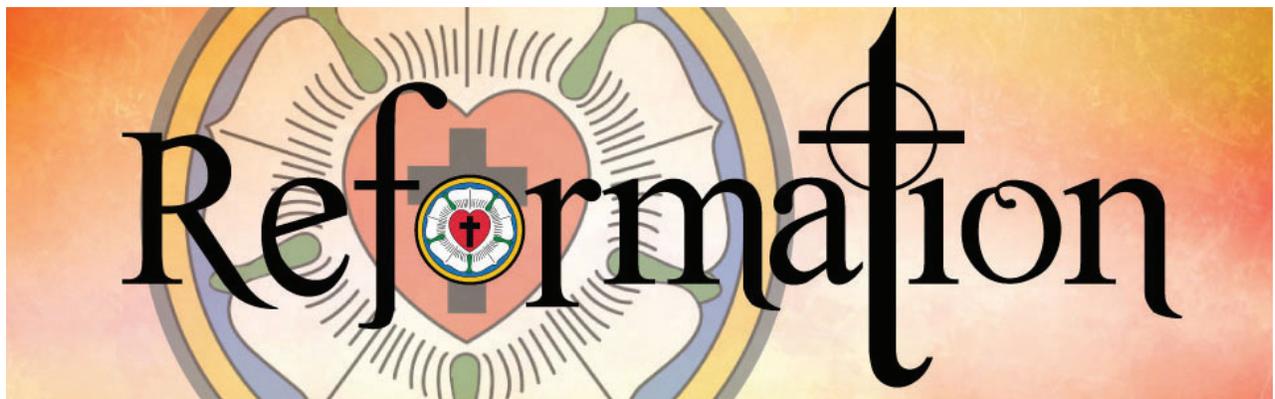




McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 Reformation Sunday after Pentecost
October 25 @ 9 am Drive-In & 10 am Sanctuary Live

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Daylight Savings Coming!



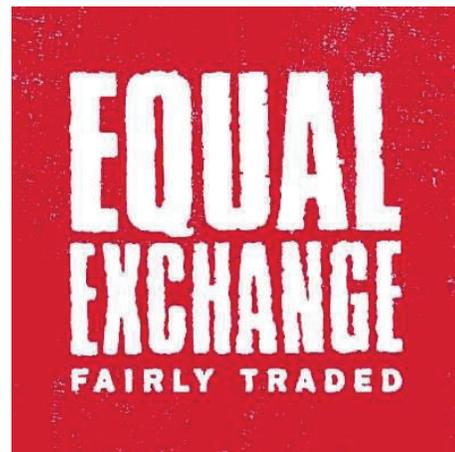
Remember to turn your clocks back next weekend for Daylight Savings!
November 1, 2020

September Council Committee minutes are now available on the website:

<https://www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/200922Church-Council-Minutes.pdf>



FAIRTRADE



DISCOUNTS!

Farm families around the world have been adversely affected by the pandemic. Please buy Fair Trade and support them. You can purchase Fair Trade at the table in the central hallway, Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00 pm.

Some of the items on the Fair Trade table are past the "best by... date", Those items are still **safe** to eat and still *flavorful* as well (*see items below*). These items are discounted. The rest of the items have some time before the "best by....date". Thank you for supporting the farmers, their families, and their communities by purchasing Fair Trade!

Fair Trade items, including coffee, tea, nuts, chocolates, cocoas, and olive oil continue to be available for sale on tables in the grand hallway. You may purchase these items during hours when the church office is open, currently 9 am to 2 pm Monday thru Thursday. Please use the main entrance under the canopy since the rear entrance near the kitchen is reserved for CLM children.

While there are a variety of different approaches to bring Fair Trade items to market, all have a common theme. The goal is to ensure small farmers get a reasonable price for their produce rather than have middlemen making large profits and giving little to the

(Unopened/Sealed) ground **Coffee** stored in your pantry is still at full flavor for 3-5 months after the Past Printed Date; in the freezer for 1-2 years. Whole Bean Coffee is at full flavor for 6-9 Months after the Past Printed Date; in the freezer for 2-3 years.

The time past 'best before' when chocolate should still taste good, is 2-4 months for milk chocolate and 1 year for dark chocolate, in the freezer 2-3 years!

Unopened **cocoa** powder will have a shelf life of two to three years past the printed **expiration** date.

farmer. By purchasing fair trade items you can help small farmers around the world make a sustainable living. Come on in and make a purchase.

MLC Global Mission Committee



THE GIVING TREE IS COMING SOON!

MLC is partnering with the McFarland Community Food Pantry's Giving Tree again this year! We get the opportunity to share God's love and help families celebrate Christmas by sharing gifts with members of our local community.

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for more information!

**TIME TO
VACCINATE**



Get Your Flu Shot Now

With the rise in COVID-19 infections across the state, it is vitally important to be carefully managing your chronic health conditions and to be up to date on your vaccinations. The Influenza vaccine is recommended by the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) at this time of year and those over the age of 65 should also consider getting a pneumococcal vaccine. Please contact your health care provider for more information.

Kristin Hildebrandt

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 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.

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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=N0RQMU1mdTBUSnNUUE1XQmFUS0E5QT09>

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.