



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 27/28, 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!

Sign Up Here!

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

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Baptism

Congratulations to **Paul Luther Hundt** who was baptized on April 20, 2024.



Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Ken Brost and his family**, on the death of his wife, Eileen Brost.



Sympathy

We express our sympathy **to the family of Matt Wendorf.**



Weekly Calendar

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Greetings from CLM

Training the Turkey Vultures...

For about the past week, as we have walked from Rainbow South to the main church building, the roof line has been filled with the turkey

vultures. As many of you know, they have seemed to set up residence here at McFarland Lutheran and perch on the roof line looking down on us as we come and go. On the playground, they occasionally swoop down and then back up, just making sure we know they are around. Yesterday as we were walking over to preschool, someone suggested we could train them to walk and then maybe they could come in to worship with us and learn about Jesus. We then talked about how we can invite others (not vultures!) to learn about Jesus and his love for us. By attending CLM we are learning how we play and learn, and live surrounded by the love of Jesus.



As a staff, we want to extend the healing love of Jesus to Ken Brost and his family as they grieve Eileen's death and rejoice in her eternal life now spent with our Lord. We have missed seeing Ken as he has been attending to Eileen and spending time with family.

Wishing everyone God's Peace and Love,
Deb

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Church Council

Council Corner

The Council has been discussing and planning for the arrival of our new Senior Pastor. Pastor Peter Erickson has accepted our call and will be coming to us from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls, Montana, where he has served as pastor for the past 17 years. Pastor Peter's personal ministry statement describes how he views his role and the trust he places in God:

"Sent by God, I creatively and energetically preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a pastor, I share it compassionately with those in need. Leading, I inspire the church to be an active, inclusive community of the gospel. Personally, I trust God's guidance and strength in work and life."

Pastor Peter will be joining our congregation in mid-May. We will be providing Pastor Peter with orientation to our congregation and will also be scheduling events that will provide an opportunity for our members to meet Pastor Peter. More specific information will be shared soon!

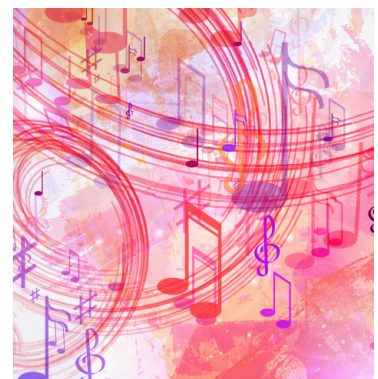
NAME TAGS – To assist Pastor Peter in learning members' names, the Council is asking all members to **please wear their personal name tags** when attending worship, meetings and other church events. Laminated, personal name tags are kept in the gathering space. If you don't have a name tag or if you need a new one, please contact Heather Wedan in our church office. Thank you!

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Kids Chorus - Thank You

The Kids Chorus brought joy and delight to our worship experience these past few months! A big thank you to the students for devoting their time in rehearsals and for sharing their musical gifts with us. And a big thank you to Deb Nygaard and Chris Landerud for coordinating the song selections and "performances," and for encouraging the relationships and laughter. Thank you!

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Spring Clean-Up

As part of McFarland Lutheran's stewardship efforts, in conjunction with the Dane County Adopt-A-Highway Program, we sponsor a portion of highway just south of



McFarland along County Road B in the Town of Dunn. Our spring clean-up will be Saturday, May 11. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Dunn Town Hall (corner of Keenan Road and Cty. Road B). The clean-up takes about one hour. Please contact Jacqui Landerud if you would like to volunteer (daveandjacqui@gmail.com). Thank you.

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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.

