



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to the new newsletter format! This weekly eNews is sent out in place of our paper copy. Due to the quarantine, we have suspended the paper copy and have started using this new email newsletter format.

Look for updated information every Wednesday!



Join us for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost **October 19 @ 9 am Drive-In & 10 am Sanctuary Live**

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Congratulations to **Ada Marie Rose Gilbertson** who was baptized on October 11, 2020.

Congratulations to our 2020 Confirmation Class!

Preston Blanch
Stella Blau
Emily Brown
Jaydon Carmody
Courtney Davis
Payton Henes
Riley Malecki

Luke Morrison
Mallory Paugel
Nadia Schwedersky
Kyla Thorson
Alana Wagner
Cole Willems



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Habitat for Humanity has built nearly 300 homes in 18 communities in Dane County. Our faith community has helped by partnering with Habitat on several builds and restore projects since our 150th anniversary in 2017.

On October 6 Habitat held an event at the Mallards stadium called "Drive-in. Build On." Attendees heard first-hand accounts of how affordable homeownership

transforms lives, especially for children who end up in a safe and stable home. Imagine the joy of being able to go to the same school and be with the same friends year after year rather than moving around from rental to rental. These days homes are also more important than ever as they have become schools and offices.

There are a couple of ways you can help Habitat continue to build affordable housing in our area. Shopping at the Habitat ReStores on Monona Drive or Odana Road is good. Now there is a shortage of volunteers, so better yet is volunteering to work at one of the ReStores. If you are so inclined, you can pick a shift and sign up at <https://habitatdane.volunteerhub.com/>. You will also find a variety of other ways to donate time, material, or funds on the Habitat website. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause to bring affordable housing to our area.

Ron Vandeberg

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Hello McFarland Lutheran Church! October 1, 2020



I'm writing to say a huge THANK YOU for your support of my seminary education these past four years! The contributions that our congregation provided allowed me to further my education, discern God's calling, and actively pursue my vocation to ordained ministry. My formation as a pastor simply would not have occurred without the support of McFarland Lutheran Church!

I officially completed my pastoral internship in Pittsburgh and graduated with my Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary earlier this year. While my graduating class was unable to gather in person, we did participate in a virtual ceremony, which allowed many more family and friends to attend! I'm now preparing for my Approval for Ordination, which consists of interviews with the faculty of Luther Seminary and my Candidacy Committee with the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. God willing I am approved by these committees, I will then begin the first call assignment process in the spring of next year. It is unknown where my first call will take me, but I'm excited for the place that the Holy Spirit is preparing for me!

First Lutheran Church in Downtown Pittsburgh, my internship parish, extended my employment for another year since the approval and assignment process takes many months. I am now serving as a Pastoral Assistant, and my ministry is largely focused on Christian education, youth ministry, and pastoral care, as well as worship leadership. I am so very thankful that I can continue practicing ministry in a city I love so much!

Lastly, I feel incredibly grateful to be a member of McFarland Lutheran Church and to have had your support as I progressed through my seminary education. Now that I'm nearing the end of my candidacy experience, many changes and unknowns are on the horizon; however, following God's call is to trust in God's timing. I will be sure to stay in touch as news of my first call is known!

I'm holding our parish community in prayer as we all continue to navigate this pandemic. May you feel the Lord's comforting presence in your daily life, and may the Spirit provide assurance and hope in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ,
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Racial Justice Event with the Pastors

Pastor Tim and Pastor Kelli will be hosting a learning event on anti-racism and racial justice, featuring the video recording of a sermon by nationally known preacher, the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III. Pastor Moss' sermon is entitled, "The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery." Pastor Moss is the Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.

We will watch his sermon as a group and discuss it on Zoom on two Wednesdays, Oct. 21 and 28, 7-8 p.m.

Here is the Zoom link and passcode:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89608602731?pwd=NORQMU1mdTBUSnNUUE1XQmFUS0E5QT09>

Passcode: 878827

If you have questions, please email Pastor Tim (tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org) or Pastor Kelli (kschmit@mcfarlandlutheran.org).

May God's Spirit of truth and grace continue to surround us as a faith community as we learn about racial injustice and seek God's freedom and new life for the world.



Thank you!

The McFarland Lions/Lioness would like to thank everyone for their generosity during our recent Food Drive for the McFarland Food Pantry. The response was truly overwhelming. We were able to provide the Food Pantry with **2950# of food and \$5125 in monetary donations**, which will provide an additional **15,375 meals**. THANK YOU!

Bruce Voight



Drive-In Worship, Sundays, 9 a.m.

MLC has begun s a new kind of outdoor worship on Sundays at 9 a.m., with a Drive-In Worship Service. People are invited to drive their cars into the back parking lot (near the CLM entrance). Parking ushers will help you park one space away from the next car. You don't need to wear a face mask inside your vehicle. However, if you have the windows open and/or step out of your car, wearing a mask is strongly encouraged!

Pastor Tim, Pastor Kelli and Chris Malueg will lead worship that will be broadcast through your FM radio! The plan is to broadcast at FM 88.1. Tune your radio, and listen to God's Word in a new way!

The live-stream service, Sanctuary Live, will continue every Sunday at 10 a.m. on the MLC Facebook Page. A video of this service will continue to be posted on the MLC website (www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/videos/) on Sunday afternoon.

Drive-In Worship will now include Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Communion will be offered through single-serving, pre-packaged elements of bread and wine that are safe, hygienic, and easy to deliver to people in cars. A gluten-free option will be available as well.

Bulletins for both services can be found on our website,
www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/videos/

If you have any questions about this service, please contact Daryl Rupnow (drupnow@msn) or Pastor Tim (tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org).

May God's promise of grace, mercy and truth continue to fill us as we begin this new way to worship!



Passing the Virtual Plate

We can't pass the offering plates, but we can "pass the virtual plate"! If you are able at this time to make a financial offering to support God's work through MLC, the best method is by setting up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account. You may set this up, or adjust your current automatic withdrawal, by contacting our Office Administrator Rita Jenkins (rjenkins@mcfarlandlutheran.org).

In addition, you may make a financial offering through a secure on-line giving option on our website. You can access this through the "\$ GIVE" button at the top of the home page, or go directly to the link:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1015512

You may also send in an offering check by USPS, or drop it off when the office is open. Thank you for your amazing generosity to sustain and empower God's work through MLC!