

Walk 4 Water Basket Items Needed

Greetings from the Walk 4 Water Team. Once again this year, we will be having a Silent Auction at the W4W location.

Donations are invited to fill baskets for this event. You may choose a theme, Mexican or other ethnic foods, Family Fun Pack, baking items, Wisconsin Badgers items, Packer items, wine and snack items, kitchen supply items, or just use your imagination. You may add a coordinating gift card to the basket as well. No items needing refrigeration, please.

You may include the basket or container itself (Goodwill or St. Vincent's are good places to find them) or we will furnish the basket/container. For more information, please contact Deb Hettrick, [djhettri@msn.com](mailto:djhettri@msn.com) or Gudrun Sindermann, [gudrun1213@gmail.com](mailto:gudrun1213@gmail.com).

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McFarland Lutheran Church



News You Can Use

August 19/20, 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 Brian's birthday given by Renee Rodeck.

Communion wine is given to the Glory of God.

Last week's attendance:

Saturday 5:	33
Sunday 8:	65
Sunday 10:	63
Total:	161

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“Piece Corp” Quilters Silent Auction

The “Piece Corp” makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The quilts reach out to people world wide in their time of greatest need following a disaster. LWR quilts have been distributed in Poland to refugees of the Ukrainian war, the earthquake on the Syrian/Turkey border as just a couple of examples.

Our group has completed approximately 175 quilts this year. We are now asking for your support for this ongoing ministry. Your support will help us purchase batting and other supplies for making these quilts which are the size of a single bed blanket.

**Please consider participating in our Silent Auction beginning September 10 through September 24.** We have two quilts of different sizes in the auction. Or another option, consider a free-will donation to the “Piece Corp”.

Thank you for your consideration of assisting us with this ministry.

Congregational Information

*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.

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 27th, 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

Ministries

Book Club Schedule

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

**September 19:** *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb  
**October 17:** *March* by Geraldine Brooks

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving

