministry of FLC.

Pastor Phil Walen: Since the entire 2011 Annual Report is 50 pages long, I know that not everyone takes the time to read through everything in it, so I want to capture the essence of my report in this article by sharing this condensed version – hopefully as a way for you to see and celebrate what God has been up to among us!

### **What an exciting opportunity I have been given to serve with and among you as the “interim” pastor here at Farmington Lutheran.**

This is my third annual report with you, and this is the third time I have begun my report with that intro ... and I really mean it! It is truly *exciting* to now see this congregation poised for the future God has in store.

Reflecting back on 2011, it is probably best to start with the three big “strategic” measures we undertook. (1) The first was the hard work of the **Transition Task Force** as they went about examining the full scope of ministry at FLC as well as the greater context (surrounding community) where we live and serve. Their diligent year-long study would become a primary tool for the eventual work of the Senior Pastor Call Committee. (2) A second major strategic move was the capital appeal process we embarked on in February named “**Strengthening Faith Together.**” By May out-front gifts and 3-year commitments totaled nearly \$400,000, better positioning us financially for the future. (3) And a third strategic measure was forming the **Senior Pastor Call Committee** ...

The year of 2011 was also filled with significant movement and changes in our staffing. The congregation approved bringing on a second pastor (half-time), a crucial step before beginning the official senior pastor call process, and in May, *Pastor Janel Kuester* was called to serve as Pastor of Congregational Care.

Thanks be to God, there were no changes in our Program Staff in 2011! I have been blessed to continue to work with three wonderful, dedicated people: *Maria Tarpinian*, Dir. of Children’s Ministries, *Arlan Olson*, Dir. of Youth Ministries, and *Karissa Dennis*, Dir. of Music Ministries. I thank God every day for how these servants of Christ give of themselves in our shared ministry.

[However] there were a number of changes and new faces among our Support Staff. The one constant was *Shelly Lassahn*, our Business Manager.

As the year began, the HR team and the Council undertook an assessment of the overall staffing structure. As that process was underway, the long-time office manager, *Sue Swenson*, announced her retirement (May), and then *Diane Schmidtke*, our communications person, left to pursue another career (August). By the end of the year, a full staff was reassembled with *Molly Baldwin* (Office Administrator), *Jill Hawkins* (Communications & Marketing Coordinator), *Cindy Haverland* (Ministry & Outreach Coordinator), and *Dan Moulin* (Facilities Manager). So the year ended with a full staff of great people with wonderful gifts ... thanks be to God!

Along with all of the “strategic plans” and the “staffing shuffle”, FLC not only continued to engage in its many vital ministries but also moved in new directions during 2011. I certainly can’t begin to list all the ways people’s lives were touched in the year just past ... [followed by numerous examples of new ministries, worship life, learning and growing in faith].

So with all the blessings God has poured out in 2011, what is ahead for the coming year? The time has finally come where we are now poised and ready to welcome a new senior pastor. What you need to remember, however, is that “poised and ready” does not mean “perfect”; there are still challenges to be met and work to be done. One challenge that will be ongoing through this coming year is in the area of continuing financial support...

And now for the hard part of this long, rambling report. 2012 also means that I will soon be leaving you, and that is tough on my heart. **What an exciting opportunity I have been given to serve with and among you** over these last couple of years. I have come to love this community and you, the people of God. I will deeply miss you. My prayer is that you have experienced our walk together as a ministry of resurrection, a work of God among us that brings confidence for the future. It has truly been a privilege to share this time of life with you. Thanks be to God!

*Blessings in Christ, Pastor Phil*

# Farmington Lutheran Church

# February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>A.G.I.F.T.* Adults Growing in Faith</p>	<p>*Wednesday Schedule 4:30-5:30pm Wednesday School 1 5-6pm Family Dinner 6-7pm Wednesday School 2 7pm 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Gr Confirmation</p>	<p>*Wed Music Schedule 4:30-5pm Little Lambs 4:30-5 SonShine Singers 5-5:30pm Wee Sing 1 5:30-6pm Wee Sing 2 5:30-6 Hallelujah Bells 6pm Jammin' for Jesus 6pm Joyful Ringers 7pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>1 9:30am OWLS <i>See to the left for Wednesday School &amp; Music Schedules</i></p>	<p>2 6:30 Call Committee</p>	<p>3 6pm-12am Craft Nite Out</p>	<p>4 5pm Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>5 Souper Bowl Sunday 8:30am Worship w/ Holy Communion/ Sunday School 9-9:45 Sunday School/A.G.I.F.T. / 10:45 Worship w/Holy Communion/Sunday School 6:30-8pm Troop 118/Ed Wing</p>	<p>6 9am "Good Morning God" Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Yoga 6:30 pm Call Committee</p>	<p>7 9:30am Staff Mtg/Devotions 10am Weight Watchers 6pm Weight Watchers 6:30pm Executive Comm. 7pm Tai Chi</p>	<p>8 9:30am OWLS <i>See above for Wednesday School &amp; Music Schedules</i> 7 pm Parenting Session</p>	<p>9 9am Quilting Circle 1:00pm &amp; again at 6:30pm Decisions Made Early - Estate Planning 4pm Bread for the World</p>	<p>10 6:00-9:30pm KiC Tubing at Buck Hill 10 pm 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade Lock-in @ Welch Village</p>	<p>11 9am-12 pm Conference Assemblies @St Andrews in Mahltomedi 5pm Worship/Baptism/Jammin' for Jesus</p>
<p>12 Camp Sunday 8:30am Worship /Sunday School/Jammin for Jesus 9-9:45 Sunday School/A.G.I.F.T. /10:45 Worship /Sunday School/Jammin' for Jesus 2:00 -6:30pm Pack 119 Blue &amp; Gold Banquet/Ed Wing 3-7 pm Parents Day Out 6:30-8pm Troop 118/Ed Wing</p>	<p>13 9am "Good Morning God" Women's Bible Study 6:15pm Yoga</p>	<p>14 9:30am Staff Mtg/Devotions 10am Weight Watchers 1:30 Violet Circle 6pm Weight Watchers 7pm Tai Chi</p>	<p>15 9:30am OWLS <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <i>See above for Wednesday School &amp; Music Schedules</i></p>	<p>16 9:30am Morning Glory Circle</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5pm Worship / Holy Communion Mission Jamaica Report</p>
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Please join us for worship and fellowship.

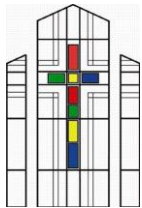
## Farmington Lutheran Church Worship Times

**Saturday** - 5 p.m.

**Sunday** - 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Please join us for worship, fellowship and more!

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