



# McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

## A Note From Pastor Kelli

*Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,  
they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*For All the Saints (ELW #422)*



This weekend, November 2 & 3, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. This is one of my favorite holidays of the liturgical year. While it is one of the more subdued days in worship, it is a rich service that offers such depth, beauty, and honesty.

In worship we will name, remember, and light a candle for the saints of this particular faith community who have died in the past year – both members of MLC and those with whom Pastor Peter and I had the privilege of leading the funeral liturgy. There will also be an opportunity for you to come forward a light a candle for your own personal saints.

Our saints are people who helped to form, shape, and inspire our faith. Most often we think of people who are no longer with us, but our saints could still be with us on the journey of faith.

On All Saints, I remember my grandmother who was incredibly affectionate, valued education, and who had a little sneaky streak in her personality. I give thanks for my friends who encourage me as a pastor, wife, and mother, and who make me laugh like no other. I give thanks for ancestors in faith whose life story inspire me to be courageous, honest, and on the lookout for God's movement in the world.

These people are not saints because they never made mistakes or had a global impact on the world. They are saints because of what God has done through them. Through the gift of faith, God declared that they were both sinner and saint – mortal yet divinely adored.

Join us in worship this weekend as we intentionally set aside time to give gratitude for our saints, for the impact they had on our lives, and for the God who made them saints in the first place. Thanks be to God.

~ Pastor Kelli

## What is Ministry of the Month?

With the intent to highlight the ministries of MLC in an ongoing way, the Stewardship Committee is excited to introduce Ministry of the Month!



Each month, a different ministry will be in the spotlight! A photo will be featured in worship each week of that month. And in the bulletin and newsletter, the group will share how their effort furthers MLC's mission statement, the activities they engage, memorable moments from their work, and how to get involved.

We are excited to tell the story of MLC through our wide variety of ministries. November begins this weekend, so come to worship and check out the bulletin to see Stewardship highlighted as our first Ministry of the Month!

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## Greetings from Child Life Ministries

Our week was off to a terrific start on Sunday as the preschoolers and Rainbow North began our worship with some enthusiastic singing! Over 40 children attended worship with their families. Thank you to Chris Landerud for his guitar support and to all who were able to attend.



Our singing will soon take a quick turn to preparing for our CLM Christmas Programs but our rooms are still reflecting fall. The three-year old classroom is growing an indoor pumpkin patch while our school age students have painted real pumpkins and made caramel apples. In Pre-K, they have been learning all about bats and made a bat project that took all three days!

A reminder that we are selling Butter Braids and that information can be found in this newsletter along with a link to purchase if you would like.

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## Butter Braid Fundraiser is Back!

The Child Life Ministries (CLM) annual Butter Braid fundraiser is here. Order your delicious pastries online now to Thursday, November 7. Pickup on Wednesday, November 20th from 6-6:30pm (McFarland deliveries available upon request). [Click here](#) or find the CLM student sellers in the lobby after each Sunday service on November 3rd and November 10th. \$6.50 from each item sold will go back to CLM for items such as FLC activities, dramatic play, new toys and even new flooring in a classroom. Contact Christina Steel 608-513-0200 for more details.

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## Sunday School Christmas Program

Christmas is coming and so is the Sunday School Christmas Program. The program will be Sunday December 15th during the 10:00am service. We are looking for volunteers to help with costumes, helping children learn songs and guiding children through the program. The first practice will be November 24th when we will fit costumes and learn songs. The next practice is December 8th and the last practice is Saturday December 14th. If you have questions please contact Karen at [grandma.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:grandma.karen@yahoo.com).



[Click here](#) to sign up to help with the Christmas Program

[Click here](#) if you have a child, ages preschool (3 & 4 year old's) to 5th grade who would like to participate in the program.

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## Daylight Savings Coming Soon

Reminder!

Don't forget to **turn your clock back the weekend of Sunday, November 3rd!**



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## Prayer Shawl Workshop

Join us **Monday, November 4th 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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# 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, November 2nd 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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## 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, November 2nd in room 210.**

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

## 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 now 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](mailto:kschmit@mcfarlandlutheran.org). See you then!

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## Wednesday Morning High School Breakfasts

All high school students are invited to breakfast in the church basement Wednesday mornings at 7:15 am, beginning this Wednesday, October 9th. This is a great tradition at McFarland Lutheran that we are excited to offer once again this year. Students are invited to bring friends.

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## MADISON AREA JAIL MINISTRY

### Christmas Cards

In Matthew 22, Jesus tells us to love our neighbor. The McFarland Lutheran Church Local Missions members invite you to share Jesus's love with others who are often overlooked, forgotten and experiencing the pangs of loneliness while they are incarcerated in the Dane County Jail during Christmas.

On Sunday November 10th and 17th, to show and share Jesus's grace and love, the MLC local mission committee will have a table in the church gathering area with Christmas cards. We ask you to join us and sign a Christmas card with a heartfelt Christmas message of God's love, hope and encouragement during the Christmas season. Then at Christmas, those cards are given by the jail Chaplain to those incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. That card may be the only card or gift they receive for Christmas as they are often overlooked.

The importance of and the difference that a Christmas card and the message in that card make in the lives of those in the Dane County jail is shown in the example below.

Here is just one example:

*"First and foremost, I want to say thanks for the Christmas card I got through the chaplain here at the Dane County Jail. Your message of "You are not alone" was both timely and well received. In point of fact, it was just the message I needed to hear at that time. Now while it didn't necessarily counteract my Christmas blues of being away from my kids and facing two years because of probation violations, it did bring joy to my heart that a perfect stranger would take the time out of his/her Christmas to reach out to me. By the providence of our God, the message I received was just the message I needed to keep going and refresh my perspective. I would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you and well wishes to all of you who made it possible."*

The Local Missions committee members invite you to join us to sign a Christmas card on Sunday November 10th and 17th at the table in the gathering area.

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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 Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329. Hope to see you there.

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

**December:** The book club will not meet in December

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## Baptism

Congratulations to **Blake Suzanne Kimberley** who was baptized on October 27, 2024.

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## Weekly Calendar

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

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## 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](#)

## **Join us for Worship This Weekend**

All Saints Sunday

November 2/3, 2024

Sat. 5 pm Worship

Sun. 8 am Worship

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

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## **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.

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## **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.