

Join us for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 1/2, 2024 Sat. 5 pm Worship Sun. 8 am Worship Sun. 10 am Worship & Facebook Live



# Worship Assistant Sign up

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

\*Sign Up Here!\*

Saturday 5PM Worship Sign-Up

Sunday 8AM Worship Sign-Up

Sunday 10AM Worship Sign-Up

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## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Judi Strauss** on the death of her husband, Rick.



# Weekly Calendar

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# **Greetings from CLM**

Roll out the crazy, fun days of summer...

...Because they are on their way!



I thought I would catch you up on some activities our Rainbow North and South groups have been doing! Every Monday, Rainbow South walks to the library for story time with the children's librarian. Many times, activities are based on books they have been read to. This week Rainbow South will be painting with potato mashers, mixing squish bags, and walking to a nearby park.

Rainbow North has been making flower prints with forks, flowers from yarn, and confetti flowers, as well as walking to the park for some much-needed fresh air and change of scenery.

Everyone is waiting for the "invasion" of the Cicadas! The last time we had a swarm they were falling on the trees, crawling on the playground equipment, settling on the picnic tables, and the CLM kids just loved having them around. The staff? Not so much!

May your week be surrounded with love. Deb

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## No Nursery Attendant - June 2nd

The nursery will not have an attendant but will be open if families wish to be in there with their children.



## **Lions Shoe Collection**

The Care of Creation committee was asked to assist with the McFarland Lions athletic shoe collection at MLC. The collected shoes will be recycled rather than thrown away. There is a bin in the long hallway on the table near the Care of Creation bulletin board. There are very specific

restrictions on what shoes may be recycled please see the list below. Shoes can be placed in the bin and we will make sure the Lions club receives them.

Accepted styles of shoes: Running, basketball, gym and training, cleats (rubber only), lifestyle and casual

Specific Brands accepted: Adidas, Allbirds, Altra, APL, Asics, Brooks, Columbia, Converse all stars, Fila, Hoka One One, Jordan, Keen, Merrell, Mizuno, New Balance, Nike, On, Puma, Reebok, Salomon, SAS, Saucony, Skechers, Sorel, Timberland, Topo, Under Armour, Vans

#### All foot wear is required to measure equal to or greater than 8 inches

Not accepted- all non athletic foot wear including but not limited to: Boots, Dress shoes, Heels, Sandals, Wedges, Flip flops, Water socks

Must be a pair- all un paired singles are not accepted

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### **HS Graduate Recognition Weekend**

June 1st & 2nd at All Three Worship Services

On June 1st & 2nd at our regular worship services, MLC will be recognizing and celebrating high school seniors and the milestone of graduation. Through message, music, and prayer – our worship time together will lift up our students, teachers, the accomplishment of graduation, and this new beginning. All are invited to attend.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord . . . to give you a future with hope. - Jeremiah 29:11



## **Pastor Peter is Here!**

On Sunday, May 19, our congregation was blessed to welcome Pastor Peter Erickson as our new Senior Pastor. We also had the opportunity to meet his wife Tonja and to learn a little bit about the path that led them to McFarland Lutheran. Pastor Peter's first day in our offices was Monday, May 20. You can contact Pastor Peter by calling the MLC Office at 608.838.3184 ... or you can reach him via email at: perickson@mcfarlandlutheran.org.

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## **Installation Service for Pastor Peter**

The installation of Pastor Peter Erickson 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.

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# **Projector Update**

The contract for the replacement of the Sanctuary projectors has been signed, and two new projectors have been ordered. We anticipate they will be installed by the end of June. This new



equipment will play an important role in facilitating and greatly enhancing our worship experience! **THANK YOU** to the very generous (anonymous) donors who made this purchase possible!

# **Prayer Shawl Workshop**

Join us **Monday, June 3rd at 6:30pm** for a prayer shawl workshop. These workshops will be held in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Norma Kohl.



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Men's bible study First Saturday/month, 7:30 a.m

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**, **June 1st 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 a.m

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**, **June 1st in room 210**.

> Interested? Have questions? Please contact Sheri Gehrke at <u>sherilgehrke@gmail.com</u>.

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### Thanks for the Gift Basket

Thanks to all who donated a "Wisconsin" item to the gift basket for Pastor Peter and his wife Tonja. It was well-received and appreciated. A list of all the donors and their gift was included in the basket. This writer was tempted to walk off with that lovely quilt made by the Giving Quilt group but she resisted. ~Jane Licht





#### Financial Summary As of April 30, 2024

BUDGET	ACTUAL
10 Months	10 Months
\$1,092,577	\$1,095,060
\$1,094,768	\$934,901
\$(2,191)	\$160,159
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Mortgage Balance		
Outstanding	\$814,892	\$768,694
	As of 6/30/23	As of 4/30/24

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.

- At the end of the fiscal year, MLC will have a "surplus" in it's checking account.
- This "surplus" is due to vacant staff positions during the fiscal year.
- This "surplus" is most likely a one time event. I certainly don't expect this to happen again.
- Let's use this one time event to begin taking care of delayed maintenance projects of MLC's property.
- However, we continue to need your support of the MLC's operations going forward.

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# **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.

June 18: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann July 16: Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain