



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Note From Pastor Kelli

I appreciate the care and attention that has been given to the exterior of our church building these past few months.

Thank you to the disciple who dedicates their time and energy to mowing the grounds and edging the sidewalks. We had a number of rainy stretches and lots of growth this summer, and the yard always looked well cared for. We have a lot of lawn, so this commitment was no small feat.

We have members who give attention to various flower beds, giving pops of color and life around the premises. We also have members who did the incredibly hard task of cleaning up the landscaping, moving and sifting rock and mulch. Check out the garden beds near the south parking lot – what a difference their effort has made!

Not only have the grounds received wonderful TLC, but the Properties Committee has outsourced care for the physical building. The walls were power washed a few weeks ago, and our steeple (a favorite hangout for area birds) will be cleaned later this week. I'm excited to witness that transformation.

I am grateful for the disciples who recognize a need and then go the extra step in being a part of the solution. The care, attention, and energy of these disciples is a blessing.

~ Pastor Kelli



WOW! 4 Wells and Counting

On Saturday, Sept 21, 84 individuals participated in the Walk-4-Water and silent auction, bringing in \$3K. The total amount raised is now over \$22K and with the \$21K of matching funds, we have enough funds to drill 4 wells. Wow! Wow! Wow! Your contributions have improved living conditions for thousands and saved lives, especially those of children.



A deeply deserved thank-you goes to all who help make the Walk-4-Water a success. Whether you walked, made a donation, contributed quilts, contributed to silent auction baskets, bought a basket, or spread the word about the Walk, you were a vital part of the event and the excellent results. Especially important, a hearty thank you goes to the anonymous donors who provided \$21K of matching funds.

In past years close to half of donations have come in after the walk. Thus the website for donations will stay open for a couple of months. Five wells, anyone?

To learn more about the villages that will receive wells or make donations, please go to <http://w4ki.org/w4wmcfarland> or use the QR code to go to the Walk-4-Water website.



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Sunday Morning Faith Formation - The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is recited during every worship service at MLC and is a foundational piece of many people's faith. Join us for our last class on the Lord's Prayer, this Sunday, September 29. Grab some coffee and treats between worship services and meet us downstairs in Room 113. Contact Pastor Kelli with any questions. See you there!

Monday Evening Faith Formation - Making Sense of Scripture

Have you ever wondered: What is the Bible? Or: Where did the Bible come from? Join us for conversation as we explore the Bible through the book Making Sense of Scripture.

We will gather every Monday evening from October 7 through November 18 at 6:30pm in Room 113. You can order a copy of the participant book [here](#). (Let the church office know if you need help acquiring a book.) Contact Pastor Kelli if you plan on attending or if you have any questions at kschmit@mcfarlandlutheran.org. See you then!

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McFarland Lutheran Mission Trip to Guatemala

January 16 - 21, 2025

We have exciting news about a mission trip opportunity for our congregation! MLC member Jim Green has offered to lead a mission trip for adults and youth to Guatemala this winter - January 16-21, 2025. (Thank you, Jim!) The trip will be with Outreach for World Hope, the organization MLC has partnered with in recent years for Guatemala mission trips. Jim will host informational sessions for all who are curious about or interested in this endeavor. The sessions will take place after the worship services on **September 29th**. Scan the QR code for information about the trip or click [here](#).



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New Member Orientation

*Sunday, October 13, 11:15am or
Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30pm*



If you are new to McFarland Lutheran, are you interested in taking another step into the life of our congregation?

On Sunday, October 13, at 11:15 am, or Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 pm we will hold orientation sessions for newcomers interested in learning more about our congregation who might possibly be interested in church membership.

We will take time to get to know each other, talk about MLC's many ministries, discuss what it means to be a Christian church in the Lutheran tradition, tour our facility, and learn about MLC's long history of ministry in McFarland.

If you are interested in attending, please let us know. Register through the QR code below or using this [link](#). Or contact our office at office@mcfarlandlutheran.org or 608-838-3184. Please let us know if you need childcare.

New members will be received into the church on the weekend of November 9th and 10th.

We are blessed to have you worshiping with us and interested in learning more about our congregation! Welcome!



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Greetings from Child Life Ministries

Full Speed Ahead!

Now that the season of fall is officially here, our fall activities have ramped up as well. Our regular preschool schedule has begun, including going to worship and music each week.

Pastor Peter and Pastor Kelli have led us in our first two weeks of worship and my turn comes up this week. Worship time with preschoolers can be totally unpredictable but entirely delightful. As we heard in our gospel last week, and from Pastor Kelli, Jesus gave children value and importance, on equal footing with all of us. At CLM, and within our congregation, we try and lift up the value of children each and every day, following what Jesus would desire us to do. They are our present and our future. I am so happy I belong to a church that recognizes the value of every person who walks through the doors, including the lost, the lonely, and the littles.



Wishing you a safe week and that you find something that makes you smile!

Deb

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Stuff-the-Bus Thank You

Through your leadership of the Lion's Club as well as the hard work and generosity of so many you were able to provide over 60 children with needed school supplies. The students were able to start the school year having what they need for a successful start! This is so important, especially given these difficult financial times.



~Aaron Tarnutzer, District Administrator

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Welcome Committee Requests Assistance in New Outreach Effort

The Welcome Committee along with Local Missions 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. 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 spend time at the table this Saturday, please contact Paul Hundt (hundtsi1@yahoo.com or 608-225-0377) or signup [here](#).

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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.



If your ministry or MLC activity would welcome new volunteers and you'd like to

participate in the Ministry Expo, please reach out to Heather Wedan at hwedan@mcfarlandlutheran.org.

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

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BIBLE STUDY



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, October 5th 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, October 5th in room 210.**

Interested? Have questions?

Please contact Sheri Gehrke at

sherilgehrke@gmail.com.

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Rescheduled COC Family Canoe Trip

The brutally hot weather has passed and the Yahara River water levels are now reasonable so the Care of Creation (COC) team is rescheduling a family canoe outing for Saturday morning, October 5, beginning at 9 am. The 2-hour 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 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 at the end of Jaeger Road just north of the Exchange Street bridge. Canoes, life jackets and transportation of canoes will be available where necessary. Interested participants should contact Wes Licht at 608-422-3682 by September 30. Come join our fun adventure.



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Prayer Shawl Workshop

Join us **Monday, October 7th 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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Adopt-A-Highway

As part of McFarland Lutheran's stewardship efforts, in conjunction with the Dane County Adopt-A-Highway Program, we sponsor a portion of County Hwy. B just south of McFarland in the Town of Dunn. Our fall, and final clean-up for the year will be **Saturday, October 12**. 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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Coming Soon! PUMPKIN FEST!

The 16th annual Pumpkin Fest will be held on **October 19th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** in the Family Life Center. Returning again this year is the bounce house, basketball toss, cake walk, scarecrow making, chips, hot dogs and much more. All are welcome at this free event. However if possible a donation of a nonperishable food item for the McFarland Food Pantry is appreciated.

The Children and Family Ministry is inviting anyone who wishes to help at this event to contact the church office or see or call Brenda (608-443-7370), Cheryl (608-712-9734) or Karen (608-513-6240). We would appreciate help running games, carving pumpkins, goodies for the cake walk, help in the kitchen as well as set up and take down.



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Please join the Local Missions Committee and McFarland Police Department in the month of October to collect money and new items from the list below to support the Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) of Madison.

Money can be donated directly to DAIS at:
<https://abuseintervention.org/donate-online/>

We will be collecting items in the church lobby bin until 10/31/24, then the McFarland Police Department will deliver the donated items to help comfort and support local shelter residents.

- Adult Women's Clothing: socks, sport bras (Small-3XL), underwear (Size 5,7,8), leggings (Small - 3XL), sweatpants (Small - 3XL), Sweatshirts (Small - 3XL), T-shirts (Small - 3XL), pajamas (Small - 3XL)
- Baby/Child items: sippy cups, baby bottles, diaper rash cream, weighted stuffed animals, washable paint/markers, Elmer's liquid glue
- Toiletries/Hygiene items: alcohol-free mouthwash, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, shampoo & conditioner (African American hair), Edge Cream & Hair Grease/Gel, hairbrushes, lotion, toothpaste, Vaseline/Petroleum Jelly, Floss/Flosser picks
- Shelter necessities: pillows, twin sheet sets & blankets, weighted blankets, bath towels, large Tupperware containers, food storage containers

Please reach out to Officer Sydney Bomkamp with questions at:
sydney.bomkamp@mcfarland.wi.gov

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Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329. Hope to see you there.

October 15: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

November 19: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

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Surplus Items and Lost and Found

Many surplus items have been gathered in the Peterson garage. Call Ken Brost at (608) 838-7142, if you would like to view what's available before October 4th, when they will be donated.

Please check the lost and found as well for any items that may be yours, as these will also be donated October 4th, if they are not claimed.

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Weekly Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to see a list of activities for the next week.

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Join us for Worship This Weekend

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28/29, 2024

Sat. 5 pm Worship

Sun. 8 am Worship

Sun. 10 am Worship & [Facebook Live](#)

Thank You for Your Offering

We offer simple and secure online giving for either one-time or reoccurring donations. Click [here](#) to access our online giving page.

Volunteer to Help in Worship

Sign up to help with worship as an usher, lector, communion server, and more! Your assistance is needed and appreciated!

Sign Up Here!

[Saturday 5PM Worship Sign-Up](#)

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

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

Watch our Worship Service Online

To watch the worship service live or at a later time, click [here](#) for Facebook.

The service will be uploaded to our YouTube by noon on Monday's. Click [here](#) for our YouTube channel.