

15th Sunday after Pentecost

**September 1, 2024**

**10:00 am Worship**

There is nothing outside a  
person that by going in can  
defile, but the things that  
come out are what defile.

Mark 7:15,  
NRSV



**McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# This Week at MLC

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## **Monday, September 2**

Labor Day - Office Closed

## **Tuesday, September 3**

8:30 am - "Piece" Corp Quilters

6:30 pm - Personnel Committee

6:30 pm - Family & Children Committee

## **Saturday, September 7**

7:30 am - Women's Bible Study

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study

5:00 pm - Worship/Backpack Blessing

## **Sunday, September 8**

8:00 am - Worship/Backpack & Teacher  
Blessing

9:00 am - Rally Day

10:00 am - Worship/Backpack & Teacher  
Blessing

11:00 am - Holy Smokes Cookout

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**Preacher** - Peter Erickson

**Presiding** - Pastor Kelli Schmit

**Assisting Minister** - Linda Ellestad

**Lector** - Deb Hettrick

**Musicians** - Kate Kroes, Chris Landerud,  
Deb Nygaard

**Pianist** - John Scoville

**Ushers** - Paul Hundt

**Communion** - Deb Hettrick, Cheryl Brown

**Sacristans** - Sandy Hall, Deb Alber

**AV Leader** - Kayla Landerud

**AV Assistant/Training** -

**Door Close** - Barbra Doran

# Gathering

A time to prepare ourselves for worship.

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## Welcome to McFarland Lutheran Church

Copies of the worship songs with musical notation are available in the back of the sanctuary by the children's activity bags. Please help yourself.

### GATHERING

"Open The Eyes of my Heart Lord"

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see You  
(repeat)

To see you high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of your glory  
Pour out your pow'r and love  
as we sing Holy holy holy

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Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see You  
(repeat)

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*silence is kept for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING SONG  
"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus  
Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord still I will say

Chorus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name  
(repeat)

Chorus  
(repeat)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

**C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING

#### **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (NRSV)**

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

#### **James 1:17-27 (NRSV)**

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
"Create in Me A Clean Heart O God"

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
That I might serve You;  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
That I might be renewed.**

**So fill me and heal me,  
And bring me back to You.  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
That I might serve You.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter:  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NRSV)**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

**Pastor Peter Erickson**

SONG OF THE DAY  
"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought  
And storm  
What heights of love  
What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
When strivings cease  
My comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin of Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT BLESSING FOR "PIECE" CORP QUILTERS

**P:** God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. Help these quilts, our offerings of hope, travel across the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with your grace and peace.

**C:** **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

**P:** God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected. May their presence be a sign of your faithful promise, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love.

**C:** **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

**P:** God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating these quilts. May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis. May these quilts provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

**C:** **Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: God, be with those who will receive these gifts — neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work crafted from our humble hands serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are desolate and hopeless and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

**C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.**

P: We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope.

**C: Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Merciful God. {following each prayer petition}

**C: Receive our prayer.**

### SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord with the words  
"Peace be with you."*

## *Holy Meal*

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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"I Will Bring You Home"  
Praise Band

OFFERING  
by Michael Card

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OFFERING PRAYER



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*You are welcome at this table, the Lord's Table. Jesus is fully present to each of us in the bread and the wine. Please come forward to receive this gift of grace. If you would prefer gluten free or grape juice, please let your server know. This gift is "for you." A blessing will be given to those of any age who come forward and do not commune. The ushers will direct you as to how and when to come forward.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### "Way Maker"

**You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You  
(Repeat)**

Chorus  
**(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness  
my God that is who You are  
(Repeat)**

**You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You**

**You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord**

Chorus (repeat)

Tag  
**That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
(Repeat)**

Bridge  
**Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working  
(Repeat 2x)**

Chorus (repeat)

Tag (repeat)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

### *Sending*

God blesses us and sends us in mission to our neighbors

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## BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG  
"Glory Glory (God Is Able)"

**Glory glory I've been singing  
Since I laid my burden down  
Glory glory I've been singing  
since I laid my burden down**

Chorus  
**I'm singing  
Hallelujah  
God is able  
Hallelujah  
God is faithful  
Hallelujah  
Lord I'm gonna sing**

**I feel better so much better  
Since I laid my burden down  
I feel better so much better  
Since I laid  
Oh Lord I laid my burden down**

**As long as I'm alive  
There's gonna be praising  
As long as I'm alive  
There's gonna be shouting  
One thing that I know  
Deep down in my soul  
As long as I'm alive  
I'm gonna sing**

Chorus

SENDING

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## *Welcome, Guests!*

We love having guests at MLC, and we welcome you to participate fully in worship with us today! Please allow us to thank you for worshiping with us by completing a "Welcome to Worship" card in front of you in the pew-chair racks. You can put the card in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you, and we invite you to join us again. May God bless and keep you!

