



# 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 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 18

8 am In-Person

9 am Drive-in

10 am In-Person & Sanctuary Live

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

May Council Committee minutes are now available on the website:  
<https://www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/062221-Council-Minutes.pdf>

## Sympathy



We express our sympathy to **Mike Verdico and family**, on the death of his brother, Tony Verdico.

We express our sympathy to **Ernie Thieding and family**, on the death of his sister-in-law, Reberta Thieding.

## Altar Flowers



Altar flowers are in **memory of Jerry McCann** given by Margaret McCann.

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## Annual Meeting on July 25!

The MLC Annual Meeting is this **Sunday, July 25, 11 a.m.** We are planning to meet outside between the Rainbow Center and the church building (near Broadhead/Marsh parking lot). In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Family Life Center.



At the annual meeting, we will approve a new budget for our mission together, and elect leaders for the church council. We give thanks for the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected in the body of Christ and empowers us to do God's work in the world. Save the date and plan to join us!

*"Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting." (Psalm 100:5)*

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## Halle Kluever Ordination August 1!



The congregation is invited to give thanks to the Holy Spirit and celebrate God's call for Halle Kluever to be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA. The service of ordination will take place on **Sunday, August 1, 3 p.m.**, in the Sanctuary.

Halle, daughter of Don and Cindy Siebert, grew up in our faith community, and recently graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She has been called to serve as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Slatington, PA.

She and her spouse, Josh Kluever, will be moving to Slatington at the end of July. If you would like to send Halle a note of congratulations, you can reach her after July 28 at this address:

Halle Kluever  
39 South Second Street  
Slatington, PA 18080

We wish Halle God's richest blessings as she begins her ministry as pastor of St. John's! Thanks be to God, for gifts of grace to serve in Jesus' name!

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## Send cards and letters

Many of you know, former MLC Pastor, Willard Lund. Recently, Willard's health has improved so much, that he has moved and is now residing at Nazareth Health & Rehabilitation Center in Stoughton, WI.

Willard is currently in 14 days of quarantine due to Covid restrictions and rules related to moving residence.

He would greatly appreciate hearing from old friends and brothers and sisters in Christ from McFarland Lutheran. If you'd like to send him a card or letter, it would make the next 2 weeks go by faster, and give him great joy. Thank you for your care and friendship to Willard who will shortly be celebrating his 99th birthday!

Please write to Willard at:

Willard Lund  
Nazareth Health & Rehabilitation Center  
814 Jackson St.  
Stoughton, WI 53589



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## Task Force Update



The task force is meeting over this next week. Watch the newsletter for the latest changes in the operation guidelines for MLC.

Thank you, The Covid Task Force

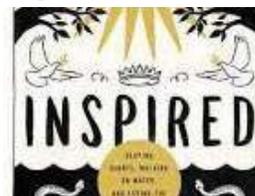
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## Book Club – “Inspired” by Rachel Held Evans

Join Pastor Kelli for discussion of one of her favorite books, “Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again” by Rachel Held Evans.

We will meet **Thursday** in the Gathering Space.

July 22 – ch. 6, 7, & 8 - **6:30 pm**



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## Walk 4 Water



It's time again for our Walk 4 Water, presented by McFarland Lutheran Church!

**Saturday, September 25** - Our outdoor, socially distanced silent auction begins at 10:30 AM followed by our walk at 11:00 am.

At 11:00 AM we will begin the Walk 4 Water (about 2.5 miles), starting at McDaniel Park and continuing on the boardwalk along the shore of Lake Waubesa, a symbolic effort made in honor of the women and children who walk for water daily in Uganda. Donations, registration fees and silent auction proceeds will all benefit the drilling of a safe water well for the precious village of [Aboliya, Uganda!](#)

If you would like to participate in the Walk 4 Water McFarland, but cannot be with us in person that day, we understand.

We would still love for you to join us virtually! You can walk in your own space at your own pace.

For more information or to register, [click here](#).

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## Masking Guidelines

The Covid Task Force has decided for now, to continue requiring all people over the age of 2 to wear a face masks for indoor activities at MLC, including in-person worship. The main reason for this is to protect children under the age of 12 who are not yet eligible to receive the vaccines.



For outdoor activities, face masks are optional if people can be appropriately distanced. We encourage ministry groups meeting outside to discuss whether or not participants feel masks are needed.

This policy will continue to be reviewed by the task force, as we look at vaccination levels in our county and availability of vaccines for vulnerable populations. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the task force or one of the pastors.

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## In-Person Worship Updates!

We are now opening the 10 a.m. service for in-person worshippers, as well as the 8 a.m. service. This will start on Sunday, June 20. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed, but now will have real live people added to the mix!



Other worship updates decided by the Covid Task Force include:

- Masks required for inside worship for all people over the age of 2.
- Advanced registration is no longer required. There is no longer any sign-up sheet.
- People can attend worship every week.
- Seats in the Sanctuary have been roped off to provide appropriate distance and comfort. People may choose to sit next to extended family/friends outside their immediate households.

- Communion will be received at the 10 a.m. in the same manner as 8 a.m., by people picking up pre-filled chalices as they enter worship. The elements will be consumed in the pews.
- Hymns and songs will be **sung by the congregation** (in masks)
- If someone receives a positive Covid test result after attending worship, they are asked to confidentially notify one of the pastors.

**The 9 a.m. Drive-In Service will continue through the last Sunday in August, August 29.**

The task force has approved these next steps after looking at county health information, consulting with area ELCA congregations, and reading recommendations from the Wisconsin Council of Churches. We are happy to be moving forward in a safe and hopeful way!

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the task force or one of the pastors.

May God continue to be with us and guide us as we move toward resuming our in-person worship and ministries!

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## Outdoor Fellowship Beginning Sunday, June 27th



Chat with longtime friends and make new friends! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy Fellowship every Sunday after the 8:00 worship service (8:30 – 10:00 am). Coffee will be available under the front canopy entrance and you are invited to relax in the shade near that entrance.

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## Call for Ushers

Many of you have been anxiously awaiting a return to in-person worship. Now that MLC is expanding in-person worship to two Sunday services (8:00 and 10:00 AM) plus the 9:00 drive-in service, we will be needing ushers to help worshipers participate. We are planning for two ushers for each service through August. Please consider serving! Contact Rick Hall at 838-4451 or [rth1948@gmail.com](mailto:rth1948@gmail.com).

**Ushers Needed**  
*Are you willing to serve?*

## 2021 Flower Schedules

We have returned the altar flowers for 2021 with the 8 & 10 am worship services. If you wish to dedicate Altar Flowers (\$35), you may email Carrie Kruzan, [ckruzan@mcfarlandlutheran.org](mailto:ckruzan@mcfarlandlutheran.org), if you'd like to reserve a date!



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## Prayers



We pray that God's love & comfort will surround all those listed on the prayer page. If you see names on this page that should be removed, or to list someone on the prayer page, contact Carrie Kruzan at [ckruzan@mcfarlandlutheran.org](mailto:ckruzan@mcfarlandlutheran.org).

The prayer page is listed on our website: <https://www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/prayers/>