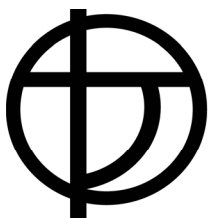


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**McFarland Lutheran Church
Annual Congregation Meeting
Sunday, July 28, 2019
11:15 am**

Agenda

Call to Order

Devotion and Gathering Song

Attendance Check

Old Business

-Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2018 Annual Meeting

New Business

-Call for Congregational Council Nominees

-Reports from Pastors and Staff

-Treasurer's Report including approval of 2018/2019 Budget

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

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God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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Report from the Congregational President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For me, personally, one of God's most important covenants with us very much sums up our work together at McFarland Church. "We are blessed to be a blessing!" We first receive all our blessings from our God who loves us so much, and then we in turn use those blessings to bless others – in our congregation, our families, our community, and our world! We are God's hands here on earth and together we love and care for others with God's support. In short, we SHARE God's word, SHOW God's love and SERVE God's world!

It's not too difficult to begin recounting all the important and visible ways our congregation works to be a blessing to others, and you'll be able to read about many of those ministries in this Annual Report and hear more about them at our Annual Meeting on July 28. We celebrate all the work done in areas such as Child Life Ministries, Global Missions, Youth Ministry, Worship, Lay Ministry, partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, Befrienders, High School Breakfasts, Shared Table dinners, etc., etc.!!! THANKS BE TO GOD for all these programs and for all those who work so hard to make them so successful with God's help!

I am also VERY thankful for all the daily blessings our members provide to others without a lot of fanfare or structure. These are the "quiet" things that are so life-affirming and that I see being done so consistently and unselfishly here in our congregation -- taking care of each other with love and compassion on a personal basis, providing help when things get difficult, celebrating life's joys with each other, encouragement to keep going, smiling and sincerely greeting each other at church (and other places!), checking in on each other's well-being, offering a hand to help with anything that needs doing, and PRAYING without stop for each other and for God's world! I am so grateful for and inspired by ALL the ways our congregation lives out the "blessed to be a blessing" covenant with daily acts and demonstrations of God's love.

We pray together to THANK GOD for all He's given us and for His help to be a blessing for others in this world. We ask Him to continue blessing our congregation, and for His support and strength to continue our work together for Him in the years ahead.

Your Sister in Christ,

Sharon Mylrea

Congregational President

McFarland Lutheran Church

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee would like to thank all members of the McFarland Lutheran Church for their generous giving of their financial resources this past fiscal year which has enabled us to remain financially secure. We are continually blessed by the generosity of our members in supporting the day to day operations of the Church, but more importantly the activities which enable us to carry out the various missions in sharing God's word, showing God's love and serving God's world. The Finance Committee would also like to thank the members of MLC for the trust placed in the committee members to manage the finances of the Church.

2018/2019 SUMMARY

For the fiscal year just completed (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) total revenue was \$1,364,600. This was \$29,862 more than our budgeted/projected revenue of \$1,334,738.

Actual expenses were \$1,364,785 which were \$30,000 more than our budgeted/projected expenses of \$1,334,738. In addition, actual expenses were more than our actual income by \$185. This shortfall in income was made up by utilizing carryover income from the previous fiscal year. However, this shortfall is principally a reflection of the transfer of \$25,000 from checking to our building maintenance and repair account in savings at the end of the fiscal year.

The MLC again contracted with the McFarland School District to provide 4 year old kindergarten classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The classes were funded entirely by the school district. Total revenue received from the school district was \$102,380 while total expenses to operate the classes were \$93,042 resulting in income of \$9,338 for the Church.

The Church's operating reserves began the year at \$170,810 and ended the year at \$190,205. The increase in operating reserves is the result of members who choose to make a single or one time annual offering for a calendar year. When such an offering for a calendar year, e.g. 2019 is received between January 1 and June 30 of 2019 (the last six months of the fiscal year, i.e. FY 2018-19), one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of that annual offering is held over in operating reserves for the next FY, i.e. 2019-20 in the event money is needed to meet our financial obligations. Should that money carried over not be needed typically it is then transferred to our building maintenance and repair account in our savings for latter use.

The two mortgage notes for the remodeled sanctuary totaled \$1,248,217 at the beginning of the fiscal year. The principal balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$1,188,932. In April, as in the previous two fiscal years, we again re-amortized our loan. This resulted in additional savings of \$278 in our monthly mortgage payment, thus reducing our monthly payment to \$6,665. The Finance Committee added this savings to the savings realized the previous 2 years and applied this combined savings of \$1,168 to reducing our principal. It is our intent to continue to have these savings applied to reducing our principal in FY 2019-20.

Since we have been able to lower our monthly mortgage payment, by re-amortizing over the past 3 years, we have further been able to reduce the amount we must maintain in mortgage reserves from \$30,000 to \$20,000. (Thrivent Financial requires that three months of mortgage

payment be maintained in reserve.) The \$10,000 in mortgage reserve savings has been transferred to our Mortgage Reduction Initiative.

Though the Capital Campaign (CC) ended (December 2015), some members have chosen, on a regular or periodic basis, to continue to contribute toward the new sanctuary. These contributions were applied each month to further reduce the principal amount of the mortgage. MLC is blessed and thankful for their continued generosity. From July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 the principal was reduced \$19,850 by these additional contributions. Any additional such contributions will be recorded under Debt Reduction Funds as part of our Special Mortgage Reduction Initiative appeal (see below).

Capital Campaign funds were used to make the principal payments, and the interest payments were made using general revenue budgeted under the Finance Committee. In February we embarked upon a Special Mortgage Reduction Initiative Appeal with a target goal of raising \$500K. The reasons for doing this were: (1) to replenish capital campaign funds which would be depleted at the end of the 2018-19 FY that were used to pay the principal portion of our mortgage payment; and (2) to retire or substantially reduce the principal amount of the one mortgage note due for a market interest rate adjustment in 2021 before that interest rate adjustment takes effect. To date, with the generosity of this congregation, \$168,135 has been pledged for this initiative. We are well underway to achieving our goal. The money pledged will ensure that we will continue to meet our mortgage obligations and go a long way to reducing, if not entirely retiring, this mortgage note, allowing future mortgage payments (both principal and interest) to be paid out of the operating budget of the church.

