



MCFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS

May 13, 2010

McFarland Lutheran Church

Celebrating Meg Nielsen

A celebration of Meg Nielsen's ministry will be held following our morning worship on Sunday, May 23rd. Please set aside this time to thank Meg for her ministry and wish her well as she begins the next phase of her ministry.

The celebration will begin at 11:45.

Envelopes are available for you to contribute a gift for Meg's leaving. Please make checks payable to McFarland Lutheran, clearly marked:

"Meg Nielsen Celebration."

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Sanctuary

Sanctuary has multiple meanings. A sanctuary is the consecrated area of a church or temple around its tabernacle or altar. An animal sanctuary is a place where animals live and are protected. In modern parlance the term is used to mean a place of safety.

Sanctuary is a place of safety. A safe place is where thoughts and ideas can be freely expressed. A safe place is where judgments are suppressed. It is where quality conversation flows easily and freely. A safe place where people want to come—it's a place they want to call home.

Sanctuary is more than a building; more than a room in a building. It is a feeling, a creed, a mission statement, and a commitment. Like a wildlife refuge where birds and animals live in safety, the church as a sanctuary provides that place where you and I can live and grow in safety.

Our world needs safe places. Increasing societal anxiety is putting a premium on places where young and old alike “can flee for refuge.” It is in this “refuge”, this sanctuary that we hear the powerful and settling words, “be still and know that I am God.”

We are in the “in between time” here at MLC. At all times, and especially during this transition time we need to be vigilant so that important things—like safety—are not lost.

Please join me in making our congregation the place to be—the place to be in terms of respect and care for one another. My hope for McFarland Lutheran Church is that it never ceases to be a sanctuary for any and all who enter. Whenever our congregation's name comes up, I hope the hearer, member or not, would automatically be thinking—“that's a safe place!”

Peace,

Pastor Tews



A Youth Ministry Board is being established and you are invited to be a part of this exciting and rewarding ministry. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, June 2nd, at 6:30 in room 113.** This invitation is open to adults and youth. Please come and be a part of this vital ministry. If you have questions call Karen Emerson at 513-6240.



IT IS ANNUAL REPORT TIME!

All Teams, Committees, Circles and groups, your Annual Reports are due by Tuesday, June 15.

You may drop them off at church Monday—Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm, or send them to: mlcrenae@hotmail.com

If you have questions please call Renae at 838-3184. Thank you for your help!



MLC Book Club is on Tuesday, May 25 at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse at 10:00am. The book is

“The Whistling Season” by Ivan Doig. Everyone is welcome! Come and enjoy friendly conversation and an interesting book discussion.



Pentecost Choir Invitation

You are invited to sing in a special Pentecost Choir on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. This is an opportunity for everyone in our congregation who enjoys singing to praise and worship the Lord in song. Schedule for this choir is as follows:

Rehearsals

- Monday, May 10 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 17 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Services

- Sunday, May 23 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

All rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary.

If interested, please contact Glenn Nielsen at mgnielsen@charter.net or 838-8274.

Assisting With Worship – May 15 & 16

Saturday Evening: Jim & Susi Miller

Assisting Minister:

Coffee Hour: Rita Bussian, Deb Alber

Lectors: (8:00) Marilyn Vandeberg (9:15) Bill Langel
(10:30) Marilyn Vandeberg

Communion: (8:00) Deb & Harlan Hettrick
(9:15) Bread-Jim Boshers, Daryl Rupnow

Wine-Deb Engen, Jeff Gehrke, Sandra Hall

Sarah Schutt (10:30) Bonnie Dirks, Deb Wellman

Ushers: (8:00) *Joe Schwartz, Don & Dee Weikert,
Dick Southern

(9:15)*Don Schutt, Jack Thomas, Bonnie Duerst,
Jim Summers

(10:30) *Marc & Holly Heuer, Dale Marsden, Tom
Showers

Greeters: (8:00) Harold & Marie Hanson

(9:15) Kris Bell, Sharon Mylrea

(10:30) Betty Showers, Kristin Yearm-Wise

Nursery: (8:00) John & Donna Thompson
(9:15) (10:30)

Sacristans: Marlene Richard, JoAnn Marsden

Welcome Center: (8:00) Betty Ewing

(9:15) (10:30)

Tape Ministry: Don Weikert

Door Keepers: Open: Don Weikert

Close: Hugo Stoffel-Rosales

Assisting With Worship – May 22 & 23

Saturday Evening: Lori Shackett

Assisting Minister: Deb Hettrick

Coffee Hour: Thelma Allen, Maria Bartzen, Carrol
Vollmer

Lectors: (8:00) Deb Hettrick (9:15) Bonnie Dirks
(10:30) Carol Naze

Communion: (8:00) Gail Herrmann, Bonnie Dirks
(9:15) Bread-Mike Catterall, Jane Blank

Wine-Cheryl Brown, Brenda Moen, Deb O'Malley,
Sandra Hall (10:30) Kristin Yearm-Wise,
Dawn Bolstad

Ushers: (8:00) *Barbara & Larry Quam, Dave
Herrmann, Marlene Richard

(9:15) *Scott Potts, Joe D'Amato, David Alsmo,
Daryl Rupnow

(10:30) *Deb & Rick Sawyer, John & Danette
Vollmer

Greeters: (8:00) Betty Ewing, Susan Brodd

(9:15) Jerry Hrovat, Yvonne Swanson

(10:30) Betty Showers, Susan Schoch

Nursery: (8:00) Jackie Voight (9:15) (10:30)

Sacristans: Kathy Buechel, Barb Doran

Welcome Center: (8:00) Rick Petzke

(9:15) Cheryl Ackley (10:30)

Tape Ministry: Larry Quam

Door Keepers: Open:Larry Quam

Close:Barb Doran

Assisting With Worship – May 29 & 30

Saturday Evening: Lori Shackett

Assisting Minister: 8:00 & 10:30 Jon Landen

Coffee Hour: Loretta Bailey, JoAnn Marsden

Lectors: (8:00) Marc Heuer (9:15) Sandy Chalmers
(10:30) Tom Blau

Communion: (8:00) Marlene Richard, Ginny Dodson
(9:15) Bread-Sarah Schutt, Daryl Rupnow

Wine-Connie Showalter, Marla Grover, Jim Boshers,
Scott Potts (10:30) Carol Naze, Deb Wellman

Ushers: (8:00) *Phil Wildt, Dick Southern, Vicky
Beyler, Robert Castleberg

(9:15)*Dick Moen, Rick & Sandra Hall, Brenda Kritz

(10:30) *Tom Wendorf, David Waller, Tom & Betty
Showers

Greeters: (8:00) Tom Scharine, Spencer Straub

(9:15) David Alsmo, Betty Showers

(10:30) Sallie Waller, Arn Vollmer

Nursery: (8:00) Dee Weikert, Elise Gehrke
(9:15) (10:30)

Sacristans: Devon Christenson, Heleen Hayden

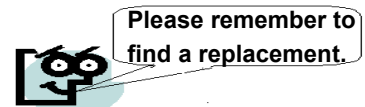
Welcome Center: (8:00)

(9:15) Betty Showers (10:30)

Tape Ministry: Ron Vandeberg

Door Keepers: Open: Dick Southern

Close: Carol Naze



“Minutes In Seconds” report the discussions and actions that have been taken by the church council. When approved, the official minutes will be posted on our web site and in the church newsletter. Please contact a member of the church council for more details.

“Minutes In Seconds”

Church Council – Monday, April 26th

- ✦ **A luncheon and celebration program has been scheduled for Sunday May 23rd to recognize the many contributions Meg Nielsen has made throughout her years as our Associate in Ministry. Watch for additional details in the newsletter and Sunday worship bulletins.**
- ✦ **Approval was given to purchase a used van for Child Life Ministries. Funding for the purchase will be divided equally between the Child Life Ministries, undesignated memorials and from a special appeal.**
- ✦ **Individuals interested in being considered as candidates for election to the church council are encouraged to contact any current member of the council for additional information.**
- ✦ **Sandy Chalmers and Sarah Schutt will join Pastor Tews at the 2010 synod assembly June 4, 5 and 6.**
- ✦ **Twenty-seven individuals have been invited to attend the first meeting of the Youth Ministry Team (on June 2nd at 6:30 PM.) Everyone interested in youth ministry is encouraged to contact Karen Emerson at 513-6240 for additional details.**
- ✦ **Committees and ministry teams are still submitting requests for the 2010 – 2011 budget, and we hope to have the final pieces in place soon.**
- ✦ **Council discussed staffing changes and the impact on planning for the next fiscal year.**
- ✦ **The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, July 25. The meeting will begin after a potluck lunch.**



We extend sympathy to Deborah Mork & family on the death of her mother, Barbara J. Hinrichs.



