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SHARE

GOD'S WORD

SHOW

GOD'S LOVE

SERVE

GOD'S WORLD

From the Pastor

I am inspired and excited by the work the Global Mission committee engages. On July 15 the team hosted guest preacher Pastor Kirsten Fryer. Pastor Kirsten serves St. Andrew's United Church of Cairo in Cairo, Egypt. We heard her preach at both Sunday services and she spoke at the Adult Faith Formation hour between worship. Pastor Kirsten joined some MLC folks for lunch, along with her mother and daughter.

St. Andrew's is an interdenominational congregation which means the church building is used by multiple congregations that happen to speak multiple languages. God's grace, love, and courage are celebrated in those multiple languages throughout the week – quite the Pentecost experience.

Pastor Kirsten often mentions the various cultures and religions that come through St. Andrew's doors. When there are holidays and festivals, everyone is invited and large feasts are celebrated. I can only imagine the relationships that are built, the understanding and respect that are cultivated, and the joy that is shared over these ordinary-turned-extraordinary meals.

While a lot happens at St. Andrew's, the "big" ministry is StARS = St. Andrew's Refugee Services (stars-egypt.org). StARS provides a place for refugees to gather, be safe, and get connected with necessary resources. Last summer, Pastor Kirsten wrote that in 2013, StARS served roughly 3,000 refugees. Last weekend she told us they have been serving 30,000 people

a year. You read that correctly. That significant of an increase is unbelievable and heartbreaking. Refugees come to StARS from all over, but primarily from seven countries: Ethiopia, Iraq, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, and Syria.



There are many components to StARS. There are formal Education Classes (for 3 yr through 11th grade and adult courses). StARS also offers psychosocial services. People can drop-in or engage in long-term programs like the Adults & Family Program, Medical Access Program, and Unaccompanied Children & Youth Program, and more. There are Legal Aid and Community Outreach opportunities as well.

Many were intrigued and excited by Pastor Kirsten's visit and are curious about how they can support those who seek help through the StARS ministry. Ron Vandeberg, on behalf of the Global Mission Committee, has written a great article answering that exact question. See page 8 for more information.

The incredible staff of StARS are meeting desperate people who have nothing more than what they are wearing or carrying in a suitcase. They are providing a space for refugees to be safe, to receive dignity, and to engage in life-giving and life affirming programs. I am grateful that we, as a congregation and as individuals, are able to partner with Pastor Kirsten and with such a wonderful ministry like StARS.

Blessings,
Pastor Kelli

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Maddux Jay Brazier
July 15, 2018

Funerals

Jerry McCann - July 23, 2018



Sympathy

We express our sympathy to
Margaret McCann, on the death
of her husband, Jerry.



NEEDED for HOSPITALITY for Bishop's Installation Reception Can Your Congregation Help?

We invite congregations to participate by contributing
food items for the reception:

**cheese and sausage platters, vegetable trays,
and bars.**

Please contact Jeanie Pomplun, Office Administrator at First Lutheran,
office@flcj.org, 608-752-7434 if your congregation can help. Thank you.

BISHOP INSTALLATION AUGUST 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm First Lutheran Church (Janesville)

Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld will be
installed on Aug. 18 at First Lutheran Church in Janesville,
Wisconsin. Please hold this date for this holy and historical
occasion!

A reception will follow the service at the church. Formal
invitations were sent last week to all rostered and to all
congregations. Everyone in the synod is invited! There will
be ample seating and parking.

Pastors and Deacons are invited to vest & process.

The color of the day is red.