The building maintenance/repairs savings account started the year at \$127,681 and ended the year at \$137,420. One notable expense during the year was the renovation of the outdated CLM girls' and boys' wash rooms, a project long overdue. This remodel ensures our continued compliance with state certification standards. The Finance Committee wishes to acknowledge and offer special thanks to Diane Wells and Ken Brost for their leadership and work related to securing a contractor who would undertake this project. Further, the Finance Committee wishes to thank all members of the Properties Committee for their assistance with these and other property related projects. In addition, the Information Technology infrastructure/server upgrade was completed. This upgrade was paid using existing funds from our savings account specifically designated for that purpose. The Finance Committee wishes to thank Dennis Knutson for his leadership and work in seeing this upgrade come to fruition.

2019/2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The proposed 2019/2020 budget is \$1,296,440 for the McFarland Lutheran Church and \$102,230 for the 4 year old kindergarten program for a total budget of \$1,398,670. This budget allows MLC to continue all programs and activities we currently have.

The personnel budget for this year reflects a 3% salary increase for staff, including the pastors.

Mortgage payments of \$6,665 will be made using a combination of funds given for the Mortgage Reduction Initiative and budgeted revenue. We will use these MRI funds to pay the principal of the mortgage payment each month with the interest portion of our monthly

payment paid using general revenue budgeted under the Finance Committee. In addition, the \$1,168 in savings from re-amortization of our mortgage loan will continue to be paid and applied directly to further reduce the principal amount of our mortgage making our monthly payment equal to the amount of our payment prior to re-amortization (\$7,833). Should the financial status of the church change such that we could no longer afford to pay the extra amount in savings to reduce the principal, we could reduce the extra amount being paid each month in order to meet our monthly mortgage obligation.

It is anticipated that funds from the building maintenance/repair savings account will be used to resurface 1/3 of the church parking lot, repair and replace a section(s) of the roof, to the extent necessary, in an effort to remedy any continued leaking that occurs in the winter, and replace the carpeting in the Gathering space/Narthex and hallway once there is no more leaking. This account will also be used for any large unexpected expenses that may occur during the year. It's important that we recognize and keep in mind that a few of our furnaces and HVAC units are old and continue to operate beyond what is considered to be their typical or usual life expectancy. As such we need to be prepared to replace these units sooner than later. To the extent funds are available during the 2018/2019 fiscal year, additional money will be deposited into this savings account for future fiscal year projects. Future projects include, among other things, replacing the kitchen flooring and replacing the carpet in the Family Life Center.

The Finance Committee would like to thank the many committees and ministry teams of McFarland Lutheran Church for their work in putting together next fiscal year's budget. Their thoughtful deliberations and considerations helped to make possible another balanced budget for next fiscal year. Special thanks to Diane Wells and the Properties Committee, and to Sara Phelan and Deb Nygaard of CLM.

On a personal note I'd like to thank Finance Committee members for their assistance and encouragement this past year. I would especially like to thank Rita Jenkins for all that she does related to finances in ensuring the smooth operation of our church. In Addition, I would like to thank Pastor Tim for his continued guidance and support, as well as that of the Church Council this past year.

Brent Odell

MLC Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Committee Members: Mike Devine; Jeff Gehrke; Cheryl Scharine; Tom Wellman;

Pastor Tim Dean (ex-officio); and Rita Jenkins (ex-officio)

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Minutes of the MLC Annual Congregational Meeting
July 22, 2018, 11:15 a.m.
McFarland Lutheran Church Family Life Center

Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Sharon Mylrea

Devotion: Pastor Tim, "Blessings Abound!" MLC's dedication to ministries and the breadth and depth in which that happens is overwhelming. The blessings are both big and small, there are so many hands and so much spirit within our congregation to support the work and needs of MLC. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the center of that work. In Romans, Paul connects the abundance of blessing to the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gathering Song: Chris Malueg led us in singing "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Attendance Check: 58 people in attendance, quorum verified.

Old Business:

Approve minutes from July 23 2017 Annual Meeting. Motion to approve: Brian Rodeck, Seconded: Marilyn Vandenburg. Motion passed

New Business:

Call for congressional nominees for church council:

Pres. Sharon Mylrea brought forward names from the Nominating Committee for Church Council (3 year terms): Rick Hall, Kevin Strattan, Renee Rodeck, and Ruth Poutanen. Also, Jeff Gehrke nominated to fill one year on an unexpired council term. Nominations from the floor: None

Motion to close nomination by: Sandy Hall, seconded by: Brian Rodeck

Motion to moved to approve new council members by Jane Blank , seconded by Jane Licht.

Motion Passed

Reports from Pastors and Staff

Pastor Tim: Strategic Plan. CLM task force created to help solidify where are we headed. There will be upcoming information and discussions that will incorporate parent, staff and congregational input

We want to cultivate getting people more involved in MLC ministries.

Sandy Hall wrote a report for the Welcome Team. They have done great things. Please pick up report.

New bishop in our synod, the Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld started July 1st for a 6 year term. Her installation is Saturday, August 18, at First Lutheran Church in Janesville.

Thank you to staff, congregational leaders, council officers, and our congregation for all of the support , love and care for MLC and our mission. You share, show, and serve in Jesus' name.

Pastor Kelli: Amazing year!

Enjoyed working with many of our committees. Health and Wellness committee, Global Missions, We will be hosting some upcoming events to help with some of our global projects. Please watch for updates.

Family and child ministries over 100 kids and adults took part in Sunday School. Vacation Bible School (VBS) again had members and non members in attendance. We continue to have a strong program.

New Ministries: Baby group meets between services. Spend ½ hr. talking about life with this tiny little human. 20's, 30's, 40's ministry -- first event is all you can eat at the Mallards game!! Keep eyes open for more fun events

Baptismal process will change to once a quarter family meeting, child care will be provided. Encourage community among the parents and make it easier for parents to attend.

Staff at MLC is amazing, we are excited to see what Holy Spirit has for us next year!

Deb Nygaard: Childlife Ministries. We were able to hire 2 new staff this summer. Thank you to the congregation for all of their support for CLM!!! We are excited about future opportunities and ministries that we will see through CLM. Kids know they can come to MLC at any time (no matter how old) if they need help, that says a great deal about what we are doing for kids.

Chris Malueg: Music Ministry has a deep history and amazing amount of excellent volunteer musicians. We encourage people to keep sharing their gifts.

Huldah Ellestad: Welcome Committee and bread ministry get people in the door and the congregation reaches out and makes new people feel welcome. That is the number one action that people say brings them back. New members across generations continue to join us. Thank you congregation! Befrienders is still very active, quiet, behind the scenes, supporting our community. Faith Formation is a life-long growing process. Every Sunday we offer multiple opportunities for this growth.

Treasurer's Report by Brent Odell including approval of 2018/2019 Budget Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Financial Status Summary

For FY 2017-18 which ended June 30 church revenue received was \$1,299,509. Expenses for the year were \$1,288,031 leaving a surplus of \$11,478. An additional \$17,305 in income was earned for providing 4K classes under contract with the McFarland School District. As a result of your, this congregation's, generosity our church remains financially secure. Thanks be to God!

For more information about FY 2017-18 finances as well as the budget for FY 2018-19, please see the Annual Report.

McFarland Lutheran Church Budget Highlights – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The projected revenue for FY 2018-2019 allows MLC to continue all programs and activities that we currently have.

Total Revenue projected to increase by \$20,915

- From \$1.314 Million in current fiscal year to \$1.335 Million or 1.6%
- Income from pledged offerings and unpledged offerings projected to increase
- Income from CLM programs expected to increase
- Income from 4K expected to remain the same or decrease slightly depending on final enrollment numbers

Personnel

- Budget includes a 3% salary increase for staff, including the pastors

Finance Committee budget increase

- More than half of the FC committee's budget is for principal and interest payments on the mortgages
- Remainder, to the extent not needed for unanticipated repairs or replacement of equipment, goes to the Building Maintenance/Repair Reserve Savings Account
- Available funds will be used to replace, repair or upgrade major items, including the CLM lavatory upgrade, roof and the carpet in the Gathering Space as well as computer/server infrastructure upgrade Other future projects include replacing the kitchen flooring, and carpet in Family Life Center

Mortgage

- MLC will continue paying the original monthly mortgage payment of \$7,833 (i.e., the amount before re-amortization of our loan) with the \$890 in savings, resulting from the re-amortization, being applied to further reduce the principal amount of our loan.

Information Technology

- New line item for IT improvement & upgrade consult/support in the amount of \$6K

Prepared by

MLC Finance Committee

July 1, 2018

Questions from congregation:

1. Do we have endowments? Not happening at this time.
2. Running sound to Nursery- request for a quote. Will be looked into after larger repairs are made.

Motion to approve the proposed 2018-2019 budget was made by Renee Rodeck , seconded by Sherry Gehrke. Motion passed

Recognition of council members who are completing their terms. Thank you to Jeff Gehrke, Norma Kohl, and Tiffany Kvalheim, and Lee Thorson!

Closing Prayer: Pastor Kelli

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 12:30 by Norma Kohl, seconded by Mary Grell. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Tiffany Kvalheim, Sec.

Senior Pastor
Annual Meeting, July 28, 2019

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

(John 14:26)

Jesus' words remind us that the Church, including our faith community at MLC, belongs to God, and is powered by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit joins us to Jesus' words, life, death and resurrection, and keeps us grounded in him. The Spirit shows us Jesus' on-going presence in our communal life, and throughout this world that God has made, redeemed and loves dearly. We cannot exist, act - or even believe - without the love of Jesus, carried to us by our Advocate, the Holy Spirit! It has been a fun year to experience how the Spirit continues to empower and enliven our mission at MLC!

Celebrating the Spirit's Work in the Past Year

Our Faith Formation Hour continues to give members of all ages opportunities to be fed and to share God's Word of Life. I particularly give thanks for the Face Time group for young parents, which Aaron and Amanda Geisinger coordinate with energy and inclusivity! I enjoy teaching of the Adult Faith Formation class. This past year I have taught classes on the Gospel of Mark, Bonhoeffer's "Life Together," and during Lent with Pastor Kelli, living out our baptism. We have also offered times to learn about social ministry outreach efforts in Dane County and throughout the world.

One of the gifts of our congregation is welcoming new people into our faith community. Since last year's Annual Meeting, we have received 53 people as new members! This does not include those received through baptism. I give thanks to God for these new sisters and brothers in Christ, and their unique gifts and perspectives that help our ministry grow. I also give great thanks to the Welcome Committee, for their dedicated efforts to reach those who have visited during worship, and to re-connect with new members through conversations over breakfast in the Family Life Center.

This year Pastor Kelli and I have started a new class for those preparing for the baptism of their child or their own baptism. Pastor Kelli and I alternate leading these quarterly classes, and so far, they have gone extremely well! It's a great time for discussing the theology and practice of baptism, as well as for young families to get to know one another. This past year we have had 25 celebrations of Holy Baptism. Thanks be to God, for the Living Water of the font!

In 2018, the Church Council shared a document called "Future Directions 2018 - 2020" with the congregation. One of the goals emphasized by this document was to support and strengthen the ministry of our preschool, Child Life Ministries (CLM). The council's retreat in January 2019 centered on this topic. After excellent conversations and discernment among council members and CLM leadership, the council outlined the next steps for MLC in the document, "Child Life Ministry Initiative Development Plan" (March 5, 2019).

Three areas have been named: benefits, facilities, and improving the MLC/CLM relationship. Appropriate committees have implemented, or are working on, these steps. Please check out the document for a refresher!

I am grateful for the work of the Spirit, to energize and renew our CLM ministry with children and families in the wider community! CLM is an incredible gift and witness offered for our neighbors in the village and beyond. I am also grateful for council member Todd Bolstad, and his efforts to lead the CLM initiative task force and put together the development plan.

The Stewardship Committee led a fruitful pledge appeal in November on the theme of "Blessings Abound" (15:13). Hector Colon, President and CEO of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, spoke powerfully of God's abounding hope at our Celebration Banquet on November 4, 2018, and shared the ways that we are in partnership with LSS as instruments of this hope for others. I am also grateful for the Stewardship Committee sponsoring another Financial Peace University (FPU) class for our faith community. This is the second FPU class we have offered, and Joe D'Amato does a wonderful job coordinating and serving as a mentor for those who take it! We will offer it again in January 2020.

Celebrating the Spirit's Guidance into the Future

I am inspired and excited by the many ways we live out the mission of MLC - Share God's Word, Show God's Love, and Serve God's World – beyond our walls. Our mission trips in the spring of 2019 to Puerto Rico and Uganda have brought great energy to our congregation, and plans are being made to send mission teams to our partners in these two places again in 2020. The Spirit gives us the gifts and courage to move across human-erected barriers and form relationships with brothers and sisters from diverse places and cultures!

I see "mission beyond our walls" happening in our local context, as well, through on-going ministries such as McFarland Food Pantry, Adopt-a-Highway, Prayer Shawls, and many other activities. With the help of Ron Vandeberg and Roger Marty, I am planning a Build Day at a Habitat for Humanity site late this summer or early fall. Watch for details! In addition, the Church Council is discerning how to be in partnership with St. Timothy Lutheran Church (ELCA) and Pastor Rachael Powell (a daughter of MLC!) in Albuquerque, NM, in support and care of refugees. The Spirit reveals Christ in the "least of these" around us (see Matthew 25:31-46).

In June of this year, we launched a new website! Praise God! Thanks to Carrie Kruzan, our Administrative Assistant, for designing the new site, and for serving as the new website administrator. I see this as an important tool for welcoming new people into the mission God has give us. A very heartfelt thank you to Dennis Knutson, who spent many years maintaining the old website. We are very grateful for Dennis' gifts of time and effort!

Church Council has been working on issues of safety and security in our facility as a follow-up to the Dane County Sheriff's Office training evening we hosted in October 2018. Council has created a Security Task Force to research ideas and make short-term and long-term recommendations to the council. We are planning to offer more opportunities for Situational Awareness Training for members and staff in the fall of 2019. A big thank you to council member Rick Hall and members of this hard-working task force! God works through the gifts of many people in our faith community and Village of McFarland, so that those who come through our doors for worship and support are welcomed and provided a safe refuge.

Celebrating the Spirit's Gifts Through People

The Advocate touches our lives through many people and the gifts that they offer. This includes our dedicated, Spirit-led staff here at MLC. I am blessed to work with the staff on a daily basis, and they serve and lead with God's mission at heart!

In May 2019, we celebrated the retirement of Dick Kohl after 20 years in a part-time custodian role on staff. Thank you, O God, for Dick and his many years of hard work cleaning and setting up facilities for ministry! We have been blessed by his presence on staff, and we will continue to be blessed by him as a member of the congregation!

After Dick's retirement, the Personnel Committee decided to restructure the custodial duties by hiring a cleaning service for coverage after-hours in the office and CLM classroom wings. I am grateful for the 2 custodians we continue to have as staff members, Head Custodian Ken Brost and Part-time Custodian Sharon Strattan. They will work primarily during the day Monday thru Friday, with some weekend responsibilities. I appreciate their willingness to do what needs to be done around the building for the sake of the body of Christ!

We had another staff transition in our music ministry, as keyboardist Jeff Rowley needed to step down in July 2018 for health reasons. The Spirit sent us Noah Bossert as our new organist/pianist in December 2018, and in a short time, he has touched our lives with his musical gifts. Of course, our music ministry is anchored by our Director of Music, Chris Malueg! I appreciate his passion, energy, and gospel-centered focus that he brings to worship and music!

Huldah Ellestad, our Lay Ministry Coordinator, will be celebrating her 15th year on staff in August 2019! As we often joke on staff, "If you need to know anything, ask Huldah!" Huldah is a dependable, prayerful and faithful partner in our life together! We are also blessed by the steadfast presence of Chris Landerud, our Youth Ministries Coordinator. He has wonderful gifts of teaching, relationship-building and compassion, which he shares abundantly with the youth of our congregation.

CLM is thriving under the leadership of Administrator Sara Phelan! She has great energy and organization to make all the programs run smoothly. I am also thankful for Program Director Deb Nygaard, who will complete 34 years with CLM in September. All of our preschool teachers do an amazing job helping students and families learn and grow as children of God. A special shout-out to 4K teacher Beth Miller who will be celebrating her 20th milestone on staff in August 2019!

Our office is in the steady, capable hands of Office Manager Rita Jenkins and Administrative Assistant Carrie Kruzan. Rita keeps track of all the financials in an organized, faithful way, and provides helpful support for staff and many committees and ministries. Carrie joined our office team a little over a year ago, and has great skills with computers, bulletin-publishing, power-point slides, and of course, website design! The whole church is indebted to Rita's and Carrie's ministry!

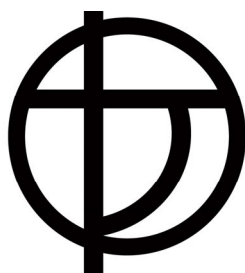
I am so grateful for the outpouring of the Spirit's gifts through Pastor Kelli! Not only is she a gifted proclaimer of the Gospel in words and deeds, but she is also a trusted and supportive colleague with whom I rejoice to share the pastoral office. We do have fun together in this call! May the Advocate continue to strengthen and renew Pastor Kelli for ministry in our midst!

I give thanks daily for the many lay leaders who coordinate, direct and participate in the diverse ministries here! In particular, I am thankful for the leaders on Church Council. This continues to be a wonderful group of leaders for our faith community. Thanks especially to our out-going council members who have completed their terms: Jeff Gehrke, Sharon Mylrea, Steve Schoch, and Diane Wells. Thank you, leaders, for serving God's mission with your time, effort and heart!

Finally, I offer thanks for the council's officers this past year. Rick Hall has faithfully taken and distributed the minutes as Secretary, while Diane Wells has served as Vice-President the last two years. Brent Odell has served as the Appointed Treasurer, and keeps us on our toes with not only the finances, but his subtle and humorous quips!

I also want to give a huge thank you to Sharon Mylrea, who has served the last two years as President! She always has led our meetings with a positive outlook and enthusiasm, and has great wisdom and Spirit-filled perspective. Even though I would love for her to be "President for Life," I know that she will continue to be a blessing in other ways in our faith community!

Let us give thanks that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is with us, and let us be open to the adventures of ministry that the Spirit has in store for MLC. May the Spirit continue to invite, guide and empower us, through Jesus' love, as we share, show and serve in his name!



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Associate Pastor

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Do not fear, for I am with you; I am about to do a new thing...”
(Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5a, 19a NRSV – underline, mine)

This passage from the prophet Isaiah was proclaimed at our Baccalaureate service this year (the annual service of blessing and sending for our high school seniors and their families). This year I was particularly struck by the portion I underlined above. While the graduates are experiencing a particular and unique sense of ending and beginning, all of us can relate to the feeling of starting a new chapter in our lives. Sometimes these transitions are welcome...sometimes they're not. Either way, change and newness can be frightening. We're not comfortable living into situations that are unfamiliar or different than we've known. These words from Isaiah are comforting and encouraging because God promises to be with us. While the future may be unknown and scary, we have no need to fear because God is with us and will never leave us. Also, this ending – this change – can be reframed as a new beginning. God's promised unfailing presence with us will also be an opportunity for God's Spirit to move and do a new thing. Isaiah flips the frightening and unknown into something exciting and hope-filled, all because of God's presence and activity among us.

This past year I had the joy of engaging in familiar ministries, participating in new ministries, and I'm looking forward to embarking on new ministry opportunities here at McFarland Lutheran.

The **Family and Children's Ministry** team takes the lead on the familiar programs of Sunday School, the Christmas Program, Vacation Bible School, and Pumpkin Fest. Our Sunday School year recently wrapped up with 26 leaders participating and over 100 students enrolled. The structure of the program might be the same, but the students (old and new friends, alike) dove into new stories like The Plagues, The Red Sea, and The Good Samaritan. Last summer over 50 kids participated in VBS and we had around 25 people help in various roles. (Save the Date, VBS 2019: Roar – July 21-25.)

The **Health and Social Wellness committee** continued their ministry of highlighting a different topic each month via a bulletin board and newsletter articles. This year we shared information about Suicide Prevention, Breast and Pancreatic Cancer, and Alzheimer's. In December we partnered again with the McFarland Food Pantry and the McFarland Police Department's Christmas-time programs, the "Giving Tree" and "Shop with a Cop", respectively. I'm looking forward to a new partnership this summer: the VBS kids! In July of 2019, this team, along with the VBS kids, will be collecting items for The Road Home, a local agency helping families with children who are experiencing homelessness. Keep your eyes open for more information!

In the spring of 2019, the **Global Mission committee** continued their familiar partnerships with our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico and Uganda. These connections continue to be so energizing and inspiring that there is talk about embarking on another trip to each place in the spring of 2020. God's presence helped us do a new thing. Last fall we held a Walk4Water, a three-mile walk raising funds for a clean, safe water source in Uganda. With the Spirit's help, we not only met but doubled our goal, sponsoring two borehole wells, which we then visited this past spring.

We also hosted a Habitat for Humanity trip to Louisiana last November. This is an incredibly busy committee so I encourage you to read their full report.

A highlight of my year continues to be participating in MLC's **milestone ministries**, such as weddings, funerals, and the Baccalaureate service. This past spring, I had the joy of leading 16 of our 2nd graders through First Communion instruction. I also had the opportunity to gift our new Sunday School students (3-year-olds) with a story Bible. I met with 16 of our 3rd graders in an Introduction to the Bible class in the fall. While this has always been a fun class, the Spirit is revealing a new possibility. Chris Landerud, MLC's Coordinator of Youth Ministries, presents our 6th graders with a Bible for the start of their Confirmation journey. We have decided to combine forces and move the Intro to the Bible class to 6th grade. We will be able to dive deeper into the Bible and have a bigger "kick-off" to the three years of Confirmation.

The Spirit did a new thing with another milestone ministry: our **baptismal preparation** process. Instead of Pastor Tim or I meeting one-on-one with families, we decided to offer a class, once a quarter, beginning last October. I created a curriculum based off of what we did in the individual meetings. Not only is it a better use of the pastors' schedules, the real inspiration was the opportunity for families to meet and talk about raising children in a life of faith.

This past year also presented opportunities to try something new. A number of parents with newborns have shared with me the joys and challenges of having a little one, and sometimes it can be an isolating experience. Over the summer we started a **Baby Group** that meets in the Family Life Center between Sunday services. CLM graciously shares their foam mats with us. We sit around and talk about life with a baby – the good, the bad, and the cuddly.

Also, a **20s-30s-40s group** was started in the fall with the intent of hosting stand-alone, pop-up events. We have attended a Mallard's baseball game, discussed two books at Palenque's restaurant, went bowling in the middle of the winter, and had a date night at BBG's in Stoughton. We have a number of events planned for this summer: a Walk and Bring-Your-Own Picnic at McDaniel Park (June 22), going to Sundaes on Thursdays (July 18), and another Mallards game (August 10). Come to one event – or come to all!

While God promises to be with us during all changes and transitions, one thing that hasn't changed is the camaraderie and cohesive nature to our staff. There is incredible support and laughter at our weekly staff meetings. People are open and interested in collaborating when ministries overlap. I know I say it every year, but MLC truly has gathered an incredible group of people with whom I enjoy and am proud to engage in God's work. The responsibilities and joys of pastoral ministry are unique to this call. I continue to be thankful to share this office with Pastor Tim. His wide-lens vision for MLC's mission, his dedication to these disciples, and his passion for the Gospel are assets to his ministry and our partnership.

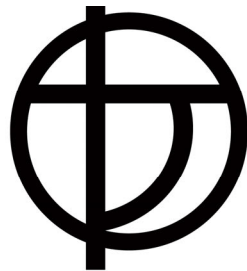
Not only has the Spirit moved this past year, I'm getting a sense that God will do a new thing this coming year.

One of the sacred aspects of my call is to be entrusted with people's stories, including ones of heartbreak. A few women in this church and in the wider community have shared their experience of **miscarriage and stillbirth**. These conversations led me to read a number of books around these topics this past fall. I am looking into what a service of remembrance and healing might look like for this particular life experience. While I hope this heartbreak is foreign to you, if it is part of your story, keep your eyes posted for more.

Also, starting the week after Rally Day 2019, I'll be leading the **Adult Faith Formation Hour**. I'm excited to embark on a five-week exploration of the Gospels. We'll be looking at "behind the text" elements such as the year they were penned and the audience to whom each Gospel was written. These details influence the personality of the Gospel, the stories and characters that are presented, and which facets of Jesus are highlighted. I hope you'll be able to join us!

This has been an exciting and full year, and God has been with us each and every step of the way. Whether we are building on past successes or trying a new thing, God will surely be with us as we enter into tomorrow and the day after that. Thanks be to God.

Being led by God into new territories with you,
Pastor Kelli



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Coordinator of Lay Ministry & Adult Education

Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ 1 Peter 4:11 New Living Translation

In scripture God encourages us to take care of each other, and of all people, especially those who are in a position of “less” - less resources, less power, less of the basics of life (home/country, water/food, health, employment). When we take up this responsibility, our lives can be a testament to the awesome love poured out upon us by Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Together, as a community, MLC members are always seeking and finding new ways to carry out these responsibilities. I'd like to take this opportunity to lift up some of the ministries of our congregation that regularly seek to increase “less” into more.

- Befriender ministry – making more of relationships
- Faith Formation – growing spiritually through Word and community
 - Faith Formation for Adults
 - Facetime (for parents)
 - Bethel Series
- New Members – welcoming more people to share mission and vision
- Nursery – helping to grow & nurture the youngest in our congregation
- Hospitality ministry - providing a welcome and hospitable setting
- Time & Talent – serving and doing through God-given gifts
- Home Communion – sharing the Lord's Supper
- Fair Trade – purchasing responsibly to assist farmers
- Prayer Shawls/baby blankets – crafting symbols of love and caring
- MLC library – offering a means to growth and knowledge

Every day I witness the means by which you, the body of McFarland Lutheran Church, take up God's charge and make “less” into more. I am both thankful and blessed to serve in this community of Jesus' faithful followers, and I look forward with anticipation and hope for the coming year and the many ways you will continue to model discipleship.

Thanks be to God,
Huldah Ellestad

Youth Ministries Coordinator

Youth Ministries: Annual Report 2019

'**Worship** with our Heart, **Learn** with our Head, and **Serve** with our Hands' - Our faith in Christ is founded on a commitment to worship, learn, and serve. As a community, we aim to make this personal commitment to God. We believe that affirming our baptism is a daily pursuit; not just a one-time event.

Confirmation – Middle School Ministries Confirmation is a three year program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The first year is a 'Pre-Confirmation' aimed to establish a faith foundation before accepting the full commitment of Confirmation. The formal commitment of Confirmation takes place in 7th & 8th grade. Confirmation prepares individuals to willingly be received as members. Highlights of the Confirmation Program over the past year include:

- Sunday classes led by Chris Landerud, Pastor Tim, and Pastor Kelli
- Wednesday events that include hands-on classes, projects, and games
- Advent & Lenten Wednesday worship sermon participation and worship assistants (ushers, communion assistants, AV operators, and lectors)
- Winter Break & Summer Break 'Faith Talks' with confirmation students
- Shared Table Hosts & Triangle Ministry Meal Hosts
- Crossways Pine Lake Confirmation Camp (Waupaca) – June 16-21, 2019

Youth Group – High School Ministries Our Youth Group gathers on Sundays, Wednesday mornings for high school breakfast (open to all students), and various events and activities throughout the year. Our faith journey is formed by relationships and experiences. Highlights over the past year include:

- Our new event "House Party" – Dinner & Devotion in families' homes – one Sunday evening a month. This ministry has grown in participation of both youth members and friends. Several host families have opened their homes to provide a meal and a place to gather and grow together.
- HS Summer Festival (Gustavus Adolphus College) – July 7-10, 2019
Over 20 students and 4 adult leaders participate
- Wednesday HS Breakfast – Open to all students during the school year
- 7th Spring Break Puerto Rico Mission Trip with 6 students and 14 adults
- Puerto Rico Breakfast Fundraiser & our Mission Trip Worship Services
- Volunteer leaders for Vacation Bible School
- Students supported the Christmas bake sale by making lefse & rømmegrøt
- Cascade Mountain Trip in partnership with Christ the King Church
- Baccalaureate Service in partnership with Christ the King Church & UCC
- Youth Group fall kick-off campfire event

The Holy Spirit continues to guide and lead our students and families here at MLC. As we look ahead to a new programmatic year, we will be enhancing existing traditions and launching new programs in attempt to inspire and grow our faith through this journey together. We give thanks for all God has provided us with, and we continue to follow Jesus through worship, word, and service.

<>< Chris Landerud, Youth Ministries Director

Director of Music Ministry

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul, it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

"As long as we live, there is never enough singing."

Martin Luther's words inspire us to proclaim our faith in God through music. "Thank You!" to all the musicians who fill our sanctuary with beautiful sounds every week! We are blessed with incredibly talented and dedicated musicians. They volunteer their time and talent to help move our hearts and minds as we worship. They are an incredible group of people. I thank you all for what you do.

Here is a breakdown of the musical elements at McFarland Lutheran Church:

- McFarland Lutheran Choir
- McFarland Lutheran Bell Choir
- Worship Band
- Saturday Evening Cantors
- Sunday School Children's Choir
- McFarland Lutheran Wind Ensemble
- Polka Band
- Summer Special Music

Some of these groups provide music every Sunday. Some perform at annual events. Some provide music at various times throughout the year. Musicians range in age from 3 years old to 90. Their gifts are a blessing.

There are many musical events throughout the year as well. Our Advent Concert, held during our 10 am service, continues to grow with the inclusion of several musical ensembles and music performed in a blended style. Our Polka Service is always a favorite and expands each year to include more performers and new pieces. We took a year off from the McFarland Lutheran Talent Showcase this year, but look forward to its return in 2020!

Unless we have proper sound and visuals, much of our work would not be seen or heard. I would like to thank our dedicated team of soundboard operators and power point presenters. They are the unseen engineers behind our musical amplification and power point presentations. Each of them has put in extra time as they have learned how to operate this equipment. Thank you for being there each Saturday and Sunday.

Our 5 pm Saturday evening service now has a regular group of cantors. Each of them give up a few hours Saturday afternoons to provide musical leadership during this service. Thank you for your time, talent, and dedication to strong singing.

There are many opportunities to become involved in music at MLC and I encourage you to find a way to participate. I try to make that as easy as possible. I continue to employ a revolving door policy with the MLC Choir and Bell Choir. Many members have conflicts and are absent from rehearsals and performances, but soon are back again with us as we continue to learn music and perform every other Sunday. I encourage you to join us even if you have conflicts. Singing in a choir and playing handbells are wonderful ways to take part in the service and the musical life

here at MLC. Rehearsal begin on the first Wednesday evening after Labor Day; Bell Choir from 6:15 – 7:15 and Choir from 7:30 – 8:30. Also if you play an instrument we have several opportunities throughout the year for you to play. Music is chosen for the non-professional instrumentalist. Please contact me if you are interested in playing!

We sadly had to say good bye to our accompanist Jeff Rowley last summer due to complications with his health. We wish Jeff all the best and continue to pray for him as his health improves. Thank you for your wonderful music Jeff!

I would like to thank our substitute accompanists who provided music for us throughout the late summer and fall. We are so grateful for your willingness to share your musical gifts with us.

We welcomed a new accompanist last November; Noah Bossert. Noah is an exceptionally talented young man and we have been blessed to welcome him to the MLC music program. Thank you, Noah, for the music you provide at all three services every Sunday and congratulations on your graduation from UW Madison this past spring!

McFarland Lutheran Church should be very proud of its volunteer musicians and generous use of differing musical styles. Each of our services offers a unique musical “flavor” for worship. We are very blessed to have these wonderful musicians to help lead our singing or provide a song, an anthem or hymn for meditation. “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.” Martin Luther

Christopher Malueg
Director of Music

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Child Life Ministries

It's been such a blessing to be part of CLM and MLC for over 20 years! It was an honor to celebrate my 20th year anniversary last September. This past year we recognized some big milestones for some of our staff members:

Jean Stube and Kate Molenaar - 5 years
Chris Cole - 10 years

This upcoming year we have another big milestone:

Beth Miller - 20 years

Our CLM staff also include Kelli Bruer, Jessica Roth, Rachel Scott, Katie Schaaf, Jane Updike, Hailey Clark and Madeline Bovre who have been part of our CLM family anywhere from 2 to 8 years! We also welcomed Jessica Liston to our teaching team this year and Jenny Foye will be starting this July as the new Lead Teacher at Rainbow Center South! We were happy to welcome back Jessica Fisher this summer along with some new faces, Tess Williams and Jensen Rindy. This team of dedicated teachers put their heart into teaching and it shows!!!

This year we welcomed 47-3 year old children (12 of those children were also Rainbow South Families), 38-4K children, 22-Pre-K children (16 of those children were Rainbow North Children), 11 Tot Spot children, and 26-School Ageds to our CLM family. Thank you to all who have given to Tuition Assistance Fund through personal donations or through Thrivent. This year we were able to support five families!

We were also very blessed this year to get the children's bathrooms updated! Sims Construction worked hard on the remodel and it was done in 6 weeks! It was a little loud and we had to use the Family Life Center bathrooms with children but it was worth it! Our new bathrooms look amazing! The Tot Spot classroom also had a sink installed in their room, which will be well used!

A BIG THANK YOU to McFarland Lutheran Church and Staff! We couldn't do without your continued support of our ministry! Ken Brost, Dick Kohl, and Sharon Stratton also deserve an enormous thank you for their help with CLM!

Lastly, ALL the committees deserve a BIG thank you! They all take time out of their busy lives to volunteer their time! It's been another successful year with the CLM committee! I truly enjoyed working with all the members on this committee! Thank You!

Blessings,
Sara Phelan
Administrator

Welcome Committee of MLC 2018-2019

The Welcome Committee has been busy again this year. There are two ongoing teams, the Bread Ministry and the Newcomer Notes team that are part of the Welcome Committee.

The Bread Ministry team is a group of dedicated ladies who bake and deliver bread to first-time address sharing visitors as a gesture of welcome to McFarland Lutheran Church. Team members are: Ginny Dodson, Linda Ellestad, Jacqui Landerud, Jane Mitchell, Carol Munch, Barb Porter-Quam, Angela Schwartz, Betty Showers, Marilee Thoresen, Barbara Voelker, Carrol Vollmer, Deb Wellman, and Carri Wolff, and coordinated by Sandy Franklin.

Beginning July 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019, over 11 months, we delivered bread to 28 visitors. During this fiscal year 22 families joined McFarland Lutheran Church. Of the 22 joining families, 12 received bread or 55.5%.

It should be noted that we delivered bread one time to every visitor who left their address on a visitor card. In order to expand this ministry, we need more visitors and more visitors who feel welcome enough to leave their address. Please pray for the expansion of this ministry.

The Newcomer Notes Team sent handwritten invitations to 50 newcomers each month during the last year, for a total of 600 handwritten invitations. A very small number involved existing church members who moved to within a 3-mile radius of MLC.

We proposed an opportunity to reach out to visitors who did not include their addresses on their visitor cards. By reviewing the Newcomer lists, we may have identified their addresses so that the Bread Ministry could deliver bread. The decision taken was that this was a little too invasive to implement. Finally, we still have no good way to determine the success rate of our mailings because we as a church are not taking advantage of several opportunities.

1. Part of the paperwork that new members fill out could simply ask whether they received our invite, and whether it had an impact on their decision to visit MLC.
2. The Welcome Breakfast should include a specific question whether they received our invite, and whether it had an impact on their decision to visit MLC. We should get a hard count of that number and note it as part of our retention information.

The Newcomer Notes team includes Cheryl Ackley, Ken Anderson, Bonnie Dirks, Pat Olson, Erika Landerud, Jane Mitchell, Carol Quinlan, Renee Rodeck, Barb Voelker, Carri Wolff, and coordinated by Brian Rodeck.

