



# **MCFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS**

May 27, 2010

**McFarland Lutheran Church**

## **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?**

Want to connect with other members for food and conversation? Then sign up for Guess Who's Coming To Dinner. We need people to sign up to host in their homes (a couple or two singles.) The hosts will call the other six assigned to them to agree on a date in June. It can be a Saturday or Sunday brunch or an evening meal. The hosts will prepare the main dish and the guests will be asked to bring a salad, dessert, etc. Call the church office to sign up to be a host or a guest. Two singles can sign up together or we'll pair you as guests to make an even table number. Any questions? Call Linda Langel at 838-2697 or Huldah Ellestad at the church office, 838-3184.

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## WHY MEG & TERRY WILL NOT BE MEMBERS OF MLC

Some members have asked me why Meg Nielsen and Terry Peterson will not continue to be members of McFarland Lutheran Church once they retire. I can best answer that with my own story.

One of the most difficult things I've ever had to do was retire and leave Good Shepherd Church in OK, while at the same time living 2 miles from the church for ten years. When pastors and called lay ministers resign from a parish it is a professional courtesy to join another congregation.

If we stayed it would be confusing for members to see us and not engage in discussion about the parish or the new staff members. If we stayed it would be difficult for us to withhold our opinions about what is happening, forgetting we are no longer in charge.

The regular presence of former staff is a hindrance to the new pastor or lay minister growing relationships with the congregation.

I continue to be friends with a few people from previous congregations who keep good boundaries. They do not ask my advice about the parish. They do not try to get me to take sides in an issue. They do not complain about the new pastor. We talk about their lives and mine and they share news about parishioners deaths, illnesses, moves and births, etc.

Once in a while I am invited back to the congregation for special events.

I've only worked with Meg and Terry for a few months and have come to appreciate them greatly. So I can't imagine what a loss it must be for you who have known and worked with them for years. Saying "good bye" is always difficult, but if we don't leave we're not able to say "hello" to new people and experiences.

Pastor Jack

Effective June 30, 2010 I will be resigning my position as Facilities Manager for McFarland Lutheran Church. I have truly enjoyed working with everyone and serving the Lord in caring for this church.

Respectfully,  
Rita Bussian

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Interested in membership at McFarland Lutheran? The next series of classes for new members will be Sunday June 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Your attendance does not obligate you to join. Any questions? Call Pastor Jack at (608) 873-6514



This Sunday, May 30, will be Terry Peterson's and Glenn Nielsen's last day as the McFarland Lutheran Church music staff. Please come and join us to give them one more farewell and celebrate all they have given us with cake and coffee after each service this Sunday.



### 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](mailto:mlcrenae@hotmail.com) If you have questions please call Renae at 838-3184. Thank you for your help!



We give thanks for the beauty of the red geranium flowers that were around the worship spaces on Pentecost Sunday. The geraniums were planted at the entrances of the church building where they will be enjoyed until fall. If you would like to help defray the cost of the flowers, please make your check out to McFarland Lutheran Church and write Pentecost Flowers in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity,  
The Decorative Arts Team

### Assisting With Worship – May 29 & 30

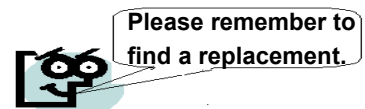
Saturday Evening: Lori Shackett  
Assisting Minister: (8:00 & 10:30) Jon Landen  
Coffee Hour: Loretta Bailey, JoAnn Marsden  
Lectors: (8:00) Marc Heuer (9:15) Sandy Chalmers (10:30) Tom Blau  
Communion: (8:00) Marlene Richard, Ginny Dodson (9:15) Bread-Sarah Schutt, Daryl Rupnow  
Wine-Connie Showalter, 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

### Assisting With Worship – June 5 & 6

Saturday Evening: Don & Cindy Siebert  
Assisting Minister:  
Coffee Hour: Kathy & Daryl Rupnow, Corrine Thomas  
Lectors: (8:00 & 9:15) Pribbenow Family (10:30) Marilyn Vandeberg  
Communion: (8:00& 9:15) Pribbenow Family (10:30) Bonnie Dirks, Dawn Bolstad  
Ushers: (8:00) \*Doug & Kathy Buechel, Larry & Barbara Quam (9:15) \*Marlene Richard, Deb & Bill Alber, Jeff Gehrke(10:30) \*Marc & Holly Heuer, Dale Marsden  
Greeters: (8:00) Vicky Beyler, Diane Wells (9:15) Randy & Deb Engen (10:30) Betty Showers, Barb Liebhardt  
Nursery: (8:00) James & Ruth Ewing (9:15) Janell Moran (10:30) Dawn Blau  
Sacristans: Gudrun Sindermann, Heleen Hayden  
Welcome Center: (8:00) Betty Showers (9:15) Nancy Vick (10:30)  
Tape Ministry: Larry Quam  
Door Keepers: Open:Larry Quam Close:Hugo Stoffel-Rosales

### Assisting With Worship – June 12 & 13

Saturday Evening: Don & Cindy Siebert  
Assisting Minister:  
Coffee Hour: Vicki Holten, Gail Herrmann  
Lectors: (8:00) Betty Showers (9:15) Jane Blank (10:30) Carol Naze  
Communion: (8:00) Joe Schwartz, Gail Herrmann (9:15) Bread-Mike Catterall, Sandra Hall  
Wine-Marlene Richard, Scott Potts, Jim Boshers, Brenda Moen (10:30) Carol Naze, Deb Wellman  
Ushers: (8:00) \*Gudrun Sindermann, Don & Dee Weikert, Ernie Thieding (9:15)\*Jim Summers, Jack Thomas, Daryl Rupnow, Don Schutt (10:30) \*Sandy & Greg Larson, Tom Wendorf  
Greeters: (8:00) Angela Schwartz, Susan Brodd (9:15) Mark & Cheri Watt (10:30) Betty Showers  
Nursery: (8:00) John & Donna Thompson (9:15) Kayla Moen (10:30) Cheryl Brown  
Sacristans: Sandra Latham, Leslie Birrenkott  
Welcome Center: (8:00) Rick Petzke (9:15) (10:30)  
Tape Ministry: Don Weikert  
Door Keepers: Open: Don Weikert Close: Dale Marsden

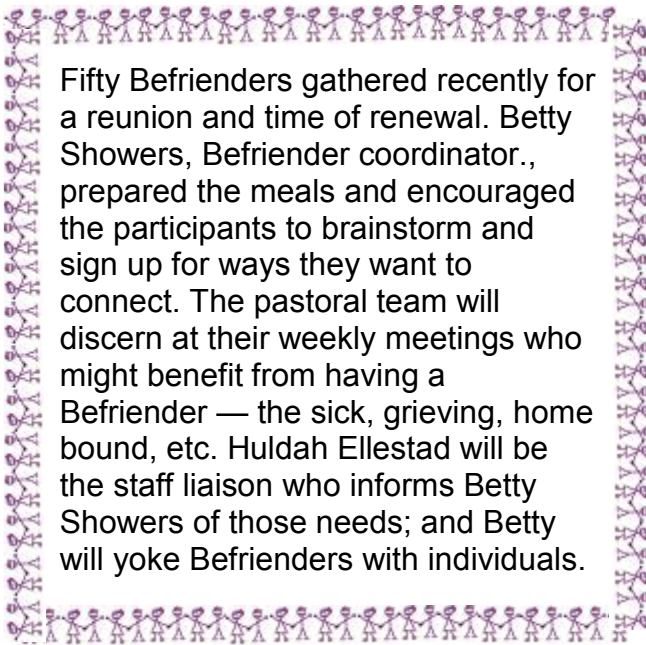




Sunday, May 23, was a moving experience for all who were able to attend Meg Nielsen's Farewell Celebration. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of those people who took part in the planning and execution of the celebration event. The celebration would not have been such a success without all of your time, effort and contributions. Thank you!



As more refugees come into our area, we are aware of the need for clothes (infant through adult) shoes, pots & pans, and kitchen items. If you have any of these items (**in good condition**) that you are able to donate, please place them in the hall under the sign marked REFUGEE NEEDS. If you have questions—contact Pastor Jerry Pribbenow at 838-3184.



Fifty Befrienders gathered recently for a reunion and time of renewal. Betty Showers, Befriender coordinator., prepared the meals and encouraged the participants to brainstorm and sign up for ways they want to connect. The pastoral team will discern at their weekly meetings who might benefit from having a Befriender — the sick, grieving, home bound, etc. Huldah Ellestad will be the staff liaison who informs Betty Showers of those needs; and Betty will yoke Befrienders with individuals.

The Ministry Fair on May 16 was a wonderful celebration of all the ministries (both in full view & behind the scenes) that take place here at McFarland Lutheran Church. Participants were able to try their hand at ringing a handbell, tie knots (under the supervision of Boy Scouts), play a board game, eat an assortment of treats, as well as learn about many other ways to be active in our congregation.



We extend sympathy to family and friends on the death of Sallie Tedeschi.





## The Wisdom of Age

While grandma may not be able to help you learn to use the latest technology, she can help you figure out what to do about life's problems. But isn't she too unaware of what's going on in the world to be helpful? Not according to a recent study that compared people at different ages in their ability to advise others in how to deal with social problems.

People over 60 showed several advantages over younger people. They were better able to see different people's points of view, which is immensely important to getting a good outcome. They were more likely to see the various ways that a situation could change over time rather than just react to the current situation. They were more likely to search for compromises. And, they were better able to recognize the limitations of their own knowledge or experience. To recognize what you know and recognize what you don't know takes the ability to see yourself objectively. In fact, most of these attributes require objectivity toward self and others that is unavailable to younger people who are more attached to their own point of view.

While younger people tend to think they will get the best advice from their peers, because only they will understand what they are dealing with, that turns out to not be true. For sage advice, look to an elder.

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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](mailto:mlcchurch@verizon.net)

Church website [mcfarlandlutheran.org](http://mcfarlandlutheran.org)

### PASTORAL ACTS

- ✠ Krista Ceniti & Josh Hinson Wedding 5/15/2010
- ✠ Sallie Tedeschi Memorial Service 5/19/2010
- ✠ Kelsey Poulson & Tim Ellestad Wedding 5/22/2010

## Remember in Thoughts and Prayers

John Jones\* (friend of Don & Dee Weikert)

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)

Minnie Anderson

Russell Alsmo

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 ( 6/10/2010)  
is on Monday, May 31  
by 4:00 pm**

**May 27, 2010 through June 15, 2010**

Thursday, May 27

Friday, May 28

7:00 – Full Moon Walk @ Edna Taylor Park

Saturday, May 29

5:00 – WORSHIP

Sunday, May 30

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP

8:30 – Coffee & Cake Reception for Glenn Nielsen and Terry Peterson Farewell

10:30 – One Step Beyond Worship

Monday, May 31

MEMORIAL DAY

All Offices and CLM Closed

Tuesday, June 1

6:30 – Education Vision Team

Wednesday, June 2

10:00 – Staff Meeting

1:00 – Pastoral Mtg.

6:30 – Youth Ministry Team Organizational Meeting

6:30 – Personnel Board

Thursday, June 3

Friday, June 4

Saturday, June 5

7:30 – Men's Breakfast / Bible Study

5:00 – WORSHIP

Sunday, June 6

PASTOR JERRY PRIBBENOW'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP

9:00 & 10:15 – Council Q & A (budget, etc.)

9:15 – Blood Pressure Checks

10:30 – One Step Beyond Worship

7:00 – Baccalaureate

Monday, June 7

6:30 – Health & Wellness

6:30 – Stewardship Mtg.

6:45 – Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 8

6:00 – Elizabeth Circle @ Heleen Hayden's

7:00 – Boy Scout Troop Committee

Wednesday, June 9

10:00 – Staff Meeting

1:00 – Pastoral Mtg.

Thursday, June 10

12:30 – Worship Planning

6:00 – CLM Board

Friday, June 11

Saturday, June 12

5:00 – WORSHIP

6:00 – Men's Game Night

Sunday, June 13

COMMUNITY PANTRY SUNDAY

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 – WORSHIP

9:00 & 10:15 – Council Q & A (budget, etc.)

10:30 – New Member Class

10:30 – One Step Beyond Worship

Monday, June 14

4:30 – Girls H.S. Softball Banquet

6:30 – Global Mission

6:45 – Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 15

7:00 – Care of Creation Committee



MLC Book Club is on Tuesday, June 22 at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse at 10:00am. The book is **"Miss Julia's School of Beauty"** by Ann B. Ross.

Everyone is welcome! Come and enjoy friendly conversation and an interesting book discussion.

**McFarland Lutheran Church is Hiring 3 Part Time Positions.** They include:

Senior Choir Director: Provides leadership, labor and expertise in directing the choir for 36 to 40 performances at weekly worship services including the same number of rehearsals. Works with the worship committee to fill the music needs for worship services.

Organist: Plans and provides music for two Sunday services as well as approximately 20 special services throughout the year. Also accompanies at choir rehearsals (36-40 sessions). Works with the worship committee to meet the music needs of the church.

Head Custodian: Provides leadership, labor and expertise in the care, cleaning and maintenance of all of the church buildings inside and out, church equipment and grounds so they are neat, well organized and functional. Works with another part time custodian and volunteers. Flexible schedule, approximately 20 hours per week, may include week-end work.

Complete job descriptions are available upon request. Interested applicants should submit their resume to the Personnel Board c/o McFarland Lutheran Church, 5529 Marsh Rd., McFarland, or drop off at the church office by Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.



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 worship service 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](mailto: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

### New this fall~ Before school care!

This fall CLM will provide before school care for children to Conrad Elvejhem, McFarland Primary, and to Waubesa. We open at 7 AM and are able to provide care and transportation for 9 children. Fees are as follows:

AM care only: \$43/wk.

PM care only: \$116/wk.

BOTH programs: \$147/wk.

There is still space to register. Contact Becca for any additional information at 838-4425 or via email [kidsofclm@hotmail.com](mailto:kidsofclm@hotmail.com).

### Jackson Paul Heckel Scholarships

This year's Scrap from My Heart Fundraiser, in memory of Jackson Paul Heckel, raised enough funds to provide a full scholarship for a Pre-Kindergarten child as well as a 3Year Old. If you or someone you may know is interested, contact the CLM office for the scholarship paperwork. Applications are due July 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2010-2011 school year.

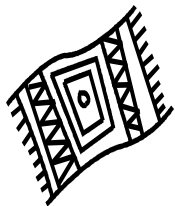
### Thank you!

Thank you's all around as we wind down our preschool year! Thank you to McFarland Lutheran Church for sharing their space with us and supporting our outreach ministry to the children and families in this and surrounding communities. Thank you to those of you who have supported the Tuition Assistance fund and granted us gifts and memorials to help those in need. Thank you to volunteers who have served on the CLM Board this year: Amy Lawrence, Heidi Ackley, Jeff Bartzen, Heather Flemming, Dawn Blau, Susan Heckel, Ken Landolt, Mark Watt and Sarah Schutt. And thank you to the staff who make this program all that it is for children and families: Sara Phelan, Deb Nygaard, Heather Anderson, Chris Cole, Beth Miller, Vicki Radloff, Jessica Galbraith, Rachel Hamilton and Rachel Clark. And thank you to all the families who chose CLM for their children as an early education experience. Blessings as we transition to the summer!

### Have you seen it? The NEW (to MLC and CLM) mini-bus is here!

The van task force is pleased to introduce the new arrival to McFarland Lutheran. Thank you to the task force members who were able to work things through in a timely and effective manner for all parties involved. Budgeted funds from CLM and McFarland Lutheran Church memorials cover a portion of the cost, and the goal is to have the remaining cost funded by donations. If you are willing to make a donation, please use one of the mini-bus envelopes and/or note mini-bus on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your support!

### **Fund Raiser for Summer Festival**



Help us to help some of our MLC youth that need partial or full scholarships to attend Summer Festival this year by purchasing a ticket to win an afghan. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. They are located at a table in the gathering space. Thank you Brenda Moen for donating the beautiful afghan!

**High School Lock-out update:** Fifty five students participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "LYO's Excellent Adventure" lockout event where we traveled by bus to different locations in Madison throughout the night. Events included Laser Tag at Ultrazone, Mini Golf and a Scavenger Hunt at Vitense, Roller-Dance @Fast Forward Roller Rink, Dodge Ball, not to mention Fun, Fellowship and Devotions on the bus, in between and much more!

Thank you to Dee Weikert, Loretta Bailey and Barb Porter-Quam for making a delicious breakfast for everyone before they went home the next morning!

### **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

### **Ministry Fair**

Thank you Brenda Moen and Karen Emerson for representing the Education Vision Team at the MLC Ministry Fair. Please call or e-mail me if you didn't get a chance to visit our station and would like information about education opportunities in the church or would be interested in joining the team.

Bonnie Duerst

E-mail: [bonnieduerst@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieduerst@gmail.com)

## Retirement Luncheon

Pastor Jack will lead a discussion on “**Retirement—Challenges and Opportunities**” at a luncheon on Wednesday, June 16 at noon. All people who are retired or soon retiring are welcome. Pastor Jack will prepare the soup and participants are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Call the church office to sign up.

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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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