

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.

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

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)

News You Can Use

August 5/6, 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 worshiping 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 Claramae H. Sherry** given by Myron Sherry & Paul Sherry.

Communion wine is given **in honor of Norman Kutz & Trygv Thoresen** given by Erik & Marilee Thoresen.

Last week’s attendance:

Saturday 5:	50
Sunday 8:	43
Sunday 10:	118
Total:	211

Holy Smokes Cookout

The Welcome Committe is looking for a few volunteers to help grill or serve or bring a dish to pass for the Annual Rally Day Holy Smokes cookout on Sunday September 10. Contact Sandy Hall if you can help! 608-838-4451 or sghall1950@gmail.com

Local Missions

On Monday, July 24th, 14 members of McFarland Lutheran Church, with generous financial support from Thrivent, provided and shared a meal with residents served by the Triangle Ministry. We were fortunate to be able to spend this time together enjoying fellowship and nourishing food with over 50 residents. Thank you to all who volunteered their time. If this is something you might have interest in participating with in the future, please connect with the Local Missions committee for other opportunities to serve our local community.

Stuff the Bus

Did you know that over 100 children in the McFarland School District have trouble affording school supplies? You can help! donate school supplies (or cash to buy them) like:

Backpacks	Whiteboard Erasers	Felt-tip Pens
Facial Tissue	Sturdy 2-Pocket Folders	1" White 3-Ring Binders
Gallon Ziplock Bags	# Pencils	Binder Dividers
Yellow Highlighters	Post-Its	1-Subject Notebooks

Donate Saturday, August 12, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Pick 'N Save and Walgreens. Or donate at the main entrance to McFarland High School. MLC also has a Stuff the Bus bin by the front office. Checks can be made out to McFarland Food Pantry / Stuff the Bus. Mail to:

McFarland Community Food Pantry
PO Box 101
McFarland, WI 53558

Newsletter Articles

Please contiune to send any newsletter and bulletin articles to Carrie Kruzan, ckruzan@mcfarlandlutheran.org. She will continue to help with bulletins, newsletter and the website.

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.

Ministries

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.

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

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving

