



## **McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**McFarland Lutheran Church Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom**

### **Sharing God's Word Showing God's Love Serving God's World**

**Present (Via Zoom):** Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli, Ruth Bennett, Todd Bolstad (Pres.), Cheryl Brown, Rick Hall (Sec.), Rex Link (via phone), Brent Odell (Treas.), Barb Porter-Quam, Renee Rodeck (Vice Pres.) Kevin Strattan, Gary Toboyek (via phone).

**Excused:** Pete Ellestad, Mary Grell, Marcy Konemann

1. Welcome - Todd called the meeting to order at 7:08
2. Devotion – Kevin Strattan - Psalms 27:1-3 Whom shall I fear?
3. Agenda review and changes – Todd Bolstad
4. Pastors' reports – Pastor Tim :
  - We have received positive feedback from members attending online. This despite some technical glitches.
  - We will continue with online worship at least through June. We will begin doing this with staff from the sanctuary within a few weeks. Same time: 10 AM. This will include the pastors, Chris Malueg and John Scoville.
  - We will have the bulletin online also.
  - Weekly devotional feedback has been very affirming. In June we will move

to Wednesdays at 11:00 with a Children's Devotion Thursdays at 11.  
Pastors will alternate and the devotions will continue to be on the website.

- The Zoom Coffee Hour has been going well.
- Chris Landerud has been keeping in touch with confirmation and high school students via Zoom.
- The last group discussion on grief, with Pastor Tim, will be Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The pastors and Chris Landerud will have a Zoom Graduate Recognition event on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.
- The South Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA is in the process of selecting a new bishop. Information about the candidates and the voting process can be seen on the synod website ([scsw-elca.org](http://scsw-elca.org)).
- Pastor Tim will postpone his sabbatical until 2021. The clergy renewal program he planned to attend has also been moved to next year.
- Pastor Tim will have a "staycation" June 24-30.

#### Pastor Kelli

- Pastor Kelli is leading a three-week group discussion of the Psalms that will finish May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) format and curriculum are being developed from scratch, including bible stories and discussion questions. This will be emailed to Sunday School families and posted on the MLC website, hopefully sometime in July. There will be no in-person VBS this summer.
- Global Mission sponsored two wells in Uganda last year using funds raised at our Walk4Water event. We will not have a walk this fall, but the committee is looking into coordinating a "Walking Alone Together" event.
- Pastor Kelli will be on "staycation" June 16-22.

#### 5. Treasurer/Finance Committee report – Brent Odell

##### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2020**

##### **Cash Balances**

Checking Account balance was \$204,858 *{includes 'loan' in the amount of \$132,200 from the federal Paycheck Protection Programs (PPP) authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which if used to pay employee salaries does not need to be repaid.}*

Total Savings Account balance was \$606,568 of which \$117,810 was the

current balance of 'Debt Reduction' funds in response to our mortgage reduction initiative.

### **Mortgage**

Our current mortgage balance is \$1,154,539 (*reduced \$4,660 from previous month*). Pledges to our MRI total \$193,370 of which \$96,759 have been received. Overall contributions, including pledged and non-pledged dollars, received toward reducing our mortgage total \$136,286.

### **Church Giving / Income and Expenses**

Offerings received totaled \$46,090. YTD church income (*which includes offering income*) was \$1,057,425 which is approximately \$24K less than our budgeted/projected YTD amount and about \$20K less than income last year at this time.

Expenses totaled \$94,127 bringing total YTD expenses to \$1,064,615 which were \$7K more than YTD income received. Committees and programs are operating consistent with or below budgeted amounts.

### **4K Income and Expenses**

Current YTD 4K expenses are less than income received by \$29,284. (*Total reimbursement received from the McFarland School District is \$104,488*).

### **Pass Thru Summary**

Designated and undesignated giving, less PPP and MRI monies received totaled \$559.

### **Memorials**

Memorials in the amount of \$110 were received bringing YTD amount to \$2,935.

6. 2020-21 Annual Budget Review - Brent Odell
  - The 2020-21 budget was develop as basically a "flat" budget due to the impact on donations from job losses, layoffs and fewer in-person services.
  - At the June council meeting, the Finance Committee will submit a final budget for council to review and then vote to recommend for

congregational approval.

7. Church Council Nominations. - The nominations committee has a list of people who expressed interest. An update will be presented at the next council meeting.
8. Church Re-Opening
  - CLM will begin daycare with groups less than 10 starting June 8<sup>th</sup>. They will have safety procedures in place to protect families, children and staff from COVID-19.
  - We will start limited office hours - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:30 - 1:30 - beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>. Visitors will go to the front office window and are encouraged to wear masks and sanitize hands as they enter and leave the building.
  - We do not plan any on-site committee meetings and other ministries at this time. Ministries will continue to be on Zoom and other on-line platforms.
  - When Dane County moves to Phase Two of the re-opening, we will review our opening policies.
  - Shared Table leadership has indicated that they will not restart the Thursday meals until October, at the earliest.
9. Adjourn and Closing Prayer.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** June 23, 2020, Devotion: Rex Link