

FAQ

1) **How are we celebrating Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday?**

On October 28 & 29, we will be celebrating the Gospel's proclamation of grace and how it influenced Martin Luther's work, leading to the Reformation. You are invited to wear red to worship, a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

On November 4 & 5, we will be remembering the saints who helped to form, shape, and inspire our faith.

During worship we will name, remember, and light a candle for the saints of this particular faith community who died in the past year (the members of MLC and those with whom Pastor Naomi and Pastor Kelli had the privilege of leading the funeral liturgy.) There will also be an opportunity for you to come forward and light a candle for your personal saints.

2) **Where are we in the solar panel installation process?**

The solar panel system installation is underway! The electrical infrastructure is established in the custodial room downstairs outside of the lower kitchen. Panel brackets are being put on the roof of the Family Life Center and the panels will follow soon. A blessing of the solar panels will take place at all three worship services the weekend of November 25 & 26.

3) **Where are we in the search for our new senior pastor?**

The Call Committee is beginning in-person interviews this month and will continue through the early part of November. In addition to meeting with members of the committee, each candidate will have an opportunity to meet with members of the MLC staff as part of their interviews.

After in-person interviews, the Call Committee will determine if we are ready to make a recommendation to Council. After Council approves the recommendation of the committee, we will schedule a special meeting where the congregation will vote to approve the new senior pastor.

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PREVIOUS FAQ

1) **Where did Pastor Naomi go?**

Pastor Naomi, as an interim, serves congregations at the direction of the Synodical Bishop. Bishop Joy asked Pastor Naomi to shift her energy from serving among us at MLC to working alongside the disciples of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton.

2) **What is a Bridge Pastor?**

A Bridge Pastor preaches and leads worship on a recurring, reliable, longer-term schedule. They do not attend staff meetings, hold office hours, or work with the Council, etc.

Welcoming a Bridge Pastor was one way Council offered to support Pastor Kelli in this time of transition as her responsibilities have increased.

3) Where are we in the search for our new senior pastor?

The call process is unfolding on pace with synod-estimated timelines and with the experience of other congregations.

We've been holding phone/Zoom interviews throughout September. We're hoping to start in-person interviews next month.

Please remember that interviews are confidential and we're not allowed to share details.

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