





Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329. Hope to see you there.

- August 15:** *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano
- September 19:** *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday / 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday / 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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News You Can Use

July 22/23, 2023

Welcome, Guests!

We love having guests at MLC, and we welcome you to participate fully in worship with us today! Please allow us to thank you for worshipping with us by completing a “Welcome to Worship” card in front of you in the pew-chair racks. You can put the card in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you, and we invite you to join us again. May God bless and keep you!

Latest News

Altar Flowers are given **in honor of John & Rosalie Richardson’s 50 wedding anniversary** given by Erik, Ashley, Ella, Avery & Kendyl Schuchardt.

Communion wine is given to the **Glory of God.**

Last week’s attendance:

Saturday 5:	31
Sunday 8:	50
Sunday 10:	73
Total:	154

Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget Forum

Have a question about the church’s proposed FY 2023 – 2024 operating budget? The Finance Committee will be hosting a budget forum on **Sunday, July 16 from 9:00 to 10:00 am in the Family Life Center.**

Congregational Information

Get to Know Your Council Nominees

Erin Kraemer
Hometown: Elderon, WI
How long with MLC: Approx. 10 years
Brief Family Details: We have lived in McFarland for 14 years.

Matt Lancaster
Hometown: Monroe, WI
How long with MLC: 8 years
Brief Family Details: My wife Tanya and I live in McFarland.

Sharon Mylrea
Hometown: Reedsburg, WI
How long with MLC: 34 years
Family Details: My husband Wayne and I have lived in McFarland since 1986.

Scott Potts
Hometown: McFarland
How Long with MLC: 55 years
Brief Family Details: I have two daughters, both married.

For the full bios, please visit: www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/council-bios/

Solar Panel System Update
July 7, 2023

The Solar Implementation Task Force is pleased to provide an update on the solar panel system which was approved at a special congregational meeting on January 22, 2023.

In early February, the project moved ahead with Synergy Renewable Systems out of Stoughton and an order was placed for the solar inverters. With an anticipated 24 to 28-week lead time for delivery, the estimated timeframe for installation is between July 20 and August 17, 2023.

Meantime, preparation work has continued. The contract with Synergy was signed and 50% of the total cost was invoiced and paid from donor funds. The 57 solar panel modules were picked up from Solar for Good and are in storage at Synergy in Stoughton awaiting delivery of the inverters.

On April 10, the south-facing roof on FLC was replaced and an assessment made for structural integrity. All went smoothly and there was no need to spend any of the contingency funds. The location of the power connector has been identified and an application has been submitted to Alliant Energy for final approval and hook-up.

As installation and activation of the system draws near, the Solar Implementation Task Force will be providing additional communication about the project. The system is expected to provide approximately 28% of the electrical needs of McFarland Lutheran Church and reduce the annual utility cost by an estimated \$4400.

Questions about the project may be directed to Ron Vandeberg or Sarah Schutt.

grounded up the stumps, cleaned up the shavings, and filled the areas with dirt. Some of this work was done during some very warm temperatures. A big thank you to everyone!

Gary Toboyek, Properties Chair

Pastoral Call Committee Update

- 1. The "Ministry Site Profile" for MLC was submitted to the Synod office after approval by the MLC Church Council.
- 2. The Synod is identifying "right fit" candidates.
- 3. While #2 is happening, the committee

- is preparing interview questions and will engage in mock interviews.
- 4. We will not have a pastor called yet this summer.
- 5. The committee reminds the church family that the needs of a senior pastor are being covered by Pr. Garber.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP

The Global Mission Committee is happy to announce a return mission trip to Uganda. Hope 4 Kids International has scheduled a trip for us **March 12-25, 2024**. Our last trip was in 2019. As you may know we were packing for a trip in 2020 when Covid shut us down a few days before we were to leave. So it has been five years since our last trip. I know many of our Ugandan friends will be very happy to see us return.

If you have any questions please contact Bonnie Dirks (608-640-0916) or Ron Vandeberg (608-886-3196). The cost of the

trip includes all meals, water, hotel and in-country transport, not airfare. There will probably be a stop at the source of the Nile and a photo safari, the cost of which is not included in the trip costs. If you are interested in going, please speak with your foreign travel nurse to determine what inoculations you will need. If you go to the H4KI (H4KI.org) website you will not yet see our trip posted as it happens next year. However, we wanted to start early so those of you who need to arrange vacation time can do so. The contact people at H4KI are Amy and Nichole (623-979-5516).

Community

Walk 4 Water

The weekend of July 1 and 2, Pastor Rachel Powell, a child of our congregation, preached at all 3 services. In her sermon she asked: **"How many wells have been dug in the world to provide water where there was not fresh water, because you know, because of the Christ that's living in you, that God is about justice and peace all over the world?"**

The answer: 9. This year we are going for number 10. **Our 5th Walk-4-Water is scheduled at 11 am on Saturday, Sept 23 at McDaniel Park.** A silent auction will be part of the event, with proceeds from the silent auction going to support needs in the village of Sesera, where we have

previously funded a well, a latrine, and a church.

The website to register for the walk or make donations is now open and can be found at w4ki.org/w4wmcfarland. Please take a look for information about the current water source in the village of Petta Central North and prayerfully consider walking and / or donating to help bring clean fresh water to this village. Corporate sponsors are also needed.

Thank you.
Walk-4-Water task force (Wayne Corey, Bonnie Dirks, Linda Ellestad, Deb Hettrick, Chris Olson, Pastor Kelli Schmit, Gudrun Sindermann, Ron Vandeberg)