

Sunday School Registration

Sunday School Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! Please register at www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/registration/ by Sunday, September 10. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 17th, 2023 with a Rally Day introduction on Sunday, September 10th, 2023.

“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.



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McFarland Lutheran Church



News You Can Use

September 2/3, 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 Marlene Handt given by Paul Hundt.**

Communion wine is given **in honor of God given by Paul & Sue Hundt, Marlene Handt.**

Last week’s attendance:

Saturday 5:	27
Sunday 8:	74
Sunday 10:	92
Total:	193

Dress a Girl

As you may or may not know MLC has two major mission trips coming up in the following year – one to Guatemala with Outreach for World Hope and one to Uganda with Hope 4 Kids. In the past MLC has collected and given tees for boys and dresses for girls. The dresses can be purchased as is or made by combining girls’ tees and pillow cases and/or fabric. Right now is a great time

to gather and collect these articles because we are in a warm (need is say, hot) weather season like the climate of both of these countries. So I ask you to please visit yard sales and used clothing stores to help us gather boys’ tees, girls’ dresses, tees, pillowcases and fabric. There will is a container in the grand hallway marked Hope 4 Kids (the collection includes World Hope) in which your gifts can be placed. You will make some little boy or girl extremely happy.

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Celebrate the start of a new school year with a Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your backpack to church at any service **the weekend of September 9 & 10.** See you there!

Serve Dinner with Us for the Triangle Community Ministry!

Volunteers from McFarland Lutheran Church will be serving a meal at the Triangle Community Ministry on **Monday, Sept. 25th 2023.**

This ministry “serves over 300 residents living in the Triangle Neighborhood of Madison, Wisconsin, most of whom are challenged by chronic mental, emotional, physical, and/or developmental disabilities.”

Quick Info:

- Prepare a meal for about 30-40 people in advance
- Serve dinner on Monday, Sept 25
- Arrive and set up around 4:00 pm
- Take turns serving food and eating with the guest
- Clean-up and head back to McFarland around 6:30 pm
- The meal is served in Brittingham Apartments, 755 Braxton Place, Madison.

To learn more about the Triangle Community Ministry, go to: <https://www.trianglecommunityministry.org/>.

You are welcome to help prepare the meal, serve the meal, or both!

Please contact Paul Hundt with any questions or if you would like to join the fun! (hundtsi1@yahoo.com or 608.225.0377)

Faith Milestone: Bibles for 3-Year-Olds!

All 3-year-old Sunday School students are invited to receive a Story Bible at any service the **weekend of September 16 & 17.**

Please let us know which service you plan on attending **by September 9.** RSVP with the main office (608-838-3184) or Pastor Kelli (kschmit@mcfarlandlutheran.org).

Jue & July Council minutes are now on the website at: [www.https://www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/resources/reports/](https://www.mcfarlandlutheran.org/resources/reports/)

Council Corner

August 2023

- Welcome new Council members Erin Kraemer, Matt Lancaster, and Treasurer Mike Devine.
- Council liaisons to various committees finalized for current year.
- Solar Project: All equipment has arrived and we are awaiting Alliant approval for grid connection before installation can begin.
- Pastor Naomi meeting with individual staff members. The work we have done together has set us up well to continue our mission and goals.
- Council is excited about and embracing the next part of our journey as we say farewell to Pastor Naomi.

Pet Blessing & Stuffed Animal Blessing at Church!

You are invited to bring your pet, or a photo of your **pet, to worship at 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 30.** The special member of your family will receive a blessing during the service.

Children are encouraged to have their favorite **stuffed animal join them in church at either the 8:00 or 10:00 am service on Sunday, October 1.** There will be a special blessing for the children and their stuffed animals during the Children’s Moment.

Thanks be to God for the creatures that bring joy, happiness, and comfort to our lives!

Ministries

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.

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

MLC QR Code for Financial Giving

