

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)

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday / 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
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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 memory of Keith Voelker** given by Barbara Voelker.

Communion wine is given in celebration given by Margaret McCann.

Last week’s attendance:

Saturday 5:	38
Sunday 8:	46
Sunday 10:	58
Total:	132

Council Corner

July 2023

- 2023/24 Budget approved.
- Council election- new members are Erin Kraemer and Matt Lancaster and reelected members are Scott Potts and Sharon Mylrea.
- Church Council voted for the following to serve as officers of the congregation- Scott Potts as President, Sharon Mylrea as Vice-President, Jane Licht as Secretary, and Mike Devine as Treasurer.

Men’s bible study

First Saturday/month, 7:30 a.m

Come and join the MLC men’s bible study group as we delve into God’s Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on **Saturday, August 5 in room 125.**

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Jeff Gehrke at jeffgehrke59@gmail.com or Scott Potts at scottalan23@hotmail.com

Women’s bible study
First Saturday/month, 7:30 a.m

Come and join the MLC women’s bible study group as we delve into God’s Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on **Saturday, August 5 in Rm 210.**

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Sheri Gehrke at sherilgehrke@gmail.com.

Care or Creation Canoe /Kayak/ Paddle Board Trip

Join us for some good exercise, camaraderie, and interesting wildlife on the Yahara River. It’s easy paddling for all ages, beginners welcome. Bring your own water, sunscreen, and hat. Snacks will be provided. **Meet at the boat landing on Jaeger Road at 9am on Saturday, August 19th. We will launch at 9:30 am.** The plan will be a trip to Fish Camp County Park. **RSVP to Wes at 608-422-3682 by August 13th.** Canoes and life jackets available upon request.

Join Us For Game Night

Game night is open to everyone who is interested in playing games. Join us every second Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm in the FLC. **Our next night is on August 12.** Enjoy fun, fellowship and games!

Contact Kevin Strattan if you have any questions, kcascade@tds.net.

Sunday School Starting Up Soon!

Planning for Sunday School 2023-2024 is underway! We are in need of many volunteers across a variety of roles to help support the children of MLC. If you are interested and available to help, **please sign up here by Sunday, August 6th**, if possible:
<https://forms.gle/77SK7hrbXSAY1kTa6>. We are grateful for your willingness to share your time, talents, and joy with our Sunday School community!

Sunday School student registration information will be coming soon.

Prayer Shawl Workshop

Join us **Monday, August 7** for a prayer shawl workshop. These workshops will be held in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Norma Kohl.

Congregational Information

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.

Ministries

Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skalden 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

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving

