



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 11/12, 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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Save The Date

Vacation Bible School 2024! Save the Date! VBS will be held July 22nd through July 25th. More information to come.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WEEKLY

Sneak Peek

Weekly Calendar

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Greetings from CLM

Hi everyone!



As we near the end of our preschool and school year, it is time over the next two weeks to extend some very special thanks.

There are so many people that help us throughout the year. Thank you to Ken Brost and Dick Kohl, the church custodians who help us in so many ways. And a special thanks to Ken, Michael Kirch, Jeff Gehrke, and Paul Hundt for putting up the risers for the preschool program this week. They are heavy and cumbersome so it is no easy task.

From the front office, Heather has helped us with phone messaging and technical support. We are very blessed to have her on staff at MLC, along with Rita who keeps the budget numbers in order for us. We also include a thank you to Dennis, who keeps our computers updated whether he is close by, or miles away.

This Thursday is our three-year preschool and tots' program, followed by Pre-K Recognition next Monday night. There is a special thank you extended to Carrie Kruzan for making the beautiful wood crosses for our Pre-K students.

I will be looking forward to sharing more thanks to individuals next week.

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Update on Sanctuary Projectors

The projectors in our sanctuary play an important role in helping everyone participate in all aspects of our worship services. The current projectors are approximately ten years old, and one is not working at all. The model of these projectors is no longer being manufactured and repairing them is no longer a viable option. We received bids from vendors to purchase and install new projectors, and we are in the process of accepting one of these proposals. The new projectors will provide significantly brighter displays and will also have a significantly increased anticipated life span. Once the proposal is accepted, it's anticipated installation of the new projectors can be accomplished in three to six weeks (hopefully by the end of June). The cost of purchasing and installing these two new projectors is just under \$20,000. This is one of the "unexpected expenses" that periodically arise and is not covered by currently budgeted funds dedicated to "Properties". Generous members are stepping forward to help cover these expenses, and we owe them our SINCERE THANKS! Also, THANK YOU to Chris Landerud and Ron Vandenburg who both have devoted a lot of time and expertise to make this purchase possible!

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Thank You Pastor Kirsten!

Pastor Kirsten Worzala-Dumke has journeyed with us as our Bridge Pastor since November 2023. Her final weekend at MLC is May 11 & 12. She accompanied us while continuing to serve her call as a Palliative Care Chaplain with UW Health. Thank you, Pastor Kirsten, for your ministry and proclamation of the gospel. We have been blessed by your presence and support during this time of congregational transition. Thank you!

Thank You, Dick Kohl!

Our custodian, Ken Brost, recently needed to devote his attention to family matters. In Ken's absence, the building continued to operate well and stay clean thanks to Dick Kohl. He stepped up and covered tasks typically attended to by Ken. Thank you, Dick, for your care and dedication to McFarland Lutheran Church. Thank you!

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That's A Wrap on Another Year of Student Ministries!

Last Sunday, May 5, we had our final day of Sunday School and Confirmation for this programmatic year. It was a wonderful year of Student Ministries!

THANK YOU to the incredible students who made conversations and activities so fun! This year would not have been possible without adult participation, so THANK YOU to the teachers, leaders, and families who supported these ministries with your time, presence, and dedication!

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall!

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Name Tags

Laminated name tags for members are available on the kiosk in our gathering space. In order to help Pastor Peter (and everyone else!) get familiar with names and faces, we are asking members to PLEASE BEGIN WEARING YOUR NAME TAGS – to worship, to meetings, to church celebrations and gatherings. If you do not have a name tag, or if you need a new name tag, please contact Heather Wedan in our church office. Thank you!



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Welcome

Welcoming Pastor Peter

Our congregation will soon be welcoming Pastor Peter Erickson as our new Senior Pastor. Pastor Peter will be joining us in worship on Sunday, May 19, at both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. (The Saturday worship service on May 18 will not be held because Pastor Kelli will be attending the Synod convention scheduled for that day.) A small celebration to welcome Pastor Peter will be held following both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am worship services on May 19 in the Family Life Center.

