



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 4/5, 2024

Sat. 5 pm worship

Sun. 8 am Worship

Sun. 10 am Worship & Facebook Live

IMPORTANT DATES

April 30 - 8:30 am

"Piece" Corp Quilters

April 30 - 6:30 pm

MLC Orientation/New Member Class

May 1 - 7:00 am

High School Breakfast

May 1 - 4:00 pm

First Communion Class

May 1 - 7:30 pm

Vocal Choir Rehearsal

May 2 - All Day

Church Office Not Staffed

May 3 - All Day

Church Office Closed

May 4 - 7:30 am

Women's Bible Study

May 4 - 7:30 am

Men's Bible Study

May 4 - 9:00 am

First Communion Class

May 4 - 5:00 pm

Worship/First Communion

May 5 - 8:00 am

Worship/First Communion

May 5 - 9:00 am

Sunday School

May 5 - 9:00 am

Confirmation

May 5 - 9:15 am

Face Time

May 5 - 10:00 am

Worship/First Communion

May 6 - 9:00 am

Giving Quilters

May 6 - 6:30pm

Prayer Shawl Workshop

May 7 - 8:30 am

"Piece" Corp Quilters

May 7 - 6:30 pm

Family & Children Committee



Office Hours

The church office **will not be staffed May 2nd** and will be **closed on May 3rd.**

Greetings from CLM Staff and Students!

Hi everyone!

We are entering our last three weeks of preschool but it seems as if we were just welcoming everyone into the new year. Our youngest Tots will be going into three-year classes, our three- and four-year-old students will be going to CLM Pre-K or 4K, and our Pre-K and 4K students will be heading off to kindergarten. Lots of changes!



We will be practicing for our programs, having picnics, and going on field trips so these coming weeks will fly by.

The three year and Tots program will be on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 in the Worship Center and the Pre-K Recognition program will be on Monday, May 13 th at 6:00 in the Worship Center. All are welcome!

Sara and I are in high readiness mode for summer programming! All of the classes are full and the summer staff is planning exciting activities for everyone. And in the midst of end of year wrap up and summer gear up, class lists are being finalized for CLM Fall!

And of course, we are all happily anticipating the arrival of Pastor Peter in the next few weeks! There are exciting days ahead.

Deb

No Saturday Service, May 18

There will be no Saturday even worship service on May 18. Pastor Kelli will be at the annual synod event, Synod Assembly.



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 Giving Quilters, Wisconsin tea towel, 2 Badger football tickets, Badger T-shirt, Packer T-shirt, Packer mug, Our Wisconsin magazine subscription, McFarland House Cafe and Lily's Ice Cream Shop gift card, Forage Kitchen gift card.



Prayer Shawl Workshop

Join us **Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm** for a prayer shawl workshop. These workshops will be held in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Norma Kohl.



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!

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.

Join Us For Game Night!

Game night is open to everyone who is interested in playing games. Join us every second Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm in the FLC. **Our next night is on May 11th.** Enjoy fun, fellowship and games!



Contact Kevin Strattan if you have any questions, kcascade@tds.net.

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!



Book Club Schedule

The book club will start meeting 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



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

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.

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.

Prayers

We pray that God's love & comfort will surround all those listed on the prayer page. If you see names on this page that should be removed, or to list someone on the prayer page, contact Heather Wedan at hwedan@mcfarlandlutheran.org

Adams family

Bethany Austin

***Cheryl Bartels**

(sister of Brenda Moen)

Tanya Brake

(Daughter of Russell & Sheila Wolff)

***Scott Breivik**

***Brent & Mindy**

(Friends of Dee Weikert)

***Sandy Brunker**

(Kathy Westby's and Eileen Richter's sister-in-law)

***Steve Brunker**

(Kathy Westby & Eileen Richter's brother)

***Dale Burke**

(Friend of Harlan & Deb Hettrick)

***James Burton**

(brother of Cathy Kirby)

Amber Catterall

Judy Catterall

***Andrea Denman**

(Friend of Lisa Deegan)

***Kathryn, Tom and Kamiah Fields**

(Friends of Kathy Westby)

*** Jill Fortune**

(Friend of Nancy Vick)

***Renee Gray**

***Cindy Halverson**

(niece of Wayne and Gayle Huston)***Carol**

Hanna

***Carson Hartwig**

(14 yr nephew of Russ & Sheila Wolff)

***Kathy Hauge**

Sophie Heckel

(Daughter of Mark & Susan Heckel)

***Tyson Heiman-Lambert**

(Great grandson of Judie Heiman)

***Jeff Hitchcock**

***Mackenzie Ingvalson**

***Barb Klug**

(Co-worker of Jane Blank)

***Michelle Langmaid**

(Rick Strauss's niece)

David Lund

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(Granddaughter of Marla Grover)

Carter Moran

***Lisa Mulcahy**

Lorie & Bruce Neumann

***Stacey Newton**

(Bonnie Hansen's)

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(Friend of Bonnie Dirks)

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(Bonnie Dirks' daughter)

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(Bonnie Dirks' daughter)

***Connie Peterson and children Corbet, Carissa and Paula**
(Diane Wells' aunt and cousins)

***Kelson Peterson-Bystol**
(Grandson of Alan & Sharon Peterson;
great-grandson of Sylvester Peterson)

***Harlow Harue Phillips**
(Great-niece of David & Sallie Waller)

Chris Preston

Eileen Richter

***Albert Sandoval**
(Deb Hettrick's brother's father-in-law)

Monica Schaller

Clarke Schroeder

***Mary Seiler**
(Friend of Randy Hansen)

***Gladys Severtson**
(Aunt of Marla Grover)

***Rick Shoby**
(Bonnie Hansen's Brother-in-law)

Bonnie Spangler

***CurtSteindorf**
(Family of Lisa Paley)

***Jeff Swenson**
(brother-in-law of Diane Egner)

***Randi Thorson**
(Friend of Mary Grell)

***Carol Torgeson**
(Friend of Diane Voiss)

***Mike Tuck**
(Friend of Kevin Strattan)

Nancy Vick

Mark Vollmer
(Brother of Vicky Beyler)

Ron Walsvick

^*Michael Walther

Jordan Wendt

***Marcia Wiberg**
(Friend of Kim Henes)

Kim Wisden

***Chad Wood**

Linda Swenson

Rich Swenson & Meghan Lindy

Judy Walther & Family

Arnold Vollmer

Andy, Gaylene, Kirk Otteson

***Ethan Powell**
(Ernie Thieding's grandson)

***Non-Member ^New**