



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 20/21, 2024

Sat. 5 pm worship

Sun. 8 am Worship

Sun. 10 am Worship & Facebook Live

Worship Assistant Sign Up

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

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Baptism

Congratulations to **Caroline Marie Doll** who was baptized on April 7, 2024.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WEEKLY

Sneak Peek

Weekly Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to see a list of activities for the next week.

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Greetings from CLM

Let's Get Messy!

When you see this in the title of lesson plans, you know its going to be fun! The three-year classes have been having lots of messy adventures including mud art, puffy paint "ice cream", mouse paint, and playing in a popcorn bin!



Did you know that every Monday morning, our Rainbow South friends walk to the library? They enjoy a story time, look at books, and then check out and bring back some of their favorites. On Wednesdays, when the weather cooperates, they also walk to a local park for play and sometimes a picnic lunch. Since Rainbow South is an all-day care program, the children also have a rest time every afternoon.

Pre-k has been learning about the farm! Washing farm animals, planting green beans, making butterflies, and celebrating Earth Day are all a part of the farm plans!

I hope you enjoyed reading about a few of our days at CLM. We are so thankful we have the love of Jesus guide us through each and every day of our lives. Even the messy ones!

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congregational MEETING

At our congregation meeting on April 7, a motion was made, seconded and passed to extend a call to Pastor Peter Erickson to fill our senior pastor position here at McFarland Lutheran Church. We are very pleased and excited that Pastor Peter has accepted our call!

Click [here](#) to read more.

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Gift Basket for Peter Erickson

What joy we experienced at the congregational meeting on April 7 where we voted for Pastor Peter Erickson's call to be our new senior pastor! During the meeting we brain-stormed ideas to welcome him to MLC. Many suggestions were given that could be included in a gift basket, such as a Packer or Badger shirt, a gift certificate to Culver's, a state park sticker, etc. (Note, Pastor Peter wears size large) If you would like to contribute an item for a gift basket, please contact Jane Licht at 608-234-2504 or licht.jane@gmail.com.



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Garden of Eatin' Plots Available

The Care of Creation team is letting everyone know that there are 2 plots available in the Garden of Eatin' behind the back parking lot of MLC. The Garden of Eatin' is a communal garden open to anyone who would like to garden organically. The plots are generally available mid May, depending on the weather, and can be gardened until

October 31. Each plot is approximately 12X12 feet. In this case the plots are next to each other so it would be a possibility to rent just one or both plots. The cost of the plot(s) is \$10 for 1 plot or \$15 if you would like both plots. The fee helps defer some of the cost of water and other garden needs. Please call or email with any questions.



Dawn Bolstad- Care of Creation 608-332-1102 tdajbolstad@charter.net

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MLC Orientation

The Welcome Committee along with Pastor Kelli has developed an updated MLC member 90- minute orientation session. These sessions were discontinued with the advent of the pandemic. They were designed for new members but since it's been a while, all members, and people who have joined since the pandemic, and those interested in formalizing their membership to MLC are invited to attend. There will be two sessions; one on Sunday, April 28 at 11:15 and the other on April 30 at 6:30 pm. Location will be in the Conference room. Please let Heather in the Church office know which one of these sessions you plan on attending by Friday April 26th at hwedan@mcfarlandlutheran.org or (608) 838-3184.



Please feel free to contact any of the Welcome Committee Members listed below or Pastor Kelli if you have any questions.

Sandy Franklin—608-695-4586
Tom Scharine— 608-556-8284
Paul Hundt —608-225-0377

Carol Munch—608-239-3351
Devon Christiansen —608-669-2859
Sandy Hall —608-215-3999

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Sanctuary Projector Update

You may have noticed that one of our sanctuary projectors is not working. We have been working to resolve the issue. These projectors are nearly ten years old, this projector model is no longer in production, and service for this old technology isn't available or cost effective. We are in the process of gaining proposals to replace our two sanctuary projectors. It will take a few weeks to finalize a replacement option and to schedule this installation.

The good news, projector technology has improved a lot since these were first installed. Our new projectors will be laser projectors (not bulbs), they will provide a brighter and more vivid image, they will last much longer than bulb projectors, and they will be more reliable and require less maintenance than our current projectors.

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CARE OF *Creation*

2024 Events

Sunday, May 18th - Seed and Plant Blessing--The seeds and plants that we will plant in our COC garden for the McFarland Food Pantry will be blessed during the Sunday services

June through September - Monday mornings from 8-9 am – All are welcome to come help weed, water and harvest from the COC garden. We then take produce and flowers to the McFarland Food Pantry.

Sunday, June 30th 3 pm (rain date July 14th) Join us for a Canoe trip down the Yahara. The trip is usually about 2 hours and open to all. Canoes /instruction available.

July 14 th - Care of Creation Sunday - 8am and 10 am services- Take a prairie walk, do a scavenger hunt for things in His creation, eat a treat that we harvested from our Garden of Eatin'.

Wednesday, August 21 - Harvest Wheat-late afternoon/early evening- Come help us harvest the wheat we planted last Fall. We need to cut it down to dry it so it is ready to thresh. This will be the wheat we then grind into flour to make communion wafers.

Communion wafer making - Every 3rd Friday at 4 pm we make the communion wafers that are used for the services that weekend. Everyone is welcome. We meet in the upstairs kitchen.

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Local Missions

Please support our McFarland community by volunteering your time and energy
McFarland Community Service Day
April 27, 2024 **8am-12pm**

Opportunities include: cemetery clean-up, park clean-up, library dusting,
and so much more!

Check out the website below for more information about opportunities to help:
<https://mcfarland.wi.us/302/Community-Service-Day>

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Join us in celebrating the

ANNIVERSARY

of Parroquia Santa María

Sunday, April 28

12:30 p.m. Worship service in Spanish
(Bilingual bulletin will be provided)

Followed by a gathering at the Great Room
1021 University Ave. Madison, WI

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Have You Moved?

If you have moved, please contact the church office to update your mailing address. Call us at (608) 838-3184 or email us at office@mcfarlandlutheran.org.

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Worship AV Volunteer Sign-Ups & Training Opportunities

There is a need to grow our worship AV volunteer team. Recent training opportunities have helped involve new people. Thank you for your continued volunteer efforts!

How do I volunteer and learn how to run the worship slides, sound, and video?

You can still simply sign-up on the online Worship Assistants Sign-Up – 8AM Worship Volunteers & 10AM Worship Volunteers on the church website.

There are now 2 AV volunteer sign-up slots: **AV Leader AND AV Assistant/Training**

- If you are a regular, experienced AV volunteer, you can sign-up as normal under “AV Leader” and you might possibly help teach or assist someone less familiar with the technology.
- If you are brand new, or are still learning, you can sign-up under “AV Assistant/Training” to gain live training and experience during the worship service.
- We would like to move towards a model where we have 2 people in the AV booth for each worship service to teach more volunteers, and to better run the various moving parts of slides, sound balance, video production, and the occasional troubleshooting issue.

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First Communion Instruction for 2nd Graders!

All 2nd Graders (plus a parent/grandparent/fun adult) are invited to join a Communion Instruction Day in preparation for receiving their First Communion!

Join us for conversation **Wednesday, May 1 (4:00-5:30pm)** – OR – **Saturday, May 4 (9:00-10:30am)**. We will meet downstairs in Room 113.

Celebrate your First Communion at any worship service the **weekend of May 4 & 5**.

If interested, **RSVP by April 24** to Pastor Kelli (kschmit@mcfarlandlutheran.org).

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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.

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

May 21: *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell

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Church Council

Council Corner

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

At the March 19 Council meeting, Council members discussed the importance of all the many devoted volunteers in our congregation who make it possible for McFarland Lutheran Church to carry out our mission: to share God's word, to show God's love, to serve God's world. The contributions of our many volunteers cannot be overstated or even comprehensively listed. We volunteer because we love God and because we truly are His hands and His feet reaching out to help and serve others.

God gives us the personal gifts, the strength, and the opportunities to serve our congregation and each other. The Council wants to **SINCERELY THANK** the many people who volunteer in so many different capacities here at McFarland Lutheran Church. We also want to encourage all members to recognize their individual God-given gifts and to share those gifts with others whenever possible!



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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 hundtsi1@yahoo.com.



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

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Q's & A's After Uganda Presentation

At the April 6 and 7 weekend services, presentations were given on our recent Uganda mission trip. Afterwards we presenters were asked several common questions, and we have provided answers below.

Q1: If I want to support the Uganda mission, what is most needed?

There are so many needs, all important and helpful to someone. If you try to use logic to determine which is most important, you'll discover there are good reasons to support each and every need. Rather than using logic, just follow your heart. Whether you want to help supply clean water, support education for children or adults, provide vocational training, clothe a child, provide medical supplies, feed children, or support school construction, do what appeals to your heart!

Q2: How do I sponsor a child's education?

Go to the Hope 4 Kids International website by typing H4KI.org into your browser or clicking on this [link](#). Then click on the Sponsor a Child button at the top of the page. From there you can select a child to sponsor by filtering students by Country, Gender, and Age Range.

Q3: Will McFarland Lutheran be raising funds for more wells?

Yes. Another Walk-4-Water is scheduled on Sept. 21. The website to register for the walk and/or make a contribution will be going live in the coming weeks. Details will be published in the newsletter and on the church website as they become available.

Q4: What happens to the produce and animals that are given to us at the well dedication ceremony?

The H-4-K staff in Uganda distributes the goods to local needy families or to H-4-K employees.

Q5: When will there be another Uganda mission trip?

We don't know yet. The Global Mission Team hopes to get back to one mission trip per year to Uganda, traditionally in March. H-4-K has not put together the schedule for 2025 trips, but we are hoping they will accommodate a trip in March 2025. H-4-K has also been running 2 trips to Uganda in July and one in November, and anyone can attend one of these trips by signing up on the H4KI website.



Ron Vandeberg, Bonnie Dirks, Dale Marsden

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Outreach For World Hope

Guatemala Mission Trip – June 17-22, 2024

What: **Guatemala Mission Trip**

- Serving, Building Community, & Assisting with Medical Clinics,
- Distributing: food, water filters, clothing, & toys
- Planting Fruit Trees, Installing Woodburning Stoves, Light Construction,
- Travel, Sightseeing, etc.
- www.outreachforworldhope.org

When: **June 17 - 22, 2024 (Monday – Saturday)**

Who: **Adults & Students (14+ years old) able & willing to serve**

Anyone under 18 must accompanied by a parent
Participants from around the Dane County area will assemble a team of 20-30 people.*

**Note: This June mission trip opportunity is provided by Outreach for World Hope. This particular trip is not sponsored by MLC or MLC Youth Programming. FYI – MLC is planning its 3rd Youth & Family Mission Trip for January 16-21, 2025.*

Where: **Fly from: Chicago to Guatemala City**
Stay at: Maria de Teresa Hotel in Chiquimula
Serve in: Jocotán – rural villages (southeast Guatemala)

Cost: **\$1,800 per person**

How: **To register, contact Kim Tews at Outreach for World Hope:**
ktews@restainohomes.com or (608) 575-2746

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