



MCFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS

March 4, 2010

McFarland Lutheran Church

Labyrinth & Prayer Vigil

You can experience the ancient prayer practice of **Walking the Labyrinth** on the weekend of March 12-14. The winding path of the labyrinth has only one path that leads in towards the center and then back out again (unlike a maze which includes trick passages and dead ends). The path can be seen as a metaphor for our spiritual journey. It can help us to focus inward on our own pathway through life. The path toward the center is a time for releasing or letting go of what is on your heart and mind so you will be open to receive the blessing the walk affords. The center of the labyrinth is a place for prayer and meditation. The return from the center is a time to experience a sense of peacefulness, clarity, understanding or direction. The labyrinth will be available on Friday evening from 6:30-8:30 and on Sat., Mar. 13, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A **Prayer Vigil** will also be held 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mar. 13th. You may sign up for one or more Prayer Vigil time slots at the Welcome Desk. The Prayer Vigil will be held in Rm. #210. Suggestions and helps, written prayers and scripture readings will be available for those who decide to become part of this prayerful experience.

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What Does Our History Say?

What does the history of McFarland Lutheran Church tell us? Certainly it gives us many interesting dates and happenings. For example last week, February 19 to be exact, was the 146th anniversary of the first service of this congregation here in McFarland, the service being held in a log school house. Pastor J.A.Otteson came from the Koshkonong parish to conduct the service in 1864. Also, did you know that when a fire destroyed the church building in December of 1895, the regular worship services of our congregation were held in a tobacco warehouse until the new church was ready in 1896? History can unfold one interesting fact after another.

History also unfolds feelings and perceptions. At my family reunions I am usually reminded that I have it all wrong! Regardless what the story might be when we seven children get together it is either the oldest or the loudest who takes charge of the facts much to the disagreement of the rest of us. In reality each of the seven of us has it right “in our own mind” because that is how the events of history affected us. History is not just about facts; it also can reveal feelings and perceptions.

This is also true of a congregation. History is made up of interesting dates and important happenings as well as important feelings and perceptions. As I share this interim time with you, I am interested in learning about the important feelings and perceptions from history that are still present here today. What confidence, joy, or optimism is present today as a gift of some previous time in history? What behaviors, attitudes, or perhaps even fears, is our congregation living out today that comes from times past?

I am inviting you to share with me the feelings and the perceptions from the past that you feel make McFarland Lutheran what it is today. It will be best if you jot me a note or send me an email, I fear your story will get lost if we share it in the hallway. Notes can be sent to the church, emails addressed to jw1206@aol.com. I may ask some of you to meet with me to tell your stories. I want as much help as possible learning all we possibly can from our past. There may be some things we want to repeat and some things we do not want to repeat. Bringing them forward will help us decide.

Think about the history of your congregation—what jumps out at you? What gives you confidence, what frightens you? Let’s talk.

Peace,
Pastor Tews

The Road Home bulletin for
February 2010

Do you know what a difference stable housing can make in the life of a child? Nine-year-old Antony has learning and emotional disabilities. While his family was homeless, he fell far behind in his reading level and his behavior was out of control. He could not get along with his family or other children, had little opportunity for fun, and was frequently in trouble at school.

Over the last six months, since they have been in an apartment, Antony's family has worked closely with The Road Home, an in-home family counseling program, his school and an after-school daycare to help him succeed. Because of this stability and collaboration, Antony is now reading at grade level, behaving well and getting along with his peers. He is reaping the benefits through rewards for good behavior, a reading award at school, and - perhaps most important - invitations to play at the homes of the new friends he's made and the chance to have them over to his home, to play in his very own bedroom.



**Red Cross Blood Drive will be
Friday, March 19, 2010**

The annual Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Friday, March 19, 2010 from 12:00pm – 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. This will be the 13th year for our drive; a change for this year will be the addition of a 2nd drive at our church, on Friday, October 8, 2010. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate at the March blood drive, please call Sandra Sherry at 838-2403 or email slsherry@yahoo.com.

There are also many volunteer opportunities available for the Blood Drive. The options include providing food or volunteering your time in several ways. Food is needed for both donors and workers and can be homemade or store bought. Volunteers are needed to make donor phone calls prior to the Blood Drive and also to serve the day of the Drive. Phone calls can be made 1-3 weeks prior and from the convenience of your own home in the evenings. On the day of the Drive, you can serve in 2-3 hours shifts to easily fit your schedule. For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Sandra Sherry at 838-2403 or email at slsherry@yahoo.com.



You are invited
To: a presentation of Eagle Scout Awards
For: Austin Brandt and Antonio Lugo-Caruso
On: March 20, in the FLC, from 2:00-4:00pm
Refreshments will follow the ceremony

Assisting With Worship – March 6 & 7

Saturday Evening: Joel & Lori Shackett
Assisting Minister: Linda Ellestad
Coffee Hour: Kathy Buechel, Gudrun Sindermann
Lectors: (8:00) Vicky Beyler
(9:15) Deb Engen (10:30) Andrea Wendorf
Communion: (8:00) Ginny Dodson
(9:15) Bread-Sarah Schutt, Sheri Gehrke
Wine-Cheryl Brown, Deb Engen, Jeff Gehrke, Scott Potts (10:30) Deb & Harlan Hettrick
Ushers: (8:00) *Phil Wildt, Gudrun & Willie Sindermann, Alan Lamb
(9:15) *Joe D'Amato, Dale Carmichael, Dave Alsmo, Thomas Dahl

(10:30) *Rick & Deb Sawyer
Greeters: (8:00) John & Diane Wells
(9:15) Spencer Straub
(10:30) Grant Smith, Rick Petzke
Nursery:(8:00)
(9:15) Kayla Moen (10:30) Bridget Schwefel
Sacristans: Gudrun Sindermann, Kathy Buechel
Welcome Center: (8:00) (9:15) (10:30)
Tape Ministry: Mike Catterall
Door Keepers:
Open: Mike Catterall Close: Hugo Stoffel-Rosales

Assisting With Worship – Mark 13 & 14

Saturday Evening: Don & Cindy Siebert
Assisting Minister:
Coffee Hour: Marlene Richard, Dawn Brorby
Lectors: (8:00) Mike Devine (9:15) Marlene Grover
(10:30) Carol Naze
Communion: (8:00) Janet & Dennis Knutson
(9:15) Bread-Connie Showalter, Jim Boshers
Wine-Jane Blank, Mike Catterall, Sandra Hall, Daryl Rupnow
(10:30) Dawn Bolstad, Betty Showers
Ushers: (8:00) *Vicky Beyler, Doug & Kathy Buechel, Robert Castleberg
(9:15) *Randy Engen, Deb & Bill Alber, Marlene Richard

(10:30) *Betty & Tom Showers, Dale Marsden
Greeters: (8:00) Susan Brodd, Vicky Beyler
(9:15) David Alsmo, Yvonne Swanson
(10:30) Susan Schoch, Arn Vollmer
Nursery: (8:00) Jackie Voight, Elise Gehrke
(9:15) Kayla Moen (10:30) Dawn Blau
Sacristans: Deb Alber, Sandra Latham
Welcome Center: (8:00) Betty Ewing
(9:15) Cheryl Ackley (10:30)
Tape Ministry: Mike Catterall
Door Keepers:Open: Mike Catterall
Close: Carol Naze

Please remember to find a replacement.



Assisting With Worship – March 20 & 21

Saturday Evening: Don & Cindy Siebert
Assisting Minister: Deb Hettrick
Coffee Hour: Rita Bussian, Deb Alber
Lectors: (8:00) Bill Langel (9:15) Mary Winter
(10:30) Marc Heuer
Communion: (8:00) Ginny Dodson, Gail Herrmann
(9:15) Bread-Jeff & Sheri Gehrke
Wine-Cheryl Brown, Marlene Grover, Brenda Moen, Sarah Schutt (10:30) Deb Wellman, Kristin Yearm-Wise
Ushers: (8:00) *Phil Wildt, Dave Herrmann, Gudrun Sindermann, Ernie Thieding
(9:15) *Sandra & Rick Hall, Brenda Kritz, Dick Moen

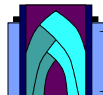

(10:30) *Deb & Rick Sawyer, John & Danette Vollmer
Greeters: (8:00) Bill & Linda Langel, Betty Ewing
(9:15) Kris Bell, Sharon Mylrea
(10:30) Betty Showers, Sallie Waller
Nursery: (8:00) James & Ruth Ewing
(9:15) Janell Moran (10:30) Cheryl Brown
Sacristans: Devon Christenson, Heleen Hayden
Welcome Center: (8:00) Rick Petzke
(9:15) Nancy Vick (10:30)
Tape Ministry: John Thompson
Door Keepers: Open: Dave Herrmann
Close:Hugo Stoffel-Rosales

Thanks to everyone who has donated supplies to make the Health Kits for Haiti. About 100 kits have been assembled during our recent Souper Suppers. Thanks also to the women of our Finding Joy study group led by Lynn Posick, for coordinating and organizing the supplies for assembly. Throughout our synod, the response to the call for Health Kits has been great. Pr. Richard Dowling of West Koshkonong Church says more than 1,700 have been made or pledged and will be delivered by mid-March. Pr. Dowling had at first planned to take the kits to St. Paul in his Ford Escort. As the response grew, he upgraded his transportation from a 14-passenger van and finally to a pickup truck. This is truly God's Work, Our Hands.

Make It Simple

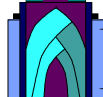

**March 14 – Temple Talk
Stewardship of Relationships
and Attitudes
(Discussion Group in Room 210
at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m.)
As stewards who have received
God's love through Christ, we
are called to reach out and wel-
come people to have a closer
relationship with God and
fellow Christians.**



PASTORAL ACTS

- ✚ Isaac W. Herrman Baptized 2/14/10
- ✚ Wedding 2/14/10
- ✚ Sadie Powers funeral 1/16/10
- ✚ Russell Hoveland funeral 1/19/10
- ✚ Sandra Anderson funeral 1/28/10
- ✚ Rachel Ottum funeral 1/30/10



Our congregation offers many ways in which we can serve God and each other. They range from cutting the grass and blowing snow to serving as a worship assistant. If you'd like to highlight your favorite ministry, pick up a registration form (due Apr. 1) for the Ministry Fair at the kiosk in the Gathering Space. The Fair will be held on Sun., May 16, in the FLC. Are you a member of one of the following ministries?

- Hospitality ~ providing coffee and treats on Sunday morning, serving funerals,
- Care of Creation ~ composting, gardening, prairie seed gathering, full moon walks,
- Worship assistant ~ lector, usher, communion helper, greeter, or welcome desk, opener, closer, (47 people are needed every week)
- Properties ~ caring for our church building and grounds
- Education ~ Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry
- Youth ~ mentoring, Summer Fest chaperone, driver, treat provider
- Music ~ Choir, handbells, special music, worship leading
- Committees/teams/boards ~ Personnel, Stewardship, Evangelism, CLM board

Let others know why you like serving in the way you do and why they might like it too. If you have questions about the Ministry Fair, contact Marilyn Vandeberg at 838-6334 or vande1@verizon.net, or Karen Emerson, 513-6240 or karen@lakecitymanagement.com for more information.

McFarland Lutheran Church - - 838-3184

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00-4:30

Pastor Tews 205-2240 • Pastor Pribbenow 345-6367 • Pastor Finney 873-6514

Child Life Ministries - 838-4425

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We extend sympathy to Sue Bauer and family on the death of her brother, Arlen Stensrud.

Remember in Thoughts and Prayers

Arlene Clift

Paul Siebert*

Elaine Moran (Grandmother of Janell Moran)

Ken & Marguerite Potts

Richard Blodgett (Cindy Gilbertson's father)

Jenny Talarczyk (friend of Donna Thompson)

Sharon Thieding

Charlotte & Jack Hoppe

George Newton* (Brother of Bonnie Hansen*)

Deborah Mork

Alta Ellestad

Marvel Edwards

Deb Goodsell* (Jen Goodsell's mother)

Florence McConnell

Lyall Leverentz

Steve Swanson (brother of Kathy DeChant)

Eileen Richter

Adriena Funfer* (Meg Nielsen's mother)

Ruby Larson

Paula Hoem (Rogee Berg's niece)

Minnie Anderson

Russell Alsmo

Sallie Tedeschi

Peter Pierce

Dick Rust* (Debby Nygaard's brother)

Carol Stoeckmann

Gary Entwistle

Willard & Mae Lund

David Lund* (Willard & Mae's son)

Please note: Please call the church office when someone may be removed from our list. If you wish to have your name or others included in the prayer list please call the office at 838-3184

- If we have missed someone, please notify the church office 838-3184



Please remember in your prayers these members of the military, who are connected to our congregation.

Aaron Weickgenant, Sara Maffet, T. J. Larson, Brent Langman, Patrick Doll, Matthew Maffet, Kristin Nowatzki, Ben Bowen, David Lofgren, Kevin Orloff, Andrew Berryman, Ritchie King, Jon M. DeBusk, Tim Ellestad, Dan Ellestad, Joe Ellestad, Adam Ellestad, Aaron Jacobs, Justin Johnson, Emily Schroeder, Jeff Siebert, Brent Bartels

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

**Deadline for the next newsletter (March 18, 2010)
is on Monday, March 8
by 4:00 pm**

March 6, 2010 through March 20, 2010

Saturday, March 6

12:00 – McKeown Birthday party
5:00 – WORSHIP

Sunday, March 7

HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNDAY

8:00 , 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP
9:15 – Council Forum Q & A, Blood Pressure
10:30 – New Member Class #7, Sunday School

Monday, March 8

6:15 – Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:45 – Boy Scouts
7:00 – Executive Team
7:30 – Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 – Boy Scout Troop Committee
7:00 – Elizabeth Circle @ Kea Thikim's

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 – High School Breakfast
9:00 – Staff Meeting
11:00 – Lenten WORSHIP
12:00 – Lenten Lunch
5:00 – Lent Souper Supper
5:30 – Kingdom's Kids Choir
5:30 – Kids Krafts
6:30 – Lenten WORSHIP
7:30 – Topic of the day discussion

Thursday, March 11

10:00 – Skaalen Village Bible Study
12:30 – Worship Planning Team
3:15 – Skiing @ Devil's Head (H.S. Youth)
6:00 – CLM Board
6:30 – Personnel Board
6:30 – Men's Basketball

Friday, March 12

6:30 – 8:30 Prayer Labyrinth

Saturday, March 13

7:00 – 5:30 Prayer Labyrinth
7:00 – 5:30 Prayer Vigil
5:00 – WORSHIP

Sunday, March 14

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (Set Clocks Ahead)

COMMUNITY PANTRY SUNDAY

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP
9:15 & 10:30 – Stewardship Discussion
10:30 – New Member Class #8, Sunday School

Monday, March 15

5:00 – Finance Board
6:15 – Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 – Properties Board
6:45 – Boy Scouts
7:00 – Bible Study Group
7:30 – Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 – Care of Creation Committee

Wednesday, March 17

7:00 – High School Breakfast
9:00 – Staff Meeting
11:00 – Lenten WORSHIP
12:00 – Lenten Lunch
5:00 – Lent Souper Supper
5:30 – Kingdom's Kids Choir
5:30 – Kids Krafts
6:30 – Lenten WORSHIP
7:30 – Topic of the day discussion

Thursday, March 18

10:00 – Skaalen Village Bible Study
6:30 – Personnel Board
6:30 – Men's Basketball

Friday, March 19

8:00 – Blood Drivel
8:00pm – Jr High Summer Fest Retreat

Saturday, March 20

12:00 – Girl Scout mtng
1:00 – Eagle Scout Presentation
5:00 – WORSHIP
8:00pm – Summer Festival Band

We need you!



The McFarland Lutheran Church van is no longer a safe transportation option; therefore it is time to create a task force to decide what type of vehicle will best suit the congregation’s needs. The van has been utilized by numerous ministries: Global Mission, Child Life Ministries, and Youth. There is the possibility of connecting with Health and Wellness to meet additional needs such as transportation for the elderly, and those with mobility challenges for church programs and services. These ministries will be involved in the task force, but we are seeking others who may have interest in serving, especially those who may have familiarity with purchasing large vans or mini-buses or resources related to this. Please contact any of the following people by Friday, 3/12/10 to share your task force interest and we will soon follow up with meeting details. Thanks in advance for your interest!

Dennis Knutson	838-3498	djknutson@charter.net
Amy Lawrence	838-3156	aklawrence@verizon.net
Becca Ziety	838-4425	kidsofclm@hotmail.com



MLC Book Club is on Tuesday, March 23 at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse at 10:00am. The book is **‘Huckleberry Finn’** by Mark Twain



Sixth grade students began a new course of study Feb. 28th that will continue through the end of the Sunday School year (May 16). Students will begin with the Lord’s Prayer (3 weeks) then switch to an interactive computer program to study the Ten Commandments (3 weeks) and then have three weeks to review the Apostle’s Creed. These classes will help them prepare for Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) classes that start in seventh grade. Kim Olson will be teaching the class. If you have questions, please contact Meg Nielsen at 838-3184, ext. 109, or churchladymeg@hotmail.com.

Child Life Ministries

Looking for preschool and childcare options? Child Life Ministries has some remaining spaces for summer and the coming school year and would love for you to join us. We look forward to sharing a love a Jesus and a love of learning with your family. Here are our current opportunities:

- Summer:
 - Rainbow Center Child Care (3-5 yr. old), M-F, 7-5:30 p.m.
 - School Age Care (K-4th grade), M-F, 7-5:30 p.m.
- Fall:
 - 3 Yr. Old PS , Th-F, 9-11* a.m. or 12-2 p.m.
 - Pre-K PS, M-W, 8:45-11:15* a.m. or 12-2:30 p.m.
 - Rainbow Center Child Care (3-5 yr. old) M-F, 7-5:30* p.m.
 - School Age Care (K-4th grade), M-F, 2:45-5:30 p.m. or 7-5:30 p.m. (non-school).

* = Waiting lists will likely be generated.

Call Becca or Deb for more information at 838-4425 or log-on to www.mcfarlandlutheran.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



Forgive Us

Jesus taught us to pray, "...and forgive us our trespasses (sins or debts) as we forgive those who have trespassed against us (or have sinned against us or are indebted to us)". When you pray "forgive us..." who are you praying for? As we pray this prayer together in church, some of us are praying for ourselves as we imagine others praying for themselves. We are all praying for our own forgiveness together.

Perhaps Jesus meant that "Forgive us" should mean that I'm praying for God to forgive you simultaneously as I pray for God to forgive me. If I feel you have violated me in some way, then I am praying for God to forgive you before the prayer even mentions me forgiving you. Pretty clever. Forgiving someone else comes a little easier after we have prayed for God to forgive them.

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Spirit of Hope

Sr. High Skiing at Devils Head

Date: Thursday, March 11th
Depart: 3:15 pm from school
Return: 10:15 pm
Cost: \$14.00



Summer Festival Retreat

This event will be March 19th after the blood drive on Friday night for Jr. High Students and March 20th for Sr. High Students. Thank you to the private donor that is covering the cost of this event. Registration forms are being sent out this week for camp this summer.

Mall Scavenger Hunt

Fifteen students participated in this event at West Towne Mall. Students were asked to find examples of advertisements, billboards, and window displays that displayed negative and positive portrayals of men and women, violence, etc. Bonus points were given as well (find a salesperson named Bob, etc). Dinner and fellowship followed. 😊

Help Haiti Bake Sale



Thanks to everyone who donated to the "Help Haiti Bake Sale".
The bake sale was part of our AOB Ministry to the World project and as a result we raised \$622. with your help!
Gratefully, Ashley Sondreal, Carley Caviezel, Maddie & Christine Hettinger and Erin Culver

Youth Corner

Tuesday with Terry for High School Youth

Students are invited to join Pastor Terry and me at the McFarland House Café on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm to discuss and share stories about faith. Upcoming dates are: March 30th, April 27th and May 25th.



Proclaiming the Gospel through Art

A big thank you to Terry Peterson for providing our AOB students the opportunity to learn about traditional and modern art in the church. Our field trip started at MLC, then to Bethel Lutheran Church and Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Lenten Devotionals:

Great job to the following students who wrote for the Lenten Devotional Booklet ~ McKenna DeChant, Brandon Zimmerman, Abbey Bailey, Miles Hegg and Mason Ziegler. Lenten Devotional Booklets are still available in the gathering area.

Worship and Meal

Mark your calendar for the New Member Welcome Celebration Worship and Meal on Sun., Mar. 21. Welcome new members as they are received into the Body of Christ at MLC at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring your best pot-luck offering (or just come – there's always plenty of food), and enjoy a meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, casseroles, salads and desserts in the FLC at 11:30 a.m.

Offering Envelopes

The Offering Envelopes have moved to Room 210. You may pick them up at any time (if you have not already done so.)

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McFarland Lutheran Church invites you to grow deeper into
Jesus and the community that bears His name



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Easter Flowers



Would you care to provide flowers for Easter Sunday services? The Decorative Arts Team is asking for donations to purchase Easter flowers. The flowers will beautify the worship area in celebration of our Risen Lord. We will purchase the amount of flowers that the contributions will cover. The plants may be taken home after the last worship service on Easter Sunday or the following week.

Please complete the following form and return it to the church office by March 24 with your donation. Thank you for adding to the celebration of Easter!

I/we would like to provide flowers for Easter Sunday in memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Indicate the number and your choice of flowers:

____ Lilies @ \$10.50 each \$ _____
____ Potted bulb plant @ \$10.00 each
____ Tulip ____ Daffodil ____ Hyacinth \$ _____

Given by _____
