



NOTE: All Bulletins, News You Can Use, & other paper used by the church is recycled.

News You Can Use

Today Altar Flowers are given in honor of Cami Gilbertson's 6th birthday by Tom and Betty Showers.

Today Altar Flowers are given in honor of Carol and Roger Stoeckmann's 50th wedding anniversary.

Communion Wine is given in honor of Kathy Westby's birthday by Greg and Kathy Westby.

Last weekend's attendance was 304.

TODAY WE WELCOME KRISTIE HALVERSON, OUR ORGANIST/PIANIST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HER SHARING HER MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US.

You are invited to a study called "Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation".

This Sunday, Sept. 5: Enough/Too Much (Scarcity and abundance)

Sunday School Begins

We invite you to join us for Sunday School classes which will start September 12th. We are looking forward to an exciting year of faith filled learning and fun. We will once again be distributing 3-year old Bibles and 3rd grade Bibles.



Please sign up in the back of the Family Life Center for 9:15 Worship set-up of chairs. Contact Ken Brost with questions at 838-3184.



Bring Your Backpacks Next Weekend, September 11 & 12

It's back to school time. Blessing of backpacks, (students), public and parochial school teachers (briefcases) will be held at all the services on September 11 and 12, during the Children's Time. By the way, we now offer Children's Time at all four services each week-

Be sure to pick up the new Worship Assistants Schedules in the great hall TODAY.

Membership Class Are you interested in membership at McFarland Lutheran or know of someone that is? The next series of classes for new members will be Sunday, October 3, 10, and 17 at 10:30 a.m. Your attendance does not obligate you to join. Any questions? Call Pastor Jack at (608) 873-6514

A Trip to Germany and South Africa

I will be gone from MLC from September 8 to September 26. Two years ago, my wife Lynn and I had agreed to lead a tour to Germany and Switzerland attending the world renowned Passion Play in Oberammergau Germany and touring the Swiss Alps. We subsequently added on to this trip to visit my niece and her husband, Brian and Kris Konkol, who are serving as our ELCA missionaries in South Africa. The Konkol's are the missionary family that we are now supporting here at MLC as the Fredrickson's have completed their ELCA ministry in Japan.

During my absence, please inform the church office of any pastoral care needs and either Pastors Pribbenow or Finney will respond. Please pray for our safe travel and I look forward to continuing my ministry with you when I return.

Peace,
Pastor Tews

2011 is Fast Approaching. New sign up sheets for altar flowers and wine are in the great hallway. Please sign up today for those you wish to honor or remember. Payment may be placed in the offering or sent to church.

The church has a new email address:
office@mcfarlandlutheran.org.

Finance Report by month August

<u>Week</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>
Aug1-Aug7	\$13,132.00	13,132.00	
Aug 8-Aug14	6,648.00	19,780.00	
Aug15-Aug21	8,621.25	28,401.00	
Aug22-Aug28	7,402.50	35,181.50	
Aug20-Sept4	7,831.50	43,635.25	
			\$44,334

NOTE: MLC Staff meetings are held Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. We encourage you to leave a voice mail message and staff will return phone calls as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD



I am asked "Why I am joining the Bethel Bible study for the second time?" ...Why am I?

Maybe its because no matter how many times I read and reread the stories in the bible it never fails that there inevitably comes a big "WOW, *that's* what its trying to tell me!"

Or, maybe, its because to know my Savior and Lord I need to know all about Him. To follow in His foot steps I need to find out what steps to take.

Maybe its because of what he did for me. He died for me! Why?

One thing I do know for sure, I'm looking forward to more big WOW's!

Sandy Larson



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. Participants should plan to attend each lesson as they build upon and reinforce each other. Each class lasts approximately one hour. Bible reading is required to get the maximum benefit of the class. Contact Brock Chalmers, at 838-7823, or chalmers@charter.net



At least 1,600 people have died and more than 20 million

people have been affected by severe monsoon flooding in Pakistan The ELCA has committed \$100,000 in response to widespread flooding in Pakistan through Church World Service. Initial offerings from ELCA members are falling short of what is needed. Please prayerfully consider helping your brothers and sisters in Pakistan during this time of disaster and crisis. Make checks payable to McFarland Lutheran Church with *Pakistan Disaster* written in the memo line.

As of August 29, we have received \$1,905.00 for the Pakistan Flooding Fund. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Make It Simple



Stewardship of Commitment
Do you feel more committed to your church? Have you committed more time to God, God's word and your church? Are you simplifying your life? Are you committed to serving your Lord through McFarland Lutheran Church?

Looking Ahead

Pumpkin Fest will be happening again this year; so mark you calendars for October 23. If you would like to help with the family fun and activities, call Brenda Moen at 873-1634, or Karen Emerson at 513-6240. Supplies that can be donated are: paper grocery bags, newspapers, and clothing for scarecrows. If you would like to bake a cake for the popular Cake Walk, please contact Brenda.



Blessing of Animals/Pets Service

A service of Blessing of Animals/Pets will be held Saturday, September 25 at 3 p.m. on the church lawn (rain date is Saturday, October 2 at 3 p.m.) The service will include music, readings, a message, prayers, and an individual blessing for each pet/animal. The planners are Jane Blank 516-6933, Dawn Bolstad 838-4803, and Pastor Jack 838-3184.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- || Ronald Ziegler
- || Randa Gabel* (George & Marlene Richard's daughter)
- || Dorothy Schiefelbein
- || Elena Lopez* (mother of Jorge Lopez)
- || Richard Blodgett* (Cindy Gilbertson's father)
- || 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)
- || Lyall Leverentz
- || Arlene Cliff
- || Marga Petzke* (in remembrance of Rick Petzke's mother)
- || Sharon Thieding
- || Charlotte & Jack Hoppe
- || Adriena Funfer* (Meg Nielsen's mother)
- || Eileen Richter
- || Marvel Edwards
- || Alta Ellestad
- || Russell Alsmo
- || Carol Stoeckmann
- || Willard & Mae Lund and their son, David Lund*

* Non Members

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.