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### **Matching Donations Expiring Soon/Walk-4-Water News**

Donations are steadily rising for our Walk-4-Water campaign which is raising funds for 2 borehole wells in rural Ugandan. Thank you so much to all who have contributed. Providing wells to rural villages saves lives, especially of children and grateful families.

A generous anonymous donor is providing a dollar-for-dollar match of all donations until September 8, up to a maximum of \$10,500. The offer of matching donations has elevated interest and contributions. Let's continue to make the donations flow to get the full matching amount!

GOD IS SO GREAT! Another generous member of our congregation is offering to match donations up to \$10,500! This is just so amazing - if our campaign can raise \$21,000 the money will be doubled! We will be able to drill FOUR sustainable bore hole wells! This is a huge opportunity! Please share this news with family, neighbors and friends so we can fully make this miracle happen!

Silent auction baskets, beautifully crafted wood charcuterie boards and a stunning quilt will be on display during the next four weeks. We hope to have the bid sheets available soon so people unable to attend the Walk4Water can place bids too. The final bids will be determined on-site at McDaniel Park on September 21st. The quilt donated by the Giving Quilt group is absolutely beautiful. Thank you to everyone that has donated items for our auction!

To learn more about the villages that will receive wells, register for the Walk-4-Water on September 21, or donate to the cause, go to <http://w4ki.org/w4wmcfarland> or use the QR code to go to the Walk-4-Water website.



## **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, September 7th in room 210.**

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Sheri Gehrke at [sherilgehrke@gmail.com](mailto:sherilgehrke@gmail.com).

## **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, September 7th in room 125.**

Interested? Have questions? Please contact Jeff Gehrke at [jeffgehrke59@gmail.com](mailto:jeffgehrke59@gmail.com) or Scott Potts at [scottalan23@hotmail.com](mailto:scottalan23@hotmail.com)

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## **Rally Day and Sunday School, Confirmation, & Youth Group Registration**

We kick off our year of Student Ministries on Rally Day September 8, at 9am in the sanctuary. Families stay with their students to hear about the fun planned for the upcoming year.

The first day of Sunday School and Confirmation is September 15 at 9:00 am.

Registration forms for Sunday School, Confirmation, and High School Youth Group are on the website or at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space. Please complete a form for each student and return them to the church office by Rally Day.

We're excited for another year of Student Ministries at MLC!

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## **Holy Smokes Cookout - On Rally Day September 8th**

The Welcome Committee invites you to lunch in the Family Life Center after the 10 am service. We'll be serving brats, hotdogs and a variety of salads and dessert from 11 to 12:30. Church members are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to join us as part of an outreach effort. Anyone willing to contribute a side dish, salad or dessert please contact Sandy Hall at 608-215-3999.

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## **Sunday School Shepherds Needed**

Sunday School for MLC is nearly here and we are excited. The Family and Children's Ministry Committee is in need of a few more shepherds. The role of shepherd is to accompany the students to the various learning stations. Rather than teaching, shepherds are present to keep the kids feeling loved, safe, and attentive to learning. Would you consider volunteering? If so, please contact the church office.

## **Backpack Blessing**

Get ready for a new school year with a Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your backpack with you to any service the weekend of September 7 & 8 for a special Children's Moment. See you there!

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## **Prayer Shawl Workshop**

Join us **Monday, September 9th** 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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## **Cemetery Walking Tour**

Join church archivist and local historian Ron Larson, on a cemetery walking tour on Saturday, September 14, beginning at 3 pm at the cemetery across the street from the church. The tour, "Faith of Our Fathers: History of the McFarland Lutheran Church," will explore the early days of the Lutheran Church in McFarland, the church buildings, ministers and some of the early and influential congregants. The tour is sponsored by the E.D. Locke Public Library. Registration is required and will open on August 29. To register, go to [www.mcfarlandlibrary.org/adult-events](http://www.mcfarlandlibrary.org/adult-events), or call Sara Hendrickson at the library, 608-838-9030.

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## **Bibles for 3-Year Olds!**

All 3-year-old Sunday School students are invited to receive a Story Bible at any services the weekend of September 14 & 15. We are excited to celebrate this faith milestone with students and their families!

Please let us know which service you plan to attend by September 9 ([office@mcfarlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@mcfarlandlutheran.org) or 608-838-3184).

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## **With Gratitude: Honoring Youth Director Chris Landerud's Dedication to MLC's Youth**

After the 10:00 a.m. service on September 15th all are welcome to a reception in honor of Chris Landerud and his years of service as MLC's Youth Director. As Chris' time in this position comes to an end let us join together in thanking him for his impact on our young people.

