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News You Can Use

January 14 & 15, 2012

Today Altar Flowers are given in memory of Steve, Martha, and Gabriel Vollmer love all the Vollmers, Beylers and Eiths.

Today Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of my son, Sam Robson Straub.

Communion Wine is given in honor of Adelaide Ewing's baptism by Jim and Linda Ellestad.

Last weekend's attendance was 331.

On Sunday, January 15, at the 8:00 service **Adelaide Jane Ewing** is baptized. James & Ruth Ewing are Adelaide's parents. Adelaide's godparents are Curt Ellestad, Jen Goodsell, and Heather Ewing.

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and...the gate of heaven". Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

THIS WEEK WE THANK. . .

Dennis Knutson for the many hours he donates to keep the computers at MLC & CLM up and running.

Would you like to be a member of McFarland Lutheran Church?

Have you thought about becoming a member of MLC, or do you know someone who may be interested?

The next **New Member Session** option is:

❖ **Sunday, 15 from 10:30 to 11:30**

Please contact Huldah Ellestad (838-3184) ellestadhuldah@yahoo.com for more details.

**Finance Summary Report
As of December 31, 2011**

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Actual thru Dec 31 | \$ 330,988 | \$ 318,333 |
| Budget thru Dec 31 | \$ 294,190 | \$ 332,140 |

As of December 30th Actual Income exceeds Actual Expenses by \$ 12,665.

The first line relates our actual income year to date to the actual expenses year to date. The second line is the year to date budget we passed in July of 2011. The third line indicates our actual financial condition. MLC continues to be current with payment of all bills. This month Income exceeded Expenses. Last month we transferred \$12,000 from the Operating Reserve Fund to the Checking Account. This transfer of funds was part of the budget passed in July of 2011 (a planned transfer of \$70,007 from Operating Reserve Fund) to balance the budget. If you have questions, please call me at 838-3498 or email me at djknutson@charter.net or speak to a Council member.

Dennis Knutson

2012 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the central hallway today.

We extend sympathy to the family of Charlotte Hoppe.

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO???

Families and the Church are partners in ministry. With a new year beginning, McFarland Lutheran Church is starting a Family and Children's Ministry team. This new committee is dedicated to ensuring that the families and children of our church and the community are actively engaged and included in the programmatic and spiritual life of the church.

Team members must be passionate about kids, families, and Jesus. If you are interested, please join us on January 23rd at 6:30 in room 210, or contact Brenda Moen at 608-873-1634 or dbjkm@tds.net.

Our Mission...



✠ SHARE GOD'S WORD ✠ SHOW GOD'S LOVE ✠ SERVE GOD'S WORLD ✠

Would you like to visit with Pastor Tim but did **not** sign up for a "Get to Know Pastor Tim Gathering?"

Sarah Schutt invites you to the McFarland House Café at 7:45a.m. on Friday, January 27, for a time of fellowship with Pastor Tim.

To attend: Please call Sarah (838-9769) or email her at sschutt@charter.net

If you all ready signed up for a "Get to Know Pastor Tim Gathering" you will be contacted by a host in the coming weeks.☺



Recycle The Warmth

Every year St. Vincent de Paul provides free blankets and bedding to anyone who seeks their help. Your help is requested to ensure there is enough bedding available for everyone that needs it. To participate in this drive, you may purchase new, or donate gently used, blankets, pillows, sheets and other bedding.

Two bins will be available in the Central Hallway and Gathering Area **Thursday, January 26 to Monday, January 30.**

Recycle The Warmth envelopes will also be available for you to make donations that will be used to purchase new blankets and bedding. Make checks payable to McFarland Lutheran Church.

The Kids of CLM Have Very Generous Hearts!

To feed families around the world, the children of Child Life Ministries have filled ELCA World Hunger Coin Boxes and donated \$289.66 !

Please see the Bulletin Board in the Central Hallway for more on this inspiring story.

Pick up a box for your family and follow the children's lead.☺

Daily Text Devotion booklets are here in the central hallway. Suggested donation, to cover the cost, is \$6.00.☺



Identity Theft Workshop **Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 10:30AM.** **Room 113**

Identity theft can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. Don't let it happen to you.

Join us for a free workshop "Identity Theft: "What you need to know." During the workshop you will learn how identity theft can occur, and gain tips to help protect yourself. You will also find out what you can do if identity theft happens to you.

The workshop presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, representative Steven Erickson and Sandy Chalmers, Administrator, Division of Trade and Consumer Protection. This is an educational experience.

Please join us for the Identity Theft: "What you need to know" workshop on Sunday, January 22 from 10:30AM to 11:30AM in room 113.☺

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Zoey Schmidt* (Newborn baby of Myron Sherry's friend)

Sharon Brozek*

Elizabeth Braun* (Jan Lunder's sister)

Eleanor Seekins

Jack Mitchell* (Mindy Marty's nephew)

Renee Gray*

Ashley and Andy Farrell*

April Johnson* & family (friend of Tom & Nancy Vick)

Tim Bellmore*

Victor & Lucille Shorette

Carol Stoeckmann

Bill Garvey*

Diane Wells

Jody Hitchcock

Betty Josheff

Marietta Thieding-Zonge (relative of Ernie Thieding)

Leroy Potts (Ken Potts' brother, Scott Potts' uncle)

Ken & Marguerite Potts

Marie Bryan* (sister-in-law of Ernie Thieding)

Frank & Julie Barroso* (Friends of Dick Atkins)

Karen Kempken* (Susan Heckel's mother)

Nona Harrington

Bert Pullar

Hondo Schmitt* (friend of Myron Sherry)

George and Carol Newton* (brother & sister-in-law of Bonnie Hansen)

Paul Holtz (husband of Sharron Holtz)

Dane Schrader* (son of Marv Schrader)

John Jones* (friend of Don & Dee Weikert)

Edwin Jacob* (Jeanne Jacob's husband)

Linn Ruscher* (Jack & Pat West's daughter)

Dorothy Schiefelbein

* Non Members

Ron Britten

Arlene Clift

Eileen Richter

Marvel Edwards

Alta Ellestad

Russell Alsmo

Willard Lund

David Lund* (son of Willard 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.