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Sunday School
Students
Singing
Sunday, May 12!

The students from our Sunday School
ministry will be
singing at the 10 AM worship service
Sunday, May 12.

SHARE
GOD'S WORD

SHOW
GOD'S LOVE

SERVE
GOD'S WORLD

From the Pastor

Alleluia!
Christ is

Risen. *He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!*

Happy Easer, Brothers and Sisters in Christ! What joy to proclaim "Alleluia!" once again! Though we are bathed in Easter light, we remember the long journey through Lent and the final three days leading up to this celebration.

We remember Maundy Thursday and how Jesus washed his disciples' feet and said, "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15) Audrey West pointed out that the example Jesus set was bigger than this one act, but was set the whole time they were together. ¹By helping the family in Cana, engaging Nicodemus in conversation, embracing a woman with a hurt-filled past, feeding thousands, gathering people cast aside into a new community...his whole life is an example of how we are to love and be of service to one another.

We remember Good Friday and how scared we were, which is reflected in the words of the prophet: "But he was wounded for our transgression, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5). But we also

remember how, in John's Gospel, Jesus never wavered or hesitated as he was interrogated, beaten, and executed. In the face of ugly and hard things, Jesus remains in control the entire time. He is with us when we are at our most powerless because he was not powerless. And he remained in control in order to set us free – free

from the power and finality of

death, free from the voices

that try to convince

us we are less than what

God made us to be, free

from worrying that our sin

could ever be larger than

God's love for us.

We remember Easter

morning and how, along with

the women, we were shocked

when the men in dazzling clothes

said, "Why do you look for the living

among the dead? He is not here, but

has risen." (Luke 24:5) We remember

the scandalous conspiracy of an

empty tomb as we wondered

if the rumors could be true. We

remember the hope bubbling inside

us as we realized the promise of the

resurrection has been fulfilled. The

crowds, the brass, the lilies...all the

fanfare was spectacular and it was all

to celebrate the unbridled joy of the

gift of eternal life.

We remember the Great Three Days

which conclude our Lenten journey.

The joy is so profound that our Easter

celebrations are much more than just



one day but a whole season! We bask in and proclaim the light of Easter morning for 50 days as we dive into the Gospel of John. We are free to proclaim "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" all the way into June!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Pastor Kelli

'Audrey West, "Exploring the Holy Week Texts with Dr. Audrey West: Preaching Maundy Thursday – Easter." Lecture, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, WI, March 1, 2018.

Pastoral Acts

Sympathy

We express our sympathy
to **the family of
Sylvester "Pete"
Peterson.**



*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
Paul Siebert
Justin Johnson
Brent Bartels

Book Club

May – June 2019



May 28 - *Song of Willow Frost*
by Jamie Ford

June 25 - *Eunice*
by Eileen McNamara

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

All are welcome!

Assisting With Worship - May 4/5

Saturday Evening: Jim & Susi Miller
Assisting Minister: Sarah Schutt
Lector: (5:00) Clarke Schroeder
(8:00) Marc Heuer (10:00) Sarah Schutt
Communion: (8:00) Marlene Richard,
Dawn Bolstad
(10:00) (B) Betty Showers (W) Linda Swenson,
Jess Schuster, Jane Blank
Ushers: (8:00) Ken Anderson, Jane & Ken Berg,
Doug Buechel
(10:00) Deb & Bill Alber, Glenn Brown,
Jeff Gerhke

Greeters: (8:00) Brent O'Dell, Janet Knutson
(10:00) Steve & Susan Schoch
Sacristans: Marlene Richard, Barb Doran
Hospitality: Renee Rodeck
Welcome Center: (8:00) Sheri Gehrke
(9:00) Sylvia Krepksi
Nursery: (8:00) Madeline Summers
(9:00) Madeline Summers, Liam Morrison
(10:00) Madeline Summers, Carol Quinlan
Worship AV/Open: Mike Catterall
Door Keeper Close: Rick Hall

Assisting With Worship - May 11/12

Saturday Evening: Jim & Susi Miller
Assisting Minister: Bonnie Dirks
Lector: (5:00) Wayne Corey
(8:00) Ruth Poutanen (10:00) Carol Naze
Communion: (8:00) Ruth Poutanen,
Carol Quinlan
(10:00) (B) Brenda Moen (W) Sheila Wolff,
Karen Larson, Carol Naze
Ushers: (8:00) Jim Ellestad, Randy Hansen,
Jacqui Landerud,
(10:00) Rick & Sandy Hall, Dale Marsden,
Linda Olson

Greeters: (8:00) Brent O'Dell, Janet Knutson
(10:00) Steve & Susan Schoch
Sacristans: Sandy Hall, Deb Wellman
Hospitality: Mother's Day – No coffee hour
Welcome Center: (8:00) Rex or Mary Link
(9:00) Cheryl Ackley
Nursery: (8:00) Matthew Klumpyan,
Tami Klumpyan
(9:00) Matthew Klumpyan
(10:00) Matthew Klumpyan, Kaitlyn Ackley
Worship AV/Open: Ron Vandenberg
Door Keeper Close: Dale Marsden

Assisting With Worship - May 18/19

Saturday Evening: Mike & Cindy Devine
Assisting Minister: John Zweig
Lector: (5:00) Mike Devine
(8:00) Holly Heuer (10:00) Molly Sanders
Communion: (8:00) Joe Schwartz, Deb Wellman
(10:00) (B) Jeff Gehrke (W) Lexi & Cheryl Brown,
Lisa Meyer
Ushers: (8:00) Brent Odell, Barb Porter-Quam,
Larry Quam, Ruth Poutanen
(10:00) Todd Peterson, Scott Potts, Jessica
Schuster, Joe D'Amato

Greeters: (8:00) Joe & Angela Schwartz
(10:00) John & Margaret Zweig
Sacristans: Jacqui Landerud, Kathy Buechel
Hospitality: Kathy & Daryl Rupnow,
Corrine Thomas
Welcome Center: (8:00) Betty Showers
(9:00) Annette Kolek
Nursery: (8:00) Madeline Summers, Mikaila
Bierman
(9:00) Madeline Summers
(10:00) Madeline Summers, Alicia Greiner
Worship AV/Open:
Door Keeper Close: Barb Doran, Susan Moore

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

Come to Faith Formation for 35 minutes of learning, sharing, and fellowship!

The Gospel Costs Nothing, But It Demands Everything! Don't miss this video-based Bible study – All In. It's an invitation to go all in and all out for Jesus in ways you may never have dreamed of before.



May 5 – “All In: Charge!” – When life gets tough, do we play it safe, retreat into predictable and familiar patterns; or, do we take risks, charge forward and try new things, all for the hope it will forward the cause of **Jesus**.

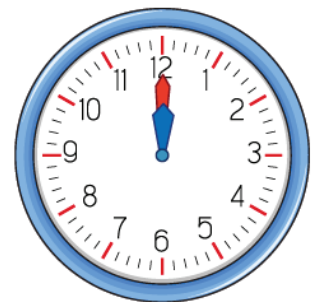
May 12 – “All Out: Rim Huggers” – Being all in and living all out for Jesus is about following God's will no matter what the cost. Is it enough to believe the Bible and have correct information about the Christian faith, or do we need to do something?

Faith Formation for Adults is a wonderful way to spend the 35 minutes between worship services with learning, sharing, and fun fellowship – pick up coffee and treats and come downstairs to Room 113!

McFarland Lutheran Church - Summer Hours to Begin

Beginning **May 31**, McFarland Lutheran Church offices will begin observing summer hours. The new hours for the church offices will be Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 4:30 as it is now. The change will be Fridays, when the office hours will change to 8:00 – 12:00 (Noon). These hours will continue through the summer ending August 30th.

The offices will return to 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Friday after Labor Day on September 3rd. Office staff members will keep the same number of work hours each week, and are grateful for this opportunity to have a more flexible schedule during the summer months! If you have questions regarding the hours please contact Rita Jenkins or Pastor Tim @ 838-3184.



MAY 2 - MAY 16

Thursday, May 2

5:00 pm - Shared Table

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts Parent Meeting

7:00 pm - Stewardship Committee

Saturday, May 4

7:00 am - Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

10:00 am - Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music

5:00 pm - Worship

Saturday, May 11

7:30 am - Rachel Circle

5:00 pm - Worship

6:00 pm - New! Game Night

Sunday, May 5

8:00 & 10:00 am - Worship

9:00 am - Sunday School

9:10 am - Confirmation Class

9:15 am - Face Time

9:15 am - Baby Group

9:15 am - Adult Faith Formation: ALL IN Charge!

9:15 am - Blood Pressure Checks

10:00 am - New Member Class

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

8:00 & 10:00 am - Worship

9:00 am - Sunday School

9:10 am - Confirmation Class

9:15 am - Face Time

9:15 am - Baby Group

9:15 am - Adult Education: ALL OUT Rim Huggers

10:00 am - Sunday School Students Singing

Monday, May 6

6:30 pm - Prayer Shawl Workshop

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Monday, May 13

6:00 pm - CLM PreK Recognition Program

6:00 pm - Health & Social Wellness Comm.

6:30 pm - Global Mission Committee

6:30 pm - Faith Formation Committee

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 am - "Piece Corps"

6:00 pm - Scout Den #5

6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop #1015

6:30 pm - New Member Class

6:30 pm - Family & Children's Ministry Comm.

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 am - "Piece Corps" - RM 125

6:30 pm - CLM Committee

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 am - High School Breakfast

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

6:15 pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm - Confirmation Event

6:30 pm - CLM 3 year Olds & Tots Spring Program

7:30 pm - Bethel Series

7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 am - High School Breakfast

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

9:30 am - CLM Pre-K/4K Picnic

6:15 pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm - Bethel Series

7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

3:30 pm - Finance Committee

5:00 pm - Shared Table

Thursday, May 16

12:30 pm - Worship & Music Committee

5:00 pm - Shared Table

6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troup #2567

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Are you thinking about baptism?

MLC is hosting a baptismal preparation class each quarter for people who are interested in having their child baptized or getting baptized themselves.



The next class is **Tuesday, May 21**, at 6:30 pm in Room 113. Contact either the church office or Pastor Kelli to sign-up 838-3184. RSVP is required so sufficient childcare can be arranged.)

Calling all Walkers and Runners

Just a reminder that Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle is just around the corner (May 18). Please sign up to participate with the MLC team. Joining this run/walk also supports the Wolff family in raising significant funds to continue cancer research. You can register at www.alyshonkytonkhustle.com. Contact Sandy Hall (608-215-3999) ASAP if you need/want a McFarland Lutheran Church Shirt.



McFarland Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$37,461 to Mission Support for the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. We are grateful for your congregation's commitment to our synod's ministry.

Through mission, leadership development, care of congregations and global and ecumenical relationships here in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and in partnership with the ELCA, we are making a difference in Jesus' name locally, nationally and globally.

We are church together as we begin new ministries, transform existing ministries, train leaders and comfort those in distress. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world. Together, we join our hands to do God's work of restoring, reconciling and blessing communities in Jesus' name throughout the world.

Please convey my gratitude to the members of your council and congregation for their help in being Church Together. Thank you for your generosity in doing this amazing work.

Blessings and Peace be with you.
Bishop Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

Thank You

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT YTD

As of March 31, 2019

Actual Income Received YTD \$927,869* Actual Expenses Paid YTD \$938,960
Budgeted/Projected Income \$927,561* Budgeted/Projected Expense \$946,439

Year to date expenses while below budget exceeded actual year to date income received by \$11,091. However, we remain current with paying our benevolences and bills.

Additional Capital Building Fund contributions of \$25 that are applied to further reduce the principle of our mortgage, were received bringing the year to date additional building fund contributions received to \$19,850. This congregation is truly blessed and thankful for all who have and continue to give so generously. Thanks be to God! Our current mortgage balance is \$1,199,016

In response to our Special Mortgage Reduction Initiative Appeal pledges in the amount \$124,835 as of 4/24/2019, have been made. We are off to a great start toward reaching our goal. We are very encouraged with the positive response and pledges made to date. Praise be to God to all who have made pledges.

Separate from and in addition to our budgeted church income, other financial gifts (less the additional Capital Building Fund; Mortgage Reduction Initiative contributions) totaling \$6,101 were received. These gifts are used for non-budgeted activities and expenses.

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving! If you have questions, feel free to call me at 608-712-5871, email me at brentandruth@charter.net, or speak to a Church Council member.

Brent Odell
MLC Treasurer

* Does not include 4K revenue, or non-budgeted offerings or bequests.

Please remember in your thoughts & prayers...

Adams family

Bethany Austin

*Cheryl Bartels (sister of Brenda Moen)

*Jeremy Beahm

Trudy Bredeson

*Dave Brown (Susi Miller's brother-in-law)

*Steve Bruncker (Kathy Westby & Eileen Richter's brother)

*Wayne Burmeister (Former MLC Member)

*Carol Butteris (Friend of Norma Kohl)

^W*Erik Cedlec (friend of Chuck & Linda Swenson)

Judy Crichton

*Andrea Denman (Friend of Lisa Deegan)

Ginny Dodson

*Rae Marie Dougan (Rex Link's sister)

*Johanna Fabke (Friend of Linda Swenson)

*Carol Freidheim (Sister of Diane Voiss)

*Gates, Diane (Daughter of Don & Eunice)

*Scott Gerl (Neighbor of Jim & Susi Miller)

*Carol Hanna

*Kirstie Hanson (Mary Link's cousin)

*Carson Hartwig (14 yr nephew of Russ & Sheila Wolff)

*Tyson Heiman-Lambert (Great grandson of Judie Heiman)

*Jeff Hitchcock

*Mackenzie Ingvalson

*Edwin Jacob (Aaron Jacob's father)

*Sandy Jenks (Lisa Meyer's mom)

Mildred Kelley

*Georgia Kinder (Share Table friend)

*Barb Klug (Co-worker of Jane Blank)

Patty Landen (Jon Landen's wife)

Midge Larson

*Justin Leach (Linda & Chuck Swenson's relative)

*Todd Leach (Linda & Chuck Swenson's relative)

*Mandy & Logan (Cleo Eliason's grand-niece & nephew)

*Jose Luis Lopez (Michele Vollmer's father-in-law)

Pastor Willard Lund

David Lund

*Chantel Rose Lynch (Granddaughter of Marla Grover)

*Leo Marotz (Dad of Denny Marotz; Johanna Altenberger's grandfather)

Carter Moran

*Stacey & Carol Newton

Judy & Jesus Nunez

*Ruth Nyffenegger (Friend of Bonnie Dirks)

*Ron O'Keefe (Friend of Kohl's)

*Jordan O'Malley and parents, Shane and JoAnn

Linda Othrow

*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

*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')

*Josh Stiers (Nephew of Rex & Mary Link)

*Chloe Stoddard (Friend of Bonnie Spangler)

Carol Stoeckmann

Margaret Stolen

*Pat Swenson (Chuck Swenson's mother)

*Roberta Thieding (Sister-in-law of Ernie Thieding)

*Randi Thorson (Friend of Mary Grell)

Ron Walsvick

*Judy & Ed Walther

John Wendling

Jordan Wendt

*Marcia Wiberg (Friend of Kim Henes)

*Elaine Wilde (Friend of Linda Schiefelbein)

Kim Wisden

*Terry Witt (Sharon Peterson's sister)

*Chad Wood

**Denotes non-member*

^W*Denotes New*

Youth Corner



High School Youth “House Party”

What: “House Party” - Youth Dinner & Devotion
Who: High School Student & Friends (all are welcome)
When: May 19th from 5:30-7:30PM
Where: Cooper Hiltbrand's Home—6204 South Court
How: Simply join us Sunday evening.



Baccalaureate Celebration

Sunday, June 2nd 7:00 pm at
McFarland Lutheran Church
2019 MHS Graduates, Families, & Friends are invited



Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle – Sat. May 18th

5K & 10K Run/Walk @ 10AM @ Brandt Park
Honky Tonk @ 6PM @ Curling Club
Register Today: ALYSHONKYTONKHUSTLE.COM



Slides & Sound We are looking for people to run the slides & sound at the 10AM services this summer. There is a sign-up sheet in the AV booth or see Chris.



HS SummerFest Camp (current 8th graders—12 grade)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN—HELP FILL THE BUS!!

July 7-10, 2019 (Sunday—Wednesday)
Registration is at church. See Chris with questions.



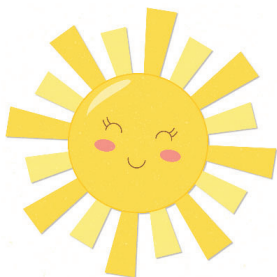
Summer Break Begins

Last Confirmation Class is on Sunday, May 12th
Last High School Breakfast is on Wednesday, May 15th

Chris Landerud, Youth Ministries Coordinator
clanderud@mcfarlandlutheran.org • 444-3604

Child Life Ministries

Spring is in the air and the kids of CLM have been enjoying playing outside as much as we can! It is nice to finally be able to be outside and enjoy the sunshine! It's hard to believe it is May and preschool is coming to an end in a few weeks.



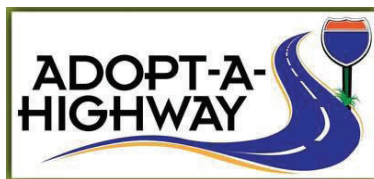
The preschool friends are busy prepping for the end of the school year. We have the end of the year field trip for the Pre-K and 4K friends to the zoo on the school bus! The Tot Spot class had their guest day last week! It's also that time of year when you will hear extra singing in the hallways as we are getting ready for the end of the year programs. The Pre-K, Tot Spot and 3 year old friends have their spring program coming up. As always a big thank you to Luanne Platt for always coming to our programs and playing her guitar for us! We all appreciate it!

With the year coming to an end we would like to thank all of our worship leaders! You've all taken time out of your day to spend time with us. You all do such a wonderful job telling the children stories each week! We appreciate each and every one of you! I would also like to thank Harlan Hettrick for stopping by and giving an extra hand when needed! Lastly, I can't forget about Ken Brost, Dick Kohl, and Sharon Strattan....Thank You for all your support and help around CLM!

Sara Phelan, Administrator

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

McFarland Lutheran is the Adopt-A-Highway sponsor for a 2-mile stretch of County Hwy. B in the Town of Dunn, just south of McFarland. This is a great opportunity to put our stewardship of God's creation into action. Anyone 11 years of age or older can volunteer. The 2019 cleanup dates are **May 25, July 27 and September 28** (all Saturdays). We gather at the Dunn Town Hall (corner of Keenan Road and Hwy. B) at 8:00 a.m. It takes about one hour to do the cleanup. If you would like to volunteer for any or all of the scheduled dates, please contact Jacqui Landerud at daveandjacqui@gmail.com or 212-3582.



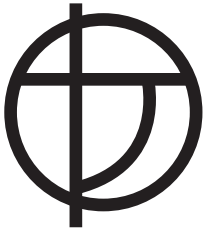
2018 - 2019 Council Members

Todd Bolstad, Cheryl Brown, Peter Ellestad, Jeff Gehrke, Mary Grell, Rick Hall (Secretary), Sharon Mylrea (President), Brent Odell (Appointed Treasurer), Ruth Poutanen, Renee Rodeck, Steve Schoch, Kevin Strattan, Diane Wells (Vice-President)

Office Hours: M—F, 8 am - 4:30 pm

508-838-3184 / office@mcfarlandlutheran.org / Child Life Ministries 838-