



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 17th Sunday after Pentecost September 27 @ 9 am Drive-In & 10 am Sanctuary Live

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Philippians, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

August Council Committee minutes are now available on the website:

[8-25-20 Church-Council-Minutes.pdf](#)

Thank You from Deb Nygaard!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus,

Thank you all for the well wishes and prayers covering my 35 years at CLM. It has been a journey of love and gratitude for this ministry that I love.

Deb Nygaard



Faith Formation Zoom!

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm

It's a great way to:

- Prepare for Sunday worship
- Reconnect with your fellow disciples
- Tap into the Word!

Every Wednesday, the pastors post a Weekday Meditation on the church website and every Thursday, the Faith Formation Team hosts a discussion - come join in the fun share your thoughts &/or listen to the discussion

How does it work?

On the home page of mcfarlandlutheran.org, click on the purple box "Weekday Meditations"

Read the meditation and the questions for reflection.

On Thursday, join the Zoom discussion based on the questions for reflection.

For the Zoom link, email hellestad@mcfarlandlutheran.org

Never Zoomed before? It's simple to download the free Zoom app, contact Huldah Ellestad with questions

Welcome to Our New Bishop, Joy Mortensen-Wiebe!



Voting members from around the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin elected a new bishop on August 29: the Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe. Bishop Mortensen-Wiebe will begin her 6-year term on October 1, and will be installed at an on-line service on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1 p.m. If you would like to participate in her installation service, details are available on the synod website: scsw-elca.org

Bishop Mortensen-Wiebe was previously the pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Slinger, WI, which is part of the Great Milwaukee Synod. We give thanks for the Holy Spirit working to call Bishop Mortensen-Wiebe to our synod, and ask God to empower her ministry among us. We also give thanks to our interim bishop, the Rev. Peter Rogness, who has served faithfully for about one year.



Food Pantry

The McFarland Lions & Lioness are holding a "Drive-Thru" Food Drive for the McFarland Food Pantry. We will be at the Pantry on Friday, Sept 26 from 4-7 pm and Saturday, Sept 26 from 9-Noon. We will be outside the Pantry at 5404 Anthony Street to accept donations. Drive up and hand your donation to a volunteer.



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 (mcfarlandlutheran.org) 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.

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!
