



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 16/17, 2024

Sat. 5 pm worship

Sun. 8 am Worship

Sun. 10 am Worship & Facebook Live

New Worship Assistant Sign Up

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Sign up to help lead worship as an usher, lector, communion server, and more!

Sign Up Here!

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Holy Week Worship Leaders

There are still opportunities to serve during Holy Week worship services!

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are listed in the "Ash Wednesday and Holy Week" link above.

Palm Sunday and Easter weekend services are listed in the "5pm Worship, 8 am Worship

and 10am Worship" links above.

Thank you for your leadership as we enter Jerusalem, celebrate the Last Supper, mourn at the cross, and celebrate the empty tomb!

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Weekly Calendar

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays, March 13 & 20 at 6:30pm

Lenten Meals from 5:30-6:30pm

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Greetings from CLM

Rare Openings Available in Preschool!

We want to let you know that we have a few openings available in our three-year preschool classes held on either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday. Both are morning sessions! Please contact us if you would like more information or have questions. These openings will go fast so be sure and tell someone who might be interested!



We are very busy with Easter activities, music and worship, and enjoying the unseasonably warm weather! There will be no preschool during Holy Week, so we are a little ahead on the Easter Story! This week in worship we learned a great "Hosanna" song and talked about Palm Sunday. Next week we will celebrate Easter before leaving for Spring Break.

This week there has also been a wee bit of leprechaun fun and lots of wearing of the green. The Monday/Tuesday threes' read Mouse Paint and made some cute little mice after hearing the story. The Pre-K also had their Guest Day on Tuesday. These are full days at CLM, filled with fun, learning, music, and worship. How nice it would be if all of our days contained a touch of each of these.

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Easter Flowers

Donate in honor or memory of a loved one and take home a lovely plant or flower on Easter Sunday! Stop by the Welcome Center to fill out an order. Place it in the offering or leave it in Heather's mailbox by the conference room door by March 24th. Suggested donation is \$15.

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No Nursery Attendant

There will be no nursery attendant March 24th or March 31st. The nursery will still be open if families wish to be in there with their children.



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Lenten Fair This Weekend!

Lenten Fair will soon be here. All ages are invited to join us in the Family Life Center on **Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 to 11:00 am.** Come decorate a cross, make a pretzel, sample hot cross buns, plant a seed and so much more. The Care of Creation Team will also be with us sharing insights on the butterfly and why butterflies are a great symbol of Easter. This is not a drop off event but, instead, a fun event for the whole family to experience together!



The Family and Children Ministry Team would also like to invite anyone interested in helping out on the 16th to contact one of us or see us in church. Helping others, especially our youngest disciples, to learn more about the gift of Easter has its rewards many times over.

JOIN US

Brenda 608-873-1634, Cheryl 608-712-9734, Karen 608-513-6240.

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“The Most Fun You Will Have In A Yellow T-Shirt!”

Please join the Local Missions Committee and volunteer at the Madison Brat Fest on Saturday, May 25 between 10am-2pm, with check-in 20 minutes prior to your shift. The **INITLIVE registration website (see below) goes live on March 15 th at 10AM.** Volunteer shifts fill up quickly, so log in right away at 10AM to create an account and sign up for a slot. Positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Minimum age to volunteer



is 14. Volunteers receive a yellow Brat Fest t-shirt, coupon good for a free food item, a free scoop of Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, and earn \$10 for every volunteer hour, which will go to McFarland Lutheran Church. More information to come closer to the Brat Fest date. If you have any questions or problems signing up, please contact Paul Hundt at (608) 225-0377 or hundts1@yahoo.com.

Click [here](#) to sign-up!

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Walk4Water

The Global Mission Team wants to invite a few more people to our innovative and fun W4W planning committee this year! The 2024 Walk4Water will be held Saturday, September 21st at McDaniel Park.



The time commitment is minimal and a lot is accomplished with emails. We meet as needed to establish timelines and divide up assignments. We will also be assembling the amazing and artistic silent auction baskets!

Over the past ten years, MLC has raised enough money to drill nearly eleven bore holes with sustainable wells in rural Ugandan villages. Thanks be to God, our church and the community for bringing safe, clean water to these very grateful people! The need for wells continues as so many people still rely on dirty and unreliable water sources.

We would really love to get some new people involved with planning the Walk. So if you have ever thought "WOW - the people on that committee seem to have such a great time" this is your big chance!

Please contact Gudrun Sindermann with questions, suggestions or to help us out at gudrun1213@gmail.com. Thank You and God's Peace!

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CHILDREN SINGING GROUP

Our youngest vocalists shared their musical gifts in worship. It was such a hit that they're invited to participate again!

Rehearsals will be in the sanctuary on Sundays immediately following the 10:00am worship for roughly 15 minutes. Students will sing during the 10:00am worship.

Rehearsals on March 3 and 10. Sing on March 17.
Rehearsals on April 7 and 14. Sing on April 21.

All students are welcome to participate!

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BOOK CLUB

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.

March 19: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

April 16: *Finding Me: A Memoir* by Viola Davis

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Your Thrivent Choice dollars are an opportunity for you to make a difference. Please take a moment to allocate your Thrivent Choice dollars to support the ongoing ministry here at MLC.

The allocation **deadline is March 31st, 2024**. It only takes a few minutes to direct your personal Thrivent Choice dollars. To direct your dollars, please visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 before the March 31st deadline.

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