

FAQ

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

The call committee has received two additional candidates Rostered Minister Profiles (RMPs) and the call committee is actively reviewing each candidate to determine whether to offer Zoom interviews. We're targeting Zoom interviews for these candidates in February.

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

Following final approval from Alliant Energy, the new MLC solar panel system has been switched on and now is generating energy for the church! We will be dedicating the new system and celebrating at worship services on February 3 and 4. There will be an information table in the gathering space after all three services and an opportunity to visit the system hub in the mechanical room. All are invited to participate.

3) **What is our Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule?**

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14
11:00am and 6:30pm
No Meal Served on Ash Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays, February 21 & 28 and March 6, 13, & 20 at 6:30pm
Lenten Meals from 5:30-6:30pm

Palm/Passion Sunday

Saturday, March 23 at 5:00pm
Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 and 10:00am
Procession with Palms and Readers Theater of the Passion Story

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30pm
Communion, Hand Washing, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, March 29 at Noon
Prayer around the Cross at TBD

Easter

Saturday, March 30 at 5:00pm
Sunday, March 31 at 8:00am and 10:00am

(Updated 1/31/24)

PREVIOUS FAQ

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.

(From 9/20/23)

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.

(From 9/20/23)

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.

(From 9/20/23)

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.

(From 10/24/2023)

It is with a sad heart that we share that we need to temporarily pause the call committee's search for our next senior pastor due to our recommended candidate abruptly withdrawing from our call process. The Call Committee was preparing to update the congregation with the exciting news that we had selected our candidate, and that they had accepted our recommendation to Council and, ultimately, to the Congregation. However, one day before the call committee meeting to prepare for the recommendation, our selected candidate blindsided us by withdrawing from our call process.

To read more, click [\[here\]](#).

(From 12/27/23)

What if I have questions about the call process or the recent update from the Call Committee?

The Call Committee hosted an open forum on Sunday, December 17, 2023. A productive dialogue was shared and questions were addressed.

The Call Committee will be hosting another open forum on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 9:00am in the Family Life Center. All are welcome and encouraged to join.
(From 12/27/23)

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.

(From 10/24/2023)

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.

(From 10/24/2023)

Who is our new Administrative Assistant?

Please join the Personnel Committee in welcoming Heather Wedan, an MLC member, to MLC's Staff. Heather joined our staff on December 5, 2023. You can contact Heather by either calling the main office or emailing her at:
hwedan@mcfarlandlutheran.org.

(From 12/13/23)

What is the Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule?

Three Midweek Advent Services

Advent Meals at 5:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20 at 6:30pm

Three Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24
10:00am (Contemporary/Family Emphasis)
3:00pm and 5:00pm (Traditional)
A Children's Message and Silent Night Candle Lighting at all three services
(no Saturday, December 23 service)

No Christmas Day Service

Celebrate Christmas Day at home with loved ones

One First Sunday of Christmas Service

Sunday, December 31 at 10:00am

Festival of Lessons and Carols

(no Saturday, December 30 service or Sunday, December 31 8:00am service)

(From 12/13/23)

How do I sign up to serve in a worship leadership role?

There is a new way to volunteer for worship leadership roles: ushers, lectors, communion servers, and more!

The new sign-up forms will begin with the worship services for January 6 and 7, 2024. You can start signing up now! Just click the link below!

[Saturday 5PM Worship Sign-Up](#)

[Sunday 8AM Worship Sign-Up](#)

[Sunday 10AM Worship Sign-Up](#)

(From 12/27/23)