Pastor Peter's first day in our church offices will be on Monday, May 20. Plans are being

made to help Pastor Peter acquaint himself with our congregation, including our mission, our ministries, our staff, and our administrative processes. Pastor Peter's email, phone contact information, and office schedule will be shared as soon as they're available.

Pastor Peter's installation as our Senior Pastor is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, at 9:00 am. In order for all our members to participate in the installation, we will be having only one worship service at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 30. (There will be no Saturday evening service, and no services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday.) Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA will join us in worship that day and will officiate at Pastor Peter's installation. Following the installation service, a welcome celebration will be held in the Family Life Center. More details will be shared as plans are finalized.

We THANK GOD for the opportunity to welcome Pastor Peter into our congregation and we look forward to working with him in service to our Lord. Please keep Pastor Peter, his family, and our congregation in your prayers!

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First Communion

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Communion the weekend of May 4 & 5!

Emmy Angus
Aimee Geisinger
Oliver Kramer
Deisree Nicholson

Isla Angus
Colin Kraemer
Hannah Moran
Jacob Schuster

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



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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Gift Basket for Peter Erickson

Thanks to all who donated 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, Quilt by the Giving Quilters, Wisconsin tea towel, 2 Badger football tickets, Badger T-shirt, Packer sweatshirt, Packer mug, Forage Kitchen gift card, Wisconsin History Day by Day, Ken's Meats & Deli gift card, Madison book, Wisconsin apron, candied pecans, McFarland House Café gift card, Pick 'n Save gift card, Wisconsin Magazine and a Kozy Nuk Cafe gift card.



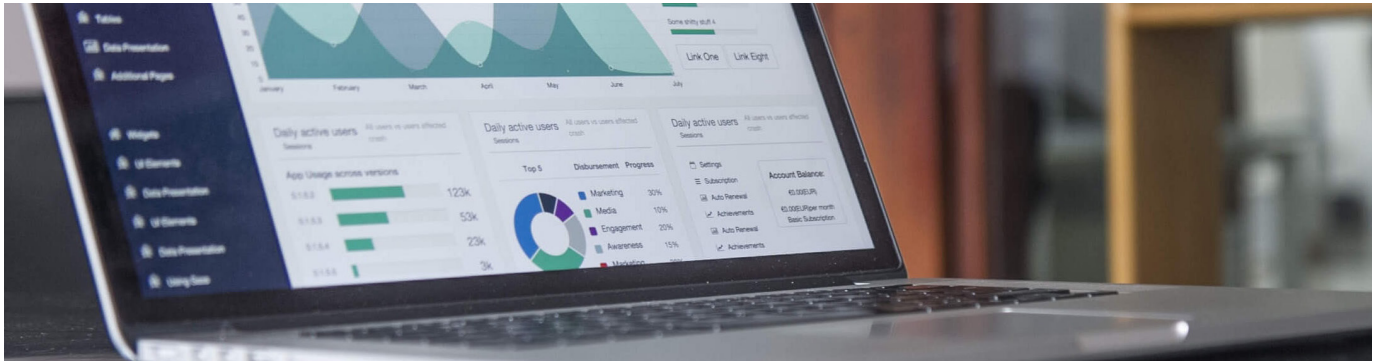
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No Saturday Service, May 18

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



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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 |

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 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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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.

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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 Skalden 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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Dementia, Dad, and Donuts

The women of the ELCA at Lake Edge Lutheran Church invite you to a “Fun” Shop (like a workshop, but more fun) with Pati Kachel. Stories about caring for a parent (or loved one) with dementia.

Saturday June 22
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Lake Edge Lutheran Church
4032 Monona Dr
Madison, WI 53716

Pre-register by June 15th
with Terry Anne Taylor
Taylor.theresea@gmail.com
(608)225-4203
*\$10 registration on day of event

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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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