## Grief Support Group

A grief support group for those who have lost a mate is being offered starting in September. It is an 8 week commitment. On Sept. 15, between services at 9:30 there will be an informational meeting in room 210. A day and time for gathering will be determined at this meeting decided upon by the participants. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Dirks at dirksbl@charter.net or 608-630-0916.

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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.

**September 17** - *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve

**October 15** - *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

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## Outreach for World Hope

Guatemala Mission Trip - January 16-21, 2025

For mission trip information and registration scan the QR code or find informational packet at the Welcome Desk.



## Save the Date: Ministry Expo on Sunday, October 6

One of the wonderful things about McFarland Lutheran Church is that there are so many ways for congregation members of all ages to be involved and live our faith.

On Sunday, October 6, a special gathering will showcase some of the 25 committees and ministries at MLC. Everyone is welcome to enjoy fellowship in the Family Life Center at 9 am or 11 am, where MLC ministry volunteers will have tables sharing information about involvement opportunities.

We hope everyone plans to attend and explore how you can use your gifts to support MLC's mission: Share God's Word, Show God's Love and Serve God's World. Please reach out to a member of the Stewardship Committee if you have any questions.

Sarah Schutt, Joe D'Amato, Amanda Geisinger, Paul Hunt

## Welcome Committee Requests Assistance in New Outreach Effort

The Welcome Committee along with the Local Missions Committee is planning an outreach effort to the McFarland Community with a booth at the Community Festival on September 28 from 10am to 4 pm. The plan is to provide FREE Rice Krispie Bars and offer a FREE drawing for a variety of prizes to people who visit our table. The committee is requesting church members donate a gift certificates if willing and able. Suggested gift certificate amounts would be \$25, \$50 or whatever you would like. A list of suggested gift certificates include: McDonalds, Culvers, BP Gas Station, Kwik Trip, McFarland House Cafe, Lukes, Ace Hardware, Maple Tree, Green Lantern, Toby's, Angelo's, Spartan Pizza, Spartan Bowl, and The WineHouse. As this list is not all inclusive, gift certificate donations from other businesses of your choice are also appreciated and valued. Our Giving Quilters have already pledged a quilt along with Anderson's Pumpkins and Marsden's honey products. Of course, informational flyers about MLC will be available at the table.

We are also looking for volunteers to help staff the informational table from 10 am to 4 pm . If you are able to contribute a gift certificate or spend time at the table that Saturday, please contact Paul Hundt (hundtsi1@yahoo.com or 608-225-0377) or sign up via the link in the newsletter.

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## 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 unpaired singles are not accepted



Altar Flowers are given **in celebration of our anniversary** by Joe & Diane D'Amato.

Communion wine are given by Brent Odell.

**Last week's attendance:**

Saturday 5:	40
Sunday 8:	64
Sunday 10:	88
<b>Total:</b>	<b>192</b>

Office Hours:  
Monday – Thursday / 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday / 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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## Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

- Pastoral Team:** Pastor Peter Erickson\*  
Pastor Kelli Schmit\*
- Lay Staff:** Chris Landerud, Coordinator of Youth Ministries  
John Scoville, Organist/Pianist
- Administrative Team:** Rita Jenkins\*, Office Manager  
Heather Wedan, Administrative Assistant
- Musicians:** Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud, Kate Kroes
- Custodians:** Ken Brost, Sharon Strattan
- CLM Administrator:** Sara Phelan\* 838-4425
- CLM Program Director:** Deb Nygaard
- CLM Preschool Teachers:** Jessica Liston, Jane Updike, Michelle Sampson, Jenny Foye,  
Katie Schaaf, Beth Daoust-Miller, Sara Phelan, Deb Nygaard,  
Brooke Ruengpinyophun, Kayla Langman
- CLM School Age Teacher:** Hailey Clark, Olivia Schmidt, Ashlee Bittrick, Katherine Houle  
Ashlyn Altenberger, Tess Williams, Lily Gallegos
- CLM Childcare Teacher:** Rachel Scott, Kayla Langman, Kaitlyn Ackley

*\*Designates full-time staff; others are part-time*

## 2023-2024 Council Members

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cheryl Brown            | Matt Lancaster               |
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| Paul Hundt              | Sarah Schutt                 |
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## McFarland Lutheran's Worldwide & Local Partnerships

- Our Companion Synod:** Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India
- Our Missionary in Egypt:** Rev. Christie Manisto
- Working Relationships With:** St. Andrews Refugee Services - Egypt  
Lutheran Church of the Reconciliation - Puerto Rico  
Hope 4 Kids International - Uganda  
Outreach for World Hope - Guatemala