The Welcome Committee also hosted two new member breakfasts, one on November 11, 2018 and again on May 19, 2019. There were 22 new members and their sponsors attending in November and 20 attending in May. The valuable feedback they provided was fairly consistent across both groups. They found out about MLC in a variety of ways. Some had friends or family already members, some attended over the holidays and some who were looking for a church home looked at our Facebook page or our Website. Almost all reported how welcoming they found our congregation to be, one person reporting that people actually came up to her and introduced themselves which had never happened at her previous church. These folks were impressed by the number of activities and ministries and of course really liked our pastors. In general the people who attended really appreciated coming to breakfast in this manner, so the

Welcome Committee plans on continuing with these new member breakfasts about twice per year.

The Welcome committee also developed and included on two occasions, the "Count Me In" Insert. This format allows folks to find out and step up to fill short term needs on any activity in the church. People involved in various ministries or other work of the church are encouraged to use this form to meet short term labor needs. Contact church office to do so.

The Welcome Committee continued to promote our members walking or running in various walks/runs supporting several community causes. These include Aly's Honky Tonk Walk/ Run, which there was an excellent turnout of MLC members. MLC shirts are still available for those wanting one. However, it has been a conundrum with several of these events since they are typically also providing shirts.

Finally, the Welcome Committee hosted a "Coffee" at the McFarland House Café on Feb 23 in an outreach effort to the community. This was posted in a variety of places electronically and promoted in the News You Can Use and newsletter:

Looking for a Church Home? Join us for some coffee and conversation at McFarland House Café February 23 from 9 to 11. All are welcome! Sponsored by McFarland Lutheran Church

Two Welcome Committee members were at the Café from about 8:45 until 11 am on that Saturday morning. They were joined by a couple of other MLC members as well as Pastor Tim. Finally, one couple from a nearby Lutheran church who wanted to find out what we were up to joined us for conversation. They were intrigued by the idea – but firmly established in their own church. We certainly enjoyed meeting with them. The Committee plans to give this outreach effort at least one more try in the coming year.

Welcome Committee includes: Sandy Franklin, Brian Rodeck, Joe Schwartz, Pat Olson, Carol Munch, Ken Anderson, Tom Scharine, Jane Mitchell, Devon Christenson and Sandy Hall

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Global Mission Committee Report

The Global Mission Committee seeks to show Christ's love and understanding to others throughout the world. Our activities are only possible because the Holy Spirit is working in you to share the many gifts we have been given. If you have a passion for a mission activity, even an activity not currently being supported, come and join us. We don't have preconceived projects, we do our best to go where the spirit leads us. And did the spirit ever lead us this year!!

The first big event kicked off in September with Tom Eggum, President and founder of Hope-4-Kids, speaking at the services on Sept 15. This was followed one week later with MLC's first ever Walk-4-Water to raise money for a deep water well (borehole) in Uganda. The goal was to raise money for one well, but the spirit said 2 wells are better. Just over \$23K was raised and boreholes were drilled in the villages of Nyakesi and Pajobobi.

November saw Roger Marty leading a Habitat/Thrivent mission trip to Louisiana with the task of building homes in an area destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Nine people went on the trip, of which 3 were from our congregation. Even though many of the volunteers were first time Habitat builders, several have since become regular Habitat volunteers. The spirit keeps on working.

December included the annual bake sale. Over \$2000 was raised with half the proceeds going to the McFarland Food Pantry and half to food pantry at Reconciliation Church in Puerto Rico. Speaking of Puerto Rico, in March the mission trips to P.R. were reestablished after missing last year. Chris Landerud and Mike Catterall led a group of 19, including 5 youth. The flavor of the trip has changed somewhat now that Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is running the camp, including supplying breakfast and dinner, and coordinating Hurricane Maria recovery efforts. The group worked on 4 different houses and also had one work day at Reconciliation Church. Sunday worship was also at Reconciliation. Now that LDR is supplying 2 meals /day and arranging projects, thus simplifying trip planning, it may be feasible to do a trip every year. Chris is exploring another trip during high school spring break in 2020.

Then in April a group of 7 from MLC joined with 5 others for a mission trip to Uganda with Hope-4-Kids. This makes a total of 17 folks from MLC that have been on H-4-K trips to Uganda. The 2 well dedications touched our souls with the heartfelt thanks the villagers gave us for the gift of clean water. Perhaps the most telling lines were from the songs the village children sang to us, with Pajobobi singing "You gave us hope for our kids" and Nyakesi singing "Water – water is life". Other activities included worshipping in Sesera, a medical outreach day in Sesera, visiting with sponsored children, hospital visit, feeding children at Smile Africa, and handing out clothing at the Dress-a-Girl event.

In other news, as a congregation we continued our mission support for Pastor Kirsten Fryer working at St. Andrews Refuge Services (StARS) in Cairo, Egypt. StARS supports refugees from the Middle East and northern Africa with everything from basic schooling to legal aid. On July 15, 2018 Pastor Kirsten was with us, both preaching and leading the Faith Formation hour. Unfortunately Pastor Kirsten will be returning to the USA this summer after being in Egypt for 5 years, and we will need to pick a new missionary and ministry to support.

On a sad note, Frida Bagonza (wife of Bishop Bagonza) from Tanzania, passed away in October. Son Prince is now in Tanzania, daughter Mission is in medical school in Ohio, and daughter Vision is attending college in Singapore.

Major tentative or planned activities for the 2019/20 fiscal year include a Walk-4-Water in September to raise money for another well in Uganda (contact Linda and Jim Ellestad), a mission trip to Uganda in March 2020 (contact Bonnie Dirks), and a mission trip to Puerto Rico in March 2020 (contact Chris Landerud or Mike Catterall) . Also stay tuned for an opportunity to supply infant formula to Guatemala through Outreach for World Hope. And of course we will have the annual bake sale in December to support the food pantry and another cause.

Current members of the Global Mission committee are Jane Blank, Mike Catterall, and Wayne Corey, Bonnie Dirks, Pete Ellestad as council liaison, Beth Gilpin, Jim Green, Roger Marty, Linda Olson, Pastor Kelli Schmidt providing pastoral guidance, Kallan Swenson and Ron Vandeberg. We typically meet the 2nd Monday of each month. Please contact one of these committee members if you wish to get more information or join us.

Submitted by Ron Vandeberg – Global Mission Committee chairman



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