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News You Can Use

Today Altar Flowers are given in honor of Mark and Mary Winter's 38th wedding anniversary.

Communion Wine is given in memory of Norman Kutz and Trygve Thoresen by Erik and Marilee Thoresen.

Last weekend's attendance was 281.

What is God's purpose for our congregation over the next 5 years? On Saturday, August 7, you will have an opportunity to explore that question during a congregational workshop. The workshop will convene at 8:15am, start promptly at 8:30, and end at 3:30pm.

RSVP to the church office for the purpose of providing a lunch for everyone.

Please look over the survey forms you received in the mail, complete and return them to the box marked **Visioning** on the glass table in the gathering space.

July 31 & August 1, 2010

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

A Joy to Share

Angela and Benhi Khabeb announce the birth of their second son, Khena Dan. He was born on July 13, 2010. Angela and Benhi were with us for a global mission event in 2004. If anyone would like to send a card their address is 4931 N 52nd St., Omaha, NE 68104



The **Bethel Bible Study** returns beginning Wednesday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113. The Bethel Bible Study is a study of the whole Bible, exploring the historical and spiritual aspects of Christianity in both the Old and New Testaments. There are 20 lessons on the Old Testament, and 20 lessons on the New Testament. Participants should plan to attend each lesson as they build upon and reinforce each other. Each class lasts approximately one hour. Participants will receive the Bethel Bible Study workbook and materials. Bible reading is required to get the maximum benefit of the class. A study Bible is recommended. Please contact Brock Chalmers, 838-7823, or by e-mail, chalmers@charter.net if you would like to attend this year-long study of God's Word.



Register today! **Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School** begins TODAY at 4:30 p.m. with a family potluck meal. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. Parents are invited to stay the 1st night and visit stations with their child(ren). We will then close with a family-sing. The cost is \$15 per child or \$30 max per family. VBS continues August 2-5. Helpers are still needed and welcomed. Call Brenda at 873-1634 or Karen at 513-6240.



Christmas in August? It is time to make Christmas in August for some young families with children. During this time we will be happy to receive clothing, diapers, food, baby equipment for young people in the age bracket from 0-5 years. A table will be located in the great hall where these items may be placed. At the end of the month, the items will be donated to the Dane County Human Services office in Stoughton. McFarland Lutheran has always been very generous in helping make this program a success.

Finance Report by month

July

<u>Week</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
July1-July30	\$2,437.00	\$2,437.00	
July4-July10	\$10,353.00	\$12,790.00	
July 11-July17	\$9,603.50	\$22,393.50	
July18-July24	\$6,502.00	\$28,895.50	
July25-July31	\$9,487.50	\$38,383.00	\$44,334

Summer Adult Ed Focused on Creation

Summer seems to be a good time to focus on God's good creation. I would like to invite you to a study called "Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation" during summer Sundays, **Today**—August 1, 8, 22, and 29 at 9:15 & 10:30. The class dates work around the preaching schedule.

Each session will be introduced by some well-known Christian theologians and then there will be good time for discussion and reaction to what is presented on the DVD.

- Session 3: Domination/Dominion (Above creation or part of it?)
- Session 4: Atoms/Organisms (Identity in social context)
- Session 5: Now/Forever (short-term benefit, or eternal creation?)
- Session 6: Enough/Too Much (Scarcity and abundance)

Questions to Pastor Jerry Pribbenow

LOOKING AHEAD



Garden Market

Look for the Garden Market with its summer produce on the table in the great hall. Place donations in the basket provided. Proceeds will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Fund and leftover produce will go to the McFarland Food Pantry.



Make It Simple



August 8 – Temple Talk
Stewardship of Children
God has given us the gift of children.
What can we do to invite families to
come to worship and learn more about
Jesus? How can we make MLC more
family oriented?



Economic and Investment Outlook Update is a free financial education event. It will be offered at McFarland Lutheran Church, Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM. The event will help you gain a general understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends. Knowing about these factors can help you make more informed investment decisions. The event will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives, Steven R. Erickson, Financial Consultant and Timothy J. Kalamarz, Financial Associate.

Girls Basketball Camp is Coming

to McFarland Lutheran Church

When: Aug. 9-12

Ages: Grades 3-6 9:00-11:00

Grades 7-12 11:00-1:00

Fee: \$45.00

Instructors: Ericka Engen-who played for the UW-Madison Badgers and

Sam Schmitz-who played at UW LaCrosse

Any Questions call: 838-8777 Or

email eengen@gmail.com

Join the Fun!!!!



McFarland Garden Tour



On Saturday, August 14, from 9am to 1pm, McFarland will be host for the 2010 Better Lawns and Gutters Tour sponsored by the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission. One of the tour sites will be our very own Good Earth Prairie and Noah's Rain Garden. The tour emphasizes the use of beautiful native plants and rain gardens to reduce storm water runoff from lawns, gutters, and streets from carrying materials and pollutants into our lakes and streams. Members of our Care of Creation team will be on hand to share the history of these areas.

All articles and information for the MLC Newsletter and the News You Can Use (bulletin insert) should be dropped off at the church office for Renae Feldner or sent to her email address: mlcrenae@hotmail.com

Change for Zumba Class

There will not be class on Monday, August 16. On Monday, August 2, due to church functions using the FLC, class will be held from 6:15-7:15. Please let your friends and other participants know of this change. The last class will be held August 9 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Cost is \$5 per session. Classes will resume in the fall at McFarland Primary School. Everyone is welcome.



Canoe Trip The Care of Creation Team will be hosting a canoe trip on the Yahara River on Saturday, August 28, from 10am-12pm, with August 29 as a rain date. We will start at the Jaeger Rd. landing and canoe to Fish Camp near Lake Kegonsa. Please let us know if you have your own canoe/kayak/lifejackets, or if you need them to be provided. Bring your own snacks/beverages for the trip. The emphasis will be on viewing our surroundings and seeing God's beautiful creation up close. Please RSVP to Wes Licht at 838-8178 by August 22.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- || Cheri Grover (Marla Grover's daughter-in-law)
- || Ron Britten
- || Brian Frey (friend of Tom & Dawn Blau)
- || Linn Ruscher (Jack & Pat West's daughter)
- || Dave Herrmann
- || Jessica Roth (daughter of Rick & Judi Strauss)
- || Brenda* (friend of Rick & Judi Strauss)
- || Elaine Westby* (Greg Westby's mother)
- || Susan Thronson* (Greg Westby's cousin)
- || John Jones* (friend of Don & Dee Weikert)
- || Jack Thomas
- || Neil Simmons* (Carrol Vollmer's nephew)
- || Sue Egner* (Kim Henes' aunt)
- || Lyaal Leverentz
- || Arlene Clift

- || Marga Petzke* (in remembrance of Rick Petzke's mother)
- || Jenny Talarczyk* (friend of Donna Thompson)
- || Sharon Thieding
- || Charlotte & Jack Hoppe
- || Adriana Funfer* (Meg Nielsen's mother)
- || Eileen Richter
- || Marvel Edwards
- || Alta Ellestad
- || Minnie Anderson
- || Russell Alsmo
- || Carol Stoeckmann
- || Willard & Mae Lund and their son, David Lund*

Prayers If you know of someone to include on the prayer board (Printed in the bulletin insert on Sundays and the Newsletter bi-monthly) or on the Prayer Chain (e-mailed to the Prayer Chain participants only), please call the church office: Monday—Friday 8am to 4:30 pm at 838-3184.

* Non Members