Assisting With Worship - July 28/29

Saturday Evening: Mary Grell, Linda Schroeder
Assisting Minister: Bonnie Dirks
Lector: (5:00) Clarke Sschroeder
(8:00) Deb Hettrick
(10:00) Betty Showers
Communion: (8:00) Deb & Harlan Hettrick
(10:00) (B) Betty Showers
(W) Bonnie Dirks, Jeff Gehrke,
Sandy Hall
Ushers: (8:00) *Marlene & George Richard,
Brian Rodeck, Joe Schwartz
(10:00) *Dick Moen, Dale Marsden,
Don & Ben Schutt

Greeters: (8:00) Angela Schwartz, Brent Odell
(10:00) Betty Showers, Sandy Hall
Sacristans: JoAnn Marsden, Carol Munch
Hospitality: Annette Kolek, Carrol Vollmer
Welcome Center: (8:00) Sheri Gehrke
(9:00) Mary Link
(10:00)
Nursery: (8:00) Katie Rounds, Hannah Rounds
(9:15) Katie Rounds
(10:00) Katie Rounds, Kaitlyn Ackley
Worship AV/Open:
Door Keeper Close: Jon Landen

Assisting With Worship - August 4/5

Saturday Evening: Don & Cindy Siebert
Assisting Minister: Linda Ellestad
Lector: (5:00) Wayne Corey
(8:00) Sandra Latham
(10:00) Marilyn Vandeberg
Communion: (8:00) Dennis & Janet Knutson
(10:00) (B) Brenda Moen
(W) Cheryl & Lexie Brown, Karen Larson
Ushers: (8:00) *Ernie Thieding, Dick Southern,
Ron Walsvick Brent Odell
(10:00) *Linda & Chuck Swenson,
Deb & Bill Alber

Greeters: (8:00) Tom Scharine, Rex & Mary Link
(10:00) Karen Larson, Lisa Meyer
Sacristans: Heleen Hayden, Jacqui Landerud
Hospitality: Vicki Holten
Welcome Center: (8:00) Judy Catterall
(9:00) Karen Larson
(10:00) Betty Showers
Nursery: (8:00) Katie Rounds, Dee Weikert
(9:00) Katie Rounds
(10:00) Katie Rounds, Hannah Rounds
Worship AV/Open: Mike Catterall
Door Keeper Close: Brenda Moen

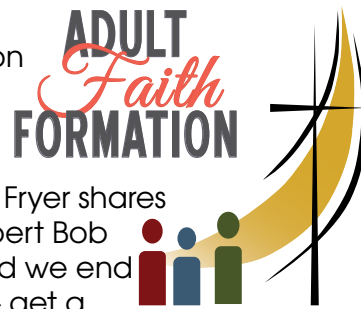
Assisting With Worship - August 11/12

Saturday Evening: Mike & Cindy Devine
Assisting Minister: Bonnie Dirks
Lector: (5:00) Mike Devine
(8:00) Holly Heuer
(10:00) Rae Ann Bender
Communion: (8:00) Karen Larson, Jacqui
Landerud
(10:00) (B) Chris Landerud
(W) Alex Kvalheim, Lisa Meyer,
Sheila Wolff
Ushers: (8:00) *John & Diane Wells, Ken
Anderson, Doug Buechel
(10:00) *Joe D'Amato, Dick Moen,
Jessica Schuster, Rick Hall
Greeters: (8:00) Rex & Mary Link, Karen Larson

(10:00) Steve & Susan Schoch,
Michael Shumway
Sacristans: Kathy Buechel, Ruth Poutanen
Hospitality: Gudrun Sindermann,
Kathy Buechel
Welcome Center: (8:00)
(9:00) Sandy Franklin
(10:00) Annette Kolek
Nursery: (8:00) Elisabeth Klumpyan,
Sammi Heckel
(9:15) Elisabeth Klumpyan
(10:00) Elisabeth Klumpyan, Carol Quinlan
Worship AV/Open: Ron Vandeberg
Door Keeper Close: Barb Doran

Please remember to find a replacement when you are unable to serve!

This summer, enjoy a variety of presenters and topics. Beginning with Pastor Kelli who brings us Post Resurrection Jesus stories of: Emmaus, The Great Commission, Thomas and the Holy Beach Breakfast! As the summer \continues, don't miss our own Halle Siebert sharing her experiences as a Seminary student, guest Pastor Kirsten Fryer shares pictures and stories from Cairo Egypt, local weather expert Bob Lindmeier shares his knowledge of Climate Change, and we end the summer with two video clips from the Bible Project – get a fresh perspective on the Messiah and the Holy Spirit.



July 29 – Climate Change ~ CANCELLED - rescheduled for a later date ~

August 5 – No Class

August 12 – Bible Project – The Messiah: Jesus fulfilled the ancient biblical promise of a wounded victor who would rescue humanity. He was the one who overcame evil itself by allowing it to destroy him. A new means of looking at the Messiah – the Bible Project seeks to show how the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus.

35 minutes of enhancing, sharing, and fellowship! Bring your coffee & treats down to Rm 113 every other summer Sunday morning at 9:15 am.

Book Club July – December 2018



Aug 28

The Little Prince by
Antoine de Saint Exuprey

Sept 25

Outcasts United
by Warren St. John

Oct 23

The Little Paris Bookshop
by Nina George

November

*No Meeting.....Happy
Thanksgiving*

Dec 4

Evicted
by Desmond Matthew

Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at
the Skalen Village Club House at 10 am.

All are welcome!

**SPECIAL
MUSIC this
SUMMER**

We are looking for musicians to provide special music for weekend services this summer. All ages and

styles are encouraged to participate: instrumental, vocal, solos, duets, trios, quartets, etc. This is a great opportunity for young and old musicians alike to play in a comfortable, no-pressure setting. Students who have participated in "Solo and Ensemble" could perform a piece they have worked on in the past. Children and adults studying piano could play a piece they have learned.

Martin Luther said, "Next to the word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

Please consider offering your gift of music here at McFarland Lutheran! If you are interested, contact Chris, cmalueg@mcfarlandlutheran.org.

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Get ready for a new school year with a Blessing of the Backpacks!

Bring your backpack to church

Sunday, August 26
at either service:

8:00 am
or
10:00 am.

See you
there!



Please remember in your prayers these members of the military who are connected to MLC:

Alex Rodeck
Curtis Berryman
Peter Cox
Jack Williams
Brent Langman
Jesse Nawrocki
Kristin Sims

Ben Bowen
David Lofgren
Kevin Orloff
Andrew Berryman
Ritchie King
Jon M. DeBusk
Aaron Jacobs

Paul Siebert
Justin Johnson
Brent Bartels

THURSDAY, JULY 26 - AUGUST 9

Thursday, July 26

4:30 Dane Co. Community Restorative Court
5:00 Shared Table

Saturday, July 28

5:00 Worship
6:00 Off-Site: Mallard's Outing
(20-40's Age Group)

Sunday, July 29

8:00 & 10:00 Worship
9:15 Baby Group
No Adult Education
10:00 Muehlenhaupt Baptism
11:15 Muehlenhaupt Family Lunch

Monday, July 30

7:00 Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 1

9:30 Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 2

5:00 Shared Table

Saturday, August 4

7:30 Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
5:00 Worship

Sunday, August 5

8:00 & 10:00 Worship
No Adult Education

Monday, August 6

6:30 Prayer Shawl Workshop
7:00 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 7

6:30 Family & Children's Ministry

Wednesday, August 8

9:30 Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 9

2:30 Worship & Music Committee
3:30 Finance Committee
5:00 Shared Table
6:30 Boy Scouts Parent Meeting

Annual Meeting Re-Cap

Thanks be to God, for our annual meeting on July 22! We unanimously approved a new budget for fiscal year 2018-19. We also unanimously elected new members of Church Council for three-year terms: Rick Hall, Ruth Poutanen, Renee Rodeck, and Kevin Strattan. We also elected Jeff Gehrke to council for one year, to fill an unexpired term.

At a meeting following the Annual Meeting, the Church Council elected officers for the coming year: Sharon Mylrea, president; Diane Wells, vice president; Rick Hall, secretary. The council appointed Brent Odell as treasurer for the coming year.