The Scent of Hope

We are often reminded to stop and smell the roses. But another valuable scent not to be overlooked is the scent of rain interacting with the earth. The song "Something About that Name" likens the name of Jesus to "the fragrance after the rain". This life-giving scent is so welcome it has a special name: petrichor. This scent is especially strong when the earth is dry and the moisture is most needed. It is the scent of hope.

The life giving power of rain is also noticeable in spring. The amount of green growth is almost instantaneous when the rain that life needs meets the ready potential for growth.

When the earth is especially dry, a drop of rain might seem insignificant. When we perceive others' needs to be great, we can get discouraged about our ability to help, or anyone's ability to help. We have so little to offer, and their needs seem beyond what we can even imagine. But in the dry spells of the soul, any moisture at all will awaken it. Any drop will generate the scent of hope.

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Spirit of Hope

McFarland Lutheran Church - - 838-3184

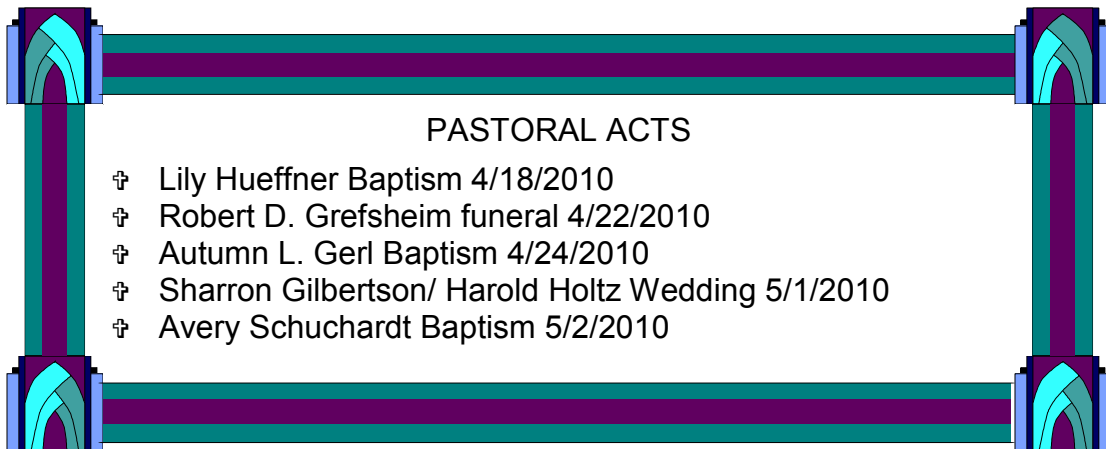
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00-4:30

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

Child Life Ministries - 838-4425

church email - mlcchurch@verizon.net

Church website mcfarlandlutheran.org



PASTORAL ACTS

- ✠ Lily Hueffner Baptism 4/18/2010
- ✠ Robert D. Grefsheim funeral 4/22/2010
- ✠ Autumn L. Gerl Baptism 4/24/2010
- ✠ Sharron Gilbertson/ Harold Holtz Wedding 5/1/2010
- ✠ Avery Schuchardt Baptism 5/2/2010

Remember in Thoughts and Prayers

Jack Thomas

Sue Egner* (Kim Henes Aunt)

Joe Kroda* (father of Theresa Rossman)

Dennis Lippman

Arlene Clift

Paul Siebert*

Jenny Talarczyk (friend of Donna Thompson)

Sharon Thieding

Charlotte & Jack Hoppe

Marga Petzke* (in remembrance of Rick Petzke's mother)

Alta Ellestad

Marvel Edwards

Deb Goodsell* (Jen Goodsell's mother)

Florence McConnell

Lyll Leverentz

Eileen Richter

Adriana Funfer* (Meg Nielsen's mother)

Paula Hoem
(Rogee Berg's niece)

Minnie Anderson

Russell Alsmo

Sallie Tedeschi

Peter Pierce

Carol Stoeckmann

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, Dan Ellestad, Joe Ellestad, Adam Ellestad, Aaron Jacobs, Justin Johnson, Emily Schroeder, Jeff Siebert, Brent Bartels

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES
Deadline for the next newsletter (5/27/10)
is on Monday, May 17
by 4:00 pm

May 15, 2010 through May 31, 2010

Saturday, May 15

7:00 – Youth Bike Rally Restoring Hope
Transplant House
7:30 – Men’s Breakfast
8:00 – Befriender Reunion Breakfast
11:00 – Set-up for Ministry Fair
2:00 – Ceniti /Hinson Wedding
5:00 – WORSHIP

Sunday, May 16

MINISTRY FAIR
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP
10:30 – One Step Beyond Worship
10:30 – Sunday School (Last Day)

Monday, May 17

5:00 Finance Board
6:00 Pre-K End of Year Program
6:15 – Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 – Properties
6:45 – Boy Scouts
7:00 Women’s Bible Study
7:30 – Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 – Quilters
6:30 – Sunday School Teachers Mtg.
7:00 – Care of Creation Comm.

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 – High School Breakfast (Last One)
10:00 – Staff Meeting
10:00 – PreK Family Picnic
5:30 – Kingdom’s Kids Choir
6:30 – Stewardship Comm.

Thursday, May 20

10:00 – Skaalen Village Bible Study (Special
Polka Service)
6:00 CLM Boar
6:00 – McFarland Pack 53

Friday, May 21

9:00 – Preschool 3’s Class Picnic

5:00 – Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 22

1:00 – Ellestad/Poulson Wedding.
5:00 – WORSHIP

Sunday, May 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY,
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM CELEBRATION
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP
10:30 – One Step Beyond Worship
11:45 – Farewell Celebration for Meg
6:00 – Boy Scout Patrol Leader Council

Monday, May 24

5:30 - CLM Cont. Ed.
6:45 – Boy Scouts
7:00 – Council

Tuesday, May 25

8:00 - Quilters
10:00 Skaalen Village Book Club
6:00 – Tuesday with Terry

Wednesday, May 26

10:00 – Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 27

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

5:00 – WORSHIP

Sunday, May 30

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP
10:30 – One Step Beyond Worship

Monday, May 31

MEMORIAL DAY
All Offices and CLM Closed

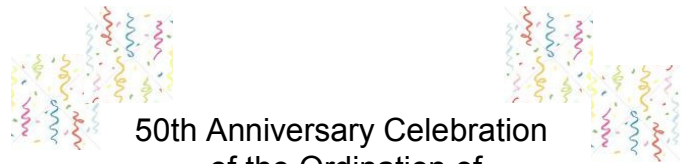
To: McFarland Lutheran Church

On behalf of Erin, Sue and myself, we wish to thank McFarland Lutheran Church for the generous \$1000.00 Scholarship given by our church to be applied to the cost for Erin to attend St. Olaf College in the fall of 2010.

A question that many High School Seniors have been agonizing over during the past 6-9 months is where do I want to go to college? A prayer was answered when Erin recently told me that she had decided to attend St. Olaf College. Besides providing Erin with a challenging academic experience, we believe St. Olaf College will also provide Erin with "a campus community committed to the life of the mind, the concerns of the heart, and the exploration of important questions of faith, values and meaning" (David R. Anderson, President of St. Olaf College.)

We will appreciate our church family remembering Erin in prayer and giving thanks as she will soon graduate from High School and begin to prepare herself for furthering her education as a student attending St. Olaf College.

Yours in Christ,
Edward Tuecke



**50th Anniversary Celebration
of the Ordination of**

Reverend Jerome C. Pribbenow

DATE: Sunday, June 6, 2010

**SERVICES OF RECOGNITION: 8 a.m. &
9:15 a.m.**

**LOCATION: McFarland Lutheran
Church, 5529 Marsh Rd, McFarland
WI. 53558**

*John 15:16 You did not choose me but I chose you,
and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will
last.*

It has been 50 years since Jerome Pribbenow was ordained into ministry. His family would like to extend an invitation for you to help them celebrate this joyous occasion. Dr. Paul C. Pribbenow, son of Pastor Pribbenow, will be the guest preacher for the day. Special music will be provided by the Pribbenow family at the 8:00 and 9:15 am services. Between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. a reception with coffee and cake will be held to honor Pastor Jerry. If you are normally a 10:30 attendee, then come early and greet Pastor Jerry before the service.

