



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 13/14, 2024

Sat. 5 pm Worship

Sun. 8 am Worship

Sun. 10 am Worship & Facebook Live

A Note From Pastor Kelli

I love having an office with windows in the summer. Not only is there sunshine and fresh air streaming in (when it's not too humid), those of us on this side of the building get to hear CLM kids playing outside. We are bystanders to their endearing conversations, explorations of nature, and chalk creations...the laughter and excited squeals of childhood. It is a gift to have my attention drawn from emails and reading, to witness unbridled joy that us adults wish we could bottle.



As I witnessed their joy, I realized that God gives me glimpses of joy pretty regularly. There was a late afternoon thunderstorm recently. It cleared up by the time I was wrangling our two kids into pajamas. In the midst of the wild chaos of the bedtime routine, our youngest stopped suddenly in the hallway. She noticed a rainbow through the window. My attention was drawn from pajamas and toothpaste to her joy. (Then she wanted the rainbow drawing she had made earlier that day. We almost had a real "If you give a mouse a cookie" situation on our hands.)

Glimpses of joy are not confined to childhood, but also through spotting sandhill cranes in the field, new puppies on a walk in the neighborhood, and a vibrant sunset. I hope the Spirit continues draw my attention – and yours – to recognizing divine joy on full display in the world.

~ Pastor Kelli



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](#)

[Sunday 8AM Worship Sign-Up](#)

[Sunday 10AM Worship Sign-Up](#)

Weekly Calendar

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Greetings from CLM

Summer is going fast and our School Age Summer students have spent lots of time together in the rooms, on fun field trips, time in worship, and exercise in the Family Life Center. As in any “family”, the need arises when we need to help our friends work things out, or negotiate an agreement, or help our friends talk out a problem. As teachers, that is an important part of our work with children. One thing we always say is that we can’t help if we don’t know. And that applies to adult relationships as well. If we don’t give voice to a question or concern, nothing changes except that it grows inside of us and leads to anxiety, fear, or anger. Together we lay it out, work it out, and then hug or handshake it out! This can take time and lots of practice but we make it work! I highly recommend a movie called “Inside Out 2”. It is animated but don’t let that deter you. It deals with all of the emotions that not just children deal with, but all of us do at one time or another. It definitely spans all age groups and has generated lots of good discussion between many of us at CLM.



Last week was split-shift week at CLM as we were closed on July 4 th, and then opened back up on Friday, July 5 th. In between the holiday, we made flags and celebrated with red, white, and blue snacks.

Upcoming activities in July include a trip to Troll Beach, a visit from “Zoo to You” with lots of play, learning, and worship in between! (We will make sure all animals are accounted for!)

Have a safe week, kept in the care our Jesus.

Deb

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Prairie & Garden Tours/Wheat Harvesting

The Care of Creation committee would like to invite you to join a couple of our upcoming activities. **This Sunday, July 14 after both the 8 am and 10 am services** we will be having prairie/garden walks to explore our beautiful prairies. All ages are welcome to see the flowers and gardens. We will have a gift for any child who joins us. We will have prairie flower bouquets in the gathering space and in the sanctuary.

Next week Tuesday, July 16 th at 5 pm we will be harvesting the wheat that was sown last Fall. We originally had planned a harvest in August but the wheat is ready now and we want to harvest before the birds eat all of the wheat seed. We need to cut down the wheat and bundle it for drying in the garage. In August or September, we will thresh or beat the stalks to remove the seed heads that then can be stored and ground for flour to make communion wafers. Come join the harvest. Meet in the back parking lot behind church.



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MLC 2024/2025 Budget Forum

Sunday July 14, 2024 at 9:00 am
Family Life Center

Members of the Finance Committee will be available to discuss and answer questions about the 2024/2025 Church budget with congregation members. Also, committee members will be there to respond to any questions concerning the proposed amendment to the MLC Constitution/By-Laws that will be presented at the annual meeting for the congregation's consideration and vote.

Click [here](#) to review the financial summary and [here](#) to review the proposed amendment to the Constitution/By-Laws

See you on July 14th.

Mike Devine

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Church Council Member Nominees

Our congregation will be electing four new Church Council members at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 28, at 11:15 a.m. Four members have graciously volunteered to be nominated for a three-year term serving on our Council beginning on July 28:

- Cheryl Brown
- Anne Janelins
- Denny Schaaf
- Paul Hundt

Profile information for our four nominees is provided [here](#), so that you have an opportunity to find out a little bit about each of them prior to our July 28 Annual Meeting. **SINCERE THANKS** to Cheryl, Anne, Denny and Paul for agreeing to be nominated to serve our congregation as Church Council members!