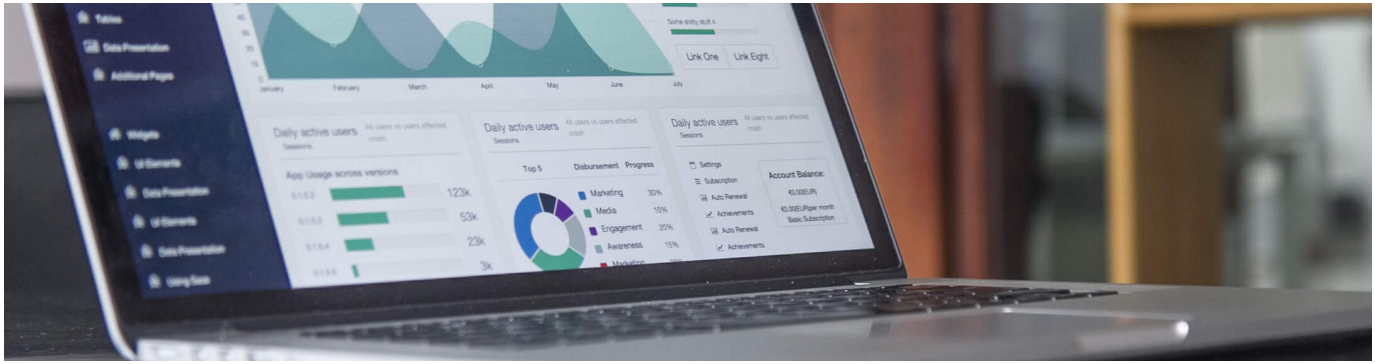


Please feel free to contact any of the Welcome Committee Members listed below or Pastor Kelli if you have any questions.

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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Financial Summary As of March 31, 2024

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	9 Months	9 Months
Income	\$984,233	\$972,892
Expenses	\$988,539	\$852,748
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(4,306)	\$120,144

Mortgage Balance		
Outstanding	\$814,892	\$770,912
	As of 6/30/23	As of 3/31/24

McFarland Lutheran Church has been rich in God's blessings for many generations. God's gifts surround us throughout our church property. In recent years, however, MLC has had a significant amount of needed property maintenance deferred or delayed. Some of our maintenance issues have been deferred far too long. It is time for our congregation to begin addressing those issues.

The end of our fiscal year June 30th will show a "surplus" in the congregation's bank accounts. We need to use that "surplus" to begin resolving our deferred maintenance issues. We won't get everything done quickly, but it is time to begin.

Our "surplus" is caused, in part, by prudent fiscal management of the gifts God has given us. The "surplus" is also, in large part, because MLC has had multiple vacant staff positions for large portions of this fiscal year. Those vacancies include the senior pastor position, minister of music and office administrative assistant. Having these positions open caused us some pastoral and operational problems while simultaneously allowing our bank balance to grow.

Our staff vacancies are expected to be fully filled soon. MLC's expenses will go up. Our need for generous stewardship will continue as we move forward. Our budget "surplus" will go away but the services our congregation needs and expects will finally be fully met again. The surplus, while real, will be consumed by equally real needs within our beloved church facility. MLC will continue to need the active stewardship support of our members. We hope that all of our members will prayerfully consider your own stewardship during this time.

McFarland Lutheran Church has enjoyed a long and deserved reputation as a remarkably welcoming and generous congregation. We joyously look forward to again benefiting from a full staff, the overdue maintenance upgrades and the renewed service to our Lord and our congregation.

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Gift Basket for Peter Erickson

Thanks to all who donated or pledged a gift for our new senior pastor. If you wish to contribute something, please let Jane Licht (licht.jane@gmail.com) know by May 12. Here is what we have so far: Marsden Honey, Bucky Badger playing cards, Kwik Trip gift card, Maple Tree gift card, Angelo's gift card, bottle of wine from Wollersheim's, Living Waters of Grace note cards, MLC directory, MLC history book, History of McFarland book, Wisconsin book, Quilt by the MLC quilters, Wisconsin tea towel, 2 Badger football tickets, Badger T-shirt, Packer T-shirt, cribbage set (maybe).



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BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study

Men's Bible Study

First Saturday/month, 7:30 am

Come and join the MLC Men's Bible study group as we delve into God's Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on Saturday, May 4th in room 125.

Interested? Have questions?
Please contact Jeff Gehrke at jeffgehrke59@gmail.com or Scott Potts at scottalan23@hotmail.com.

Women's Bible Study

First Saturday/month, 7:30 am

Come and join the MLC Women's Bible study group as we delve into God's Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on Saturday, May 4th in room 210.

Interested? Have questions?
Please contact Sheri Gehrke at sherilgehrke@gmail.com

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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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First COMMUNION

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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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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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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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.

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

June 18: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

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Local Missions

“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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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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