If you are unable to attend in person, you can be an active participant in this very special occasion by submitting ways in which you have been blessed through involvement with Pastor Pribbenow and McFarland Lutheran Church. This may include pictures, memories or a funny story. You may send an email to Beth (Pribbenow) DiVita at badivita@yahoo.com or mail them to 6011 Merrill St, McFarland WI 53558. Let's overwhelm Pastor Jerry with our blessings of love and admiration.

Child Life Ministries

Ahhhh.....hello springtime!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we are amid spring to summer transitions.



The preschool children are winding down and will soon be having end-of-the-year programs and picnics. This past week the Pre-Kindergarten children were off to the zoo. (*"We're goin' to the zoo, zoo, zoo...How about you, you, you?"*) What a beautiful day it was, sunny and mid-70s! The children had a chance to take in all the animals and spend time with friends. The 3 Year Olds went to the library for a special story time with the children's librarian. They had a chance to enjoy a nice walk and some good books. A great week for all 😊

We would love to have you join us at Child Life Ministries. We have spaces remaining for the summer session at Rainbow Center Child Care (ages 3-5 yrs). and our School Age Program (ages 5-10 yrs.).

It is going to be an adventure filled time and we welcome you to join us. Call Becca for more details at 838-4425 or logon to www.mcfarlandlutheran.org.



Thank you to the Van Taskforce (appointed by Council) for their recent work to replace the MLC van. The van needed substantial repair (brakes, oil pan, Freon leak, etc) and was no longer safe for transportation of CLM children, youth or families. The committee is moving forward with the purchase of a 9 passenger mini-bus. Look for it to arrive soon with graphics



Graduating Seniors ~ 2010 Baccalaureate

All graduating seniors are cordially invited to attend the Baccalaureate Service sponsored by McFarland Area Churches. This special service is an ecumenical faith based blessing and celebration of graduation.

- Date: Sunday, June 6th
- Time: 7:00 pm (approx. 1 hour)
- Place: McFarland Lutheran Church



Youth Corner

Graduation Pictures

Attention all senior parents: Please submit 1 wallet size senior picture of your child for the MLC Graduation Bulletin Board by May 15th. The picture can be put in my mailbox or mailed to my attention, Bonnie Duerst at MLC, 5529 Marsh Road, McFarland, WI 53558.



8th Grade Students

You and your friends are invited to enjoy a delicious, homemade, free, hot breakfast on Wednesday morning (May 19th) anytime between 7:00 AM & 7:50 AM. This is an opportunity for you to check out the MLC High School Breakfast before next fall. Please RSVP this time only to bonnieduerst@gmail.com so we can plan accordingly. Rides to school are available if needed ~ just let me know in the e-mail when you RSVP.

This breakfast is for all high school students and is served every Wednesday morning during the school year.

Breakfast menu:

Pancakes, French Toast,
Egg McLutheran's, Bacon, Sausage
& Milk Shakes

FYI ~ MLC High School Breakfast count this week was 61 students.

Mentoring Update ~ Our 8th grade students and their mentors got to hear some of the first hand experiences of National Guard Captain Robert Blanchar. He shared many examples of the importance of his faith while serving our country. We then put together 13 big care packages, wrote personal notes and sent them to the MLC Servicemen/women overseas. Thank you Rob for your valuable witness to our youth and to everyone for all the amazing donations used for the care packages!

Ministry Fair on Sunday Morning, May 16

Explore the ministries of MLC at the Ministry Fair on Sunday morning, May 16. Get a sneak peak at Baobab Blast, this year's Vacation Bible School program. Tour Sunday School rooms while classes are in session. Find out what the Health and Wellness team has planned for the coming year. See how you can help feed the hungry in our community by gardening with the Care of Creation ministry team. Get the flavor of what happens at Elizabeth Circle or Rachel Circle. More than twelve ministry teams, circles and study groups will be represented at the upcoming Ministry Fair. Take time to stroll through the Family Life Center, view the displays, talk with ministry representatives and prayerfully consider how and where you might like to become part of an ongoing ministry. See you at this exciting event!

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

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