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COC Family Canoe Trip

The Care of Creation (COC) team is sponsoring a family canoe outing on Sunday afternoon, July 14, beginning at 3 pm. The trip will start at the canoe launch along the Yahara River at Jaeger Park in McFarland. We will travel downstream through Lower Mud Lake and finish at the new canoe launch facilities at the mouth of the Yahara River just before it enters Lake Kegonsa. This is an easy paddle and scenic route. Instruction and guidance will be provided by veterans to novice paddlers and children. Single paddlers will be matched with other paddlers at the launch site. Canoes, life jackets and transportation of canoes will be available where necessary.



Interested participants should contact Wes Licht at 608-422-3682 by July 11.

Due to Exchange Street construction, access to Jaeger Road is best from Hwy 51. Turn on Exchange from Hwy 51 just south of the river by Toddle Inn Nursery. Then turn left on Jaeger about one block past the barricade. Come join our fun adventure.

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No Game Night for July

Game night has been canceled for the month of July but will be back in August!

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Vacation Bible School

Join us July 22 thru the 25 for VBS from 5:00 to 8:00 and dive into friendship with God. Registration forms can be found on the McFarland Lutheran Church website or at the welcome desk in the narthex. Scuba promises to be fun and adventurous don't miss out, **registration forms are due July 15th**. If you want to help out or have questions contact Karen Emerson at grandma.karen6@yahoo.com.



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Baptism Class

Thinking about baptism? We are hosting a baptismal preparation conversation for those who are interested in having their child baptized or who are interested in getting baptized themselves. Join us Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30PM in Room 210. Contact the church office to sign up.



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Announcing 2024 Walk-4-Water

Water is the most critical and basic need on our planet. Drinking clean, fresh water is crucial to reduce disease and death. Providing this clean water is the ultimate purpose of our Walk-4-Water campaign. Currently many rural villagers in Uganda drink contaminated water from surface ponds that are full of bacteria which cause diarrhea and other diseases. In these villages close to half the children die before reaching age 5.



Our goal is to raise \$21,000, enough to drill 2 freshwater borehole wells in rural Uganda, adding to the 11 wells we have previously funded. This year's Walk-4-Water will be our sixth and it will be held September 21 at McDaniel Park. A silent auction will be part of the event.

The link to get more information about the villages where we will provide wells, register for the walk or make a donation is <http://w4ki.org/w4wmcfarland>. Please consider walking or donating to provide safe drinking water to many hundreds of villagers in rural Uganda.

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W4W Task Force Silent Auction Baskets

We are gearing up for the Walk 4 Water September 21st! The Silent Auction Baskets are always great fun and generate a lot of interest and wonderful donations! We would like to have 15-20 baskets with an average value of approximately \$50.00. We can combine donated items to increase the basket value. Business gift certificates are also welcome!

The theme ideas that have worked well are ethnic foods - especially Italian & Mexican, tea/coffee beans & mugs, Badger, Packer sport items, furry friend pet supplies, bird watcher/feeder items, bakeware supplies, luxury spa items, gardening supplies, arts & crafts fun items, gift certificates etc. We welcome new ideas and, of course, love the beautiful quilts and Craftsmen woodwork pieces received in the past!

We would like to have all donated basket items by August 21st. If any of you have questions or would like to contribute to a themed basket, please contact Gudrun Sindermann at gudrun1213@gmail.com. Thank You! God's Work - Our Hands!

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Thank You

We received your generous check in support of Outreach for World Hope. We just returned from Guatemala where 16 more children were placed in the Life Boat program for severe malnutrition. We appreciate your support and look forward to hosting your group again in January.

Peace and Blessings
Kim & Randy

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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.

July 16: *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain
August 20: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

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Looking Forward - Annual Meeting - July 28

Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 28, following the 10:00 am worship service. We'll review the past year with reports from our Pastors, staff members and committees. We'll consider an amendment of our congregation's constitution, and we'll look forward to ways that we can continue to fulfill our mission in 2024-2025. We'll also elect new Council members, approve our 2024-2025 budget, and discuss other issues needing congregation approval. Please plan to attend to CELEBRATE the past, to PLAN for the future, and to THANK GOD for so richly blessing our congregation! (And there will be treats!)



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Financial Summary

As of May 31, 2024

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	11 Months	11 Months
Income	\$1,200,921	\$1,184,528
Expenses	\$1,220,698	\$1,068,911
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(19,777)	\$115,616
Mortgage Balance		
Outstanding	\$814,892	\$766,468
	As of 6/30/23	As of 5/31/24

Budget Forum in Family Life Center on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 9:00 am.

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