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News You Can Use

Today Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Communion Wine is given in honor of Shane Sawyer's birthday by Rick and Deborah Sawyer.

Last Sunday's attendance was 309.

March 6 & 7, 2010

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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.**



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



Blood Pressure Screening is TODAY

Communion and Nursery Volunteers please make note: Reminder cards will no longer be sent in the mail. Please be sure to check your schedule or the Newsletter for your dates and times.

Thank you Rae Ann Bender for this service that you have provided so faithfully over the years.

GROWING IN PRAYER ...

Is the theme of our mid week Lenten services at 11am and 6:30 pm. The topics are:

- 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.

Fifth Grade First Communion preparation will be offered on Wed., Apr. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Sat., Apr. 10, from 9 to noon, in the Family Life Center. Students only need to attend at one of those times. The content of both sessions will be the same and will include learning about this important sacrament, baking bread for the First Communion celebration, and making a banner for the FLC. Students will celebrate their First Communion on Sun., Apr. 18, at the worship service of their choice. Families are encouraged to invite grandparents, godparents, baptismal sponsors and close relative to worship on that special day. If your child is older than fifth grade, has missed First Communion preparation, and would like to attend, they would be welcome. If you have questions please contact Meg Nielsen at 838-3184, ext. 109 or churchladymeg@hotmail.com.



Finance Report by month

February—March 6

<u>Week</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
Feb1-Feb6	\$3,561	\$3,561	
Feb7-Feb13	\$12,200	\$15,761	
Feb14-Feb20	\$10,788	\$26,549	
Feb21-Feb27	\$8,434	\$33,947	
Feb28-Mar 6	\$6,671	\$41,654	\$45,833

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

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 Vandeberg 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.

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.



You can experience the ancient prayer practice of **Walking the Labyrinth** on the weekend of March

12-13. 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. 13th. You may sign up for one or more Prayer Vigil time slots at the Welcome

Skaalen Services The Health and Wellness Ministry is offering an educational opportunity to learn about Skaalen Services. Skaalen Retirement Services consists of skilled nursing, memory care, rehabilitation, assisting living and condominium housing. We have the Director of Community Relations and a DVD that will be presented on Sunday, March 20th at 9:30 and 10:45. These services are available to those 55+ and involve choices for living somewhere other than your own home.

- Remember in your prayers:**
- || Arlene Clift
 - || Paul Siebert*
 - || Marga Petzke* (in remembrance of Rick Petzke's mother)
 - || 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)

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

* Non Members

Please clearly distinguish, on every envelope or check, offered giving that is designated for restoring/maintaining staff salaries/benefits from your other giving. Thank you.