Thank you to all these people, for their willingness to serve in leadership for our congregation and the mission God has given us! May the Holy Spirit continue to equip and empower us all as we share, show and serve in Jesus' name!

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Financial Status Summary

For FY 2017-18 which ended June 30 church revenue received was \$1,299,509. Expenses for the year were \$1,288,031 leaving a surplus of \$11,478. An additional \$17,305 in income was earned for providing 4K classes under contract with the McFarland School District. As a result of your, this congregation's, generosity our church remains financially secure. Thanks be to God!

For more information about FY 2017-18 finances as well as the budget for FY 2018-19, please see the Annual Report.

God's Blessings
Brent Odell, MLC Treasurer

StARS Global Mission

There are 68,500,000 displaced persons worldwide. Many of these people were forced to flee their homes with only the clothes on their back and maybe a suitcase of possessions. These are just two of the facts we heard on July 15 from Pastor Kirsten Fryer of St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) in Cairo,. StARS is currently serving 30,000 refugees per year from seven countries. The StARS facility and grounds in Cairo are a safe space for refugees in an environment where refugees face countless hardships and discriminations.



Several of you asked how we can best support Pastor Kirsten and StARS. Pastor Kirsten's answer was:

- Pray for the refugees and staff at StARS.
- Donate to Pastor Kirsten through the ELCA global church sponsorship. (We give about \$1750 annually to Pastor Kirsten's ministry through our congregational benevolences. If you wish to personally contribute to support Pastor Kirsten and StARS, checks can be made out to MLC with Pastor Kirsten Fryer in the memo line.)
- Let your congressional representatives know how you feel about the need to welcome refugees into this country.
- Support refugees that do come into this country.

Please carry out these actions as the spirit moves you.
Global Mission Committee

Please remember in your thoughts & prayers...

*Sonja Abrams (Linda Swenson's cousin)
Adams family
Bethany Austin
*Cheryl Bartels (sister of Brenda Moen)
Tim Bellmore
*Danielle Bradley (friend of Lisa Meyer)
*Jeremy Beahm
Trudy Bredeson
*Dave Brown (Susi Miller's brother-in-law)
*Steve Brunker (Kathy Westby & Eileen Richter's brother)
*Wayne Burmeister (Former MLC Member)
*Carol Butteris (friend of Norma Kohl)
*Veronica Clymer (friend of Bonnie & Ray Spangler)
Judy Crichton
*Andrea Denman (friend of Lisa Deegan)
*Rae Marie Dougan (Rex Link's sister)
*Coleen Erstad (Jerry McCann's sister)
*Johanna Fabke (friend of Linda Swenson)
*Carol Freidheim (Sister of Diane Voiss)
*Scott Gerl (neighbor of Jim & Susi Miller)
*Marvin Gray (Judy Catterall's father)
*Carol Hanna
Harold & Marie Hanson
*Gloria Haug
*Tyson Heiman-Lambert (great grandson of Judie Heiman)
*Jeff Hitchcock
*Mackenzie Ingvalson
*Edwin Jacob (Jeanne Jacob's husband)
*Sandy Jenks (Lisa Meyer's mom)
Kampmeier Family
Mildred Kelley
*Barb Klug (Co-worker of Jane Blank)
Janet Knutson
Olivia Larsen
Midge Larson
*Tom Leach (close friend of Linda & Chuck Swenson)
*Mandy & Logan (Cleo Eliason's grand-niece & nephew)
Pastor Willard Lund
David Lund
*Chantel Rose Lynch (Granddaughter of Marla Grover)
*Dave MacLaren
*Anna Mischnick (Child of CLMf amily)
Carter Moran

*Stacey & Carol Newton
Judy & Jesus Nunez
*Ron O'Keefe (Friend of Kohl's)
*Jordan O'Malley and parents, Shane and JoAnn
Linda Othrow
Otteson family
*Carol Peotter (Callie Mauersetter's mom)
*Pastor Margo Peterson (Bonnie Dirks' daughter)
*Connie Peterson and children Corbet, Carissa and Paula (Diane Wells' aunt and cousins)
*Kelson Peterson-Bystol (grandson of Alan & Sharon Peterson; great grandson of Sylvester Peterson)
*Harlow Harue Phillips (great-niece of David & Sallie Waller)
Chris Preston
Travis Ray
Eileen Richter
*Hondo Schmitt & daughter Zoe (friends of Myron Sherry)
*Sandra & Terry Schoessow and baby boy due in June (friends of Bonnie & Ray Spangler)
*Mary Seiler (friend of Randy Hansen)
*Gladys Severtson (Aunt of Marla Grover)
*Julie Sheldo
*Rick Shoby
*Sharon Stake (friend of Bonnie & Ray Spangler)
*Curt Steindorf (family of Lisa Paley)
*Cathy Stephens (friend of the Wells')
*Chloe Stoddard (friend of Bonnie Spangler)
Carol Stoeckmann
Margaret Stolen
Rick Strauss
*Joette Studt (Friend of Jean Pierce)
*Pat Swenson (Chuck Swenson's mother)
*Roberta Thieding (Sister-in-law of Ernie Thieding)
*Randi Thorson (friend of Mary Grell)
Barb & Mark Vollmer
Paul Vollmer
Ron Walsvick
*Judy & Ed Walther
Carolyn Wendorf
Jordan Wendt
*Marcia Wiberg (friend of Kim Henes)
Kim Wisden
*Terry Witt (Sharon Peterson's sister)
*Chad Wood

**Denotes non-member*



Stuff the Bus is a community effort to collect school supplies for the families served by the McFarland Food Pantry. Please participate by donating needed supplies to the box in the Gathering Space:

- Backpacks
- Pens-Blue/Black (10-12 Ct)
- Wood Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Washable Markers (10-12 Ct)
- Colored Pencils (12 Ct)
- Notebooks-Wide or College Ruled
- Paper-Wide or College Ruled
- 3-Ring Binders 1-2"
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Scissors-Point Tip
- Crayons (24 Ct)
- Dry Erase Markers-Black
- Kleenex
- Plastic Pencil Boxes
- Rulers
- Large Erasers
- Clear Tape
- Disinfectant Wipes / Wet Ones

Collection boxes also located at McFarland State Bank, McFarland Village Hall, ED Locke Public Library, Forward Pharmacy, United Church of Christ, Culver's, Medicine Shoppe, Pick 'n Save, Walgreens, McFarland Café, Ken's Automotive

Or donate at Pick 'N Save, Walgreens and the High School on August 11 from 9 am to 3 pm!

Thank You

Dear MLC family and friends,

Thank you for the many prayers, support, get well wishes, food offerings and home visits. All the love and concern has made my recovery from by-pass surgery so much quicker. My whole family thanks you.

*To God be the glory,
Janet Knutson*

Dear people of McFarland Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. It is so good to be reminded that we are connected across the miles, as the body of Christ. We are grateful to share in this ministry with you and look forward to continuing on the journey with you.

*In Christ,
Pastor Kirsten Fryer*

Child Life Ministries

Second Chances....

And other blessings.

One of the things I love about leading CLM worship are the times when I get some "feedback" from the Kids Of CLM that comes days after we have had worship. Last week I was able to get a double rainbow of response to our worship time and it made me smile, so I hope you enjoy the stories as well.

At the beginning, while I was waiting for everyone to get "settled" someone asked me if I had ever been to China and I said no, but that I had been to Japan. I told them of a family that I had dinner with and the father asked me if I believed in Jesus. After I said yes, he asked me to meet with him later so we could talk about Jesus and pray together. He said we had to meet after the rest of his family had gone to bed, as he was not allowed to read the Bible or pray in front of them. I told our students that we read Bible verses and prayed together, and cried a little as well. One child asked me if I felt afraid and I said I had not but that it might feel a little scary to talk with someone who I had just barely met about my faith, but that is what we are sometimes called to do. They all felt very sad that he had no one to share Jesus stories with, and they worried that his family might not get to meet Jesus someday. I said everyone has a chance to love and learn about Jesus, and that his family, at some point, may accept Jesus into their heart.

Our worship time then followed with a story about how we are so thankful that God has given second chances and more to all who believe. We are forgiven over and over because of who Jesus is and what Jesus did. Amazing right?! We all talked about how exciting it is to get another chance at something and to know that God is not keeping score. We finished with prayers and singing.

A few days later I was told that my Japan experience was recounted at the dinner table by two of our siblings and they talked about it as a family.

And second chances and more? Sometimes God's patience is much stronger than ours. A 3rd grader told me that he had made a choice that was not the best and told his dad after our worship that it's a good thing God gives second chances. He then said his dad told him that he gets three strikes and he's out! He said, "Ms. Deb, I think God has more patience than my dad". :)

Chance encounters to praise God!
Deb



The 2017 -18 Welcome Committee Annual Report

The welcome committee accomplished a couple of important projects this year as well as the ongoing work of the Bread Ministry and the Outreach Team. The Bread Ministry is a group of dedicated ladies who bake and deliver bread to first-time address sharing visitors as a gesture of welcome.

During the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year, the Bread Ministry delivered bread to thirty-nine visitors. During this time period twenty-one (21) families joined McFarland Lutheran. Of the twenty-one (21) joining families, sixteen (16) received bread or 76.2%. Team members are Sandy Franklin (team leader), Ginny Dodson, Linda Ellestad, Jacqui Landerud, Carol Munch, Barbara Porter-Quam, Angela Schwartz, Betty Showers, Marilee Thoresen, Barbara Voelker, Carrol Vollmer, Deb Wellman, and Carri Wolff.

The Outreach Team continues to generate 50 hand-written and addressed Newcomer invitations each month to new people moving into the McFarland area. There have been some cases where a member moved within in town, which generated a Newcomer notification. This is a pleasant confirmation that people who move are uncovered for this outreach.

Several months ago, the question of whether we “really-really” were getting everyone who moved into a new location. That led to the request that church members notify Brian Rodeck of new move-ins in their neighborhoods. There were a few names that were sent to Brian who was gratified to see that they were indeed listed. It also has been challenging for this group to determine the effectiveness of this strategy but at least one new member who attended the new member breakfast recalled receiving the invite. The Outreach team includes Brian (team leader) and Renee Rodeck, Pat Olson, Carol Vollmer, Ken Anderson, Ruth Poutanen, Cheryl Ackley, Erika Landerud, Carrie Wolff, Carol Quinlan and Barb Voelker.

The Welcome Committee agreed that it would be helpful to determine why folks join our church and whether our congregation was meeting their expectations. So we hosted a new member breakfast on February 25, 2018. Approximately 80 Breakfast invites were sent out to new members who joined within the last two years. Sixteen new members people attended. Welcome Committee members Sandy Franklin, Carol Munch, Joe Schwartz, Tom Scharine and Sandy Hall hosted.

The ways these new members found out about MLC was quite varied. These included experiences with our church thru the Boy Scouts, Shared Table, Kids being in daycare and the related breakfasts, the ELCA website and one person saw the sign for Saturday worship which is something she was looking for. Several noted once coming here they were impressed with how friendly and welcoming everyone was. They noted there are so many activities to get involved with. They also mentioned enjoying the contemporary services and of course the quality of our Pastors and their sermons.

A number of these folks remarked they had got involved in a number of activities including greeting, communion, banner committee, Shared table, helping out during lent. One gal said she just enjoyed being in the kitchen with the welcoming atmosphere. Another was pleased with the high degree of involvement of lay staff. Yet another family was very impressed with the downstairs education rooms. One mentioned that clearly "God in Action" is an apt descriptor of this church. Also another theme that was mentioned was "We don't judge". Several also noted how incredible the sermons are.

We spent some time discussing how people find out about all of the available activities within our church. Many said the News You Can Use was a key resource as well as the newsletter. Many folks enjoyed the new member orientation - one mentioned however that she thought it a bit too brief. Another really appreciated that this wasn't an "indoctrination". Some recommendations included; Sending information about all the activities to new members that include an estimate of the time involvement and/or put that on the website. Although a couple felt the website was a bit too busy and somewhat hard to navigate. Another idea was to have "celebration Sundays" which would highlight one or two ministries of the church. One member mentioned considering doing the "Stephen's Ministry". Another member did state that no one has ever contacted her to be involved and felt that it would be nice to be invited. Finally, it was suggested to do a regular 3 or 6 month follow-up with new members in the form of an informal breakfast, muffins and coffee etc. New members present thought they would like that as they all appreciated the breakfast.

A written survey was then mailed out to the 67 remaining new members who did not attend the breakfast. About 18 responses were sent back for a 27% return. Over all the survey results were quite positive. Almost all felt that they were getting enough information about church happenings and for the most part felt there were already a lot of activities going on within our church. People felt quite

welcomed and many were making friends. Folks were quite positive about our pastors. One idea about potential new activity was using the family life center for adult volley ball or open gym for kids.

The Welcome committee has agreed to continue a new member breakfast every 6 months but also to invite the sponsors and have them do an additional outreach to encourage the new member(s) to attend the breakfast. The Welcome committee also decided to see if MLC members would be interested to come out and support various causes thru walking or running. Close to 30 people signed up for Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle on May 19. Members who signed up to do the walk/run got a free McFarland Lutheran Church T-shirt. The committee is also promoting members to participate in the Relay for Life in Stoughton on July 20 as well as the Walk for the Well on September 22nd.

The Welcome committee will continue to develop new ideas to promote active membership as well as reaching out to attach new members.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Hall



Baptismal Preparation

The sacraments are incredible gifts given to the Church from God. MLC's Pastors are adjusting how we approach baptismal preparation. Between now and October we will be meeting one-on-one with families. Beginning in October we will be hosting a quarterly class for families who are interested in baptism. And yes, childcare will be provided. See either Pastor Kelli or Pastor Tim with questions.





Nobody deserves to drink dirty water - Register Now!!

2018 Walk 4 Water McFarland, WI

Presented by McFarland Lutheran Church

Join the McFarland/Madison community as we walk 3 miles along the Lower Yahara River Trail in honor of mothers and young children in the remote village of Nayakesi, Uganda who must walk miles each day to a contaminated open pond for their daily source of water.

All are welcome, and we can't wait to see you there!

Saturday, September 22, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

McDaniel Park McFarland, WI

4806 McDaniel Lane

McFarland, WI 53558

Adults: \$30

18 and under: \$15

Registration includes an official W4W t-shirt!



Register here

w4ki.org/walk4water/mcfarland-wi

Thank you for supporting H4KI's mission
in restoring hope to kids
around the world since 1973!

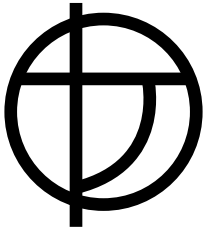
2018 - 2019 Council Members

Ruth Poutanen, Renee Rodeck, Kevin Strattan, Rick Hall (Secretary),
Sharon Mylrea (President), Diane Wells (Vice-President),
Brent Odell (Appointed Treasurer)

Office Hours: M—F, 8 am - 4:30 pm

608-838-3184 / office@mcfarlandlutheran.org / Child Life Ministries 838-4425
Pastor Tim Dean 280-1777 / Pastor Kelli Schmit 563-260-9753
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Articles for the Aug. 9 newsletter are due to office@mcfarlandlutheran.org by **Friday, Aug. 3.**



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