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News You Can Use

January 21 & 22, 2012

Today Altar Flowers and Communion Wine are given to the glory of God.

Last weekend's attendance was 286.

Identity Theft Workshop Today, Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 10:30AM in 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..

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

THIS WEEK WE THANK. . .

our HS Breakfast volunteers who get up early every Wednesday morning to cook and serve a community breakfast for McFarland high schoolers. Many thanks to: Sue Bauer, Caroline Horswill, Jan Lippman, Stephanie Lovell, Deb O'Malley, Judi Strauss, & Kaitlyn Summers!.

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

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.

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.

Church email address: office@mcfarlandlutheran.org

Our Mission...



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

In an effort to keep you informed about what's happening at McFarland Lutheran Church, highlights of Council meetings are published as "Minutes in Seconds". After the official minutes have been approved they will be posted on our web site and published in the newsletter. Please contact any member of the church Council for more details or answers to your questions.

"Minutes in Seconds" Council Meeting January 17

1. The CLM/4K contract with the McFarland School District was approved for a one year term.
2. The recommendation of the Nursery Task force to renovate the nursery at a cost not to exceed \$9600 was approved. Nursery space will double and the library will be a staff office. Properties Committee and staff will work together to address storage space.
3. The proposal for a community meal is still being considered as the community group finalizes details.
4. The contracts for the Capital Campaign (Kairos) and the architect are under review and will be addressed at the February meeting.
5. The Council will have a retreat on February 11.
6. The Puerto Rico trip group will be having a brunch on Sunday, February 19 from 10:30 – 12:30 as a fundraiser. Everyone is invited.
7. There will be an update on our mortgage on January 29 at all services.
8. Pastor Tim will attend a continuing education program February 2-5 on Head of Staff Leadership.☺

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



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



"Like" McFarland Lutheran Church!

We now have an active Facebook page. *If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Katya Ouchakof at kouchakof@mcfarlandlutheran.org or 838-3184 x112.*☺

McFarland Lutheran Church Service Times:

Saturday—5:00 PM

Sunday—8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 AM

Pastoral Acts

- ✝ Funeral for Charlotte Hoppe on January 12, 2012.
- ✝ Adelaide Jane Ewing was baptized on January 15, 2012.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Carr* (mother of Donna Thompson)
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) * Non Members
Dorothy Schiefelbein
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.