

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

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 honor of our anniversary** given by Tom & Cheryl Scharine.

Communion wine is given to the Glory of God.

Last week’s attendance:

Saturday 5:	31
Sunday 8:	70
Sunday 10:	50
Total:	151

Congregational Letter

O God,
you have called your servants to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dear friends of McFarland Lutheran Church,

Seven years ago, I began a journey I definitely could not anticipate, Intentional Interim Ministry. I did not understand how the Spirit was leading and guiding me. All I knew was the Spirit was at work in me and in the congregations I have had the great honor and privilege serving. Most definitely, this includes McFarland Lutheran Church.

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Congregational Letter Cont'd

I also do not know when I walk in the door of a congregation what will happen as we walk in faith or how long we will walk side-by-side or how long the season will be we will be together. Again, I trust the Spirit to lead and guide. Now is the time I am being called to serve in another congregation, St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton.

McFarland Lutheran, I have loved being your pastor. We have had times of head scratching and times of deep laughter, times when our eyes filled with tears of sorrow and times closed in prayer, times of sharing from the heart and times our brains were stretched, times of confusion and times of clarity. I have learned many lessons here I will take with me. Through it all, God was present and will continue to be present in ways you and I can only imagine.

My last Sunday with you will August 27, my last day in the office will be August 30. You will be in my prayers, each and every day as the Call Committee continues their work towards calling your next Senior Pastor.

Now to quote that great sage, Dr. Seuss, "Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened." Or perhaps a better quote, " i carry your heart with me (I carry it in my heart)" from e.e. cummings. Or even better yet, as I say every time before the benediction, "Till we meet again, The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. Amen."

Blessings my friends,
Naomi

Congregational Information

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.

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

Ministries

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.

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

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.

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving

