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# News You Can Use

## February 27 & 28, 2010

### Today Altar Flowers and Communion Wine

are given in memory of Bill Thompson by Ellyn Thompson and Family.

Last Sunday's attendance was 294.

We welcome Reverend Sara Yotter into our midst today. We thank her for her message. Sara is assistant to Bishop Burnside of our South Central Synod of Wisconsin.

**T**hough we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."



The new Ministry Assistant Schedules are now available in the Hallway. Please pick yours up today. Thank You!

**T**oday sixth grade students begin a new course of study that continues 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](mailto:churchladymeg@hotmail.com).



Blood Pressure Screening is next Sunday, March 7. If you would like to have your BP checked more frequently then on the 1st Sunday of each month, don't hesitate to ask Marilee T. or Linda L. If you have a concern please do not wait, we recommend that you make an appointment to see your physician or seek medical attention.


### GROWING IN PRAYER ...

Is the theme of our mid week Lenten services at 11am and 6:30 pm if you think you are not praying "right"; if your prayer life has become dry or mechanical and you are seeking new ways to pray; or if you want to deepen an already good prayer life, this series is for you. The topics are:

- 3/03 – Praying is Silence
- 3/10 – Praying with the Body
- 3/17 – Praying with Music
- 3/24 – Praying with Creation

Each service will include hymns, prayers and Holy Communion. Following the 6:30 pm services those who choose are invited to participate in one of the follow-up groups of 8-10 people in the FLC to continue to discuss the topic of the day for another half hour or so.

A meal will be served after the morning worship & from 5pm-6pm in the FLC. At 5:30pm there are craft activities for children aged 3 and up in the FLC.

 Thanks to everyone who has so generously contributed supplies to make the Health Kits for Haiti. About 100 kits were assembled during the Souper Suppers on Feb. 17 and 24th. Throughout our synod, the response to the call for Health Kits has been great. More than 1,700 have been made or pledged and will be delivered by Pr. Richard Dowling of West Koshkonong Church in mid-March.



### There is Still time for Fun Pasta!

CLM is excited to announce that our spring fundraiser is Fun Pasta by The Pasta Shoppe. This healthy, wholesome pasta comes in a variety of unique and fun shapes, along with different cooking kits. For example, they offer Wisconsin Badger pasta salad, sports pastas, holiday pastas, chili, and chicken noodle gift sets. There is an 18 month shelf life for the pasta. **CLM can earn 50% from this fundraiser, which runs through 3/1/10.** Order forms and information are at the church info. desk and near the FLC entrance. Thanks in advance for your support.

### Finance Report by month

January & February

Week	Offering	MTD	Monthly Budget
Feb 1-Feb 6	\$3,561	\$3,561	
Feb7-Feb13	\$12,200	\$15,761	
Feb14-Feb20	\$10,788	\$26,549	
Feb21-Feb27	\$7,398	\$33,947	\$45,833

# LOOKING AHEAD



MLC offers many ways to serve God and each other. Here are just a few:

- 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

A **Ministry Fair** is being planned for Sun., May 16, in the FLC. The planning committee invites any group that serves at McFarland Lutheran Church to be a part of this fair and to let people know what your ministry does and how they can serve. Stop by the kiosk in the narthex and pick up a registration form (due April 1). Questions? Contact Marilyn Vandenberg at 838-6334 or vande1@verizon.net, or Karen Emerson, 513-6240 or karen@lakecitymanagement.com for more information.



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 potluck 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.



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 (unlike a maze that has trick passages and dead ends) that leads in to the center and back out again. The path can be seen as a metaphor for our spiritual journey. It can help us focus inward on our own pathway through life. The labyrinth will be available on Friday evening and on Sat., Mar. 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A **Prayer Vigil** will also be held all day on Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>. You may sign up for one or more Prayer Vigil time slots at the Welcome

**T**hanks 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.

If you would like to receive our congregation's newsletter by email, please go to the website ([www.mcfarlandlutheran.org](http://www.mcfarlandlutheran.org)) and sign up there or send your request by email to [mlcchurch@verizon.net](mailto:mlcchurch@verizon.net).

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 13<sup>th</sup> year for our drive; a change for this year will be the addition of a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:slsherry@yahoo.com).

- Remember in your prayers:**

  - || Arlene Clift
  - || Paul Siebert\*
  - || Richard Blodgett (Cindy Gilbertson's father)
  - || Elaine Moran (Grandmother of Janell Moran)
  - || Ken & Marguerite Potts
  - || Jenny Talarczyk (friend of Donna Thompson)
  - || Sharon Thieding
  - || Charlotte & Jack Hoppe
  - || Michael\* (grandson of Gary\* & Marion Karl\*)
  - || Minnie Anderson
  - || Aaron Bernau\* (Brother-in-law of Janell Moran)
  - || George Newton\* (Brother of Bonnie Hansen\*)
  - || Deborah Mork
  - || Marvel Edwards
  - || Deb Goodsell\* (Jen Goodsell's mother)
  - || Lyall Leverentz
  - || Adelegunde Sindermann\* (Willi & Robert Sindermann's mother)
  - || Eileen Richter
  - || Elaine Westby (Greg Westby's mother)
  - || Adriana Funfer\* (Meg Nielsen's mother)
  - || Alta Ellestad
  - || Ruby Larson
  - || Russell Alsmo
  - || Peter Pierce
  - || Dick Rust\* (Debby Nygaard's brother)
  - || Carol Stoeckmann
  - || Gary Entwistle

**Prayers** If you know of someone for the prayer list, please call the church office at 838-3184.

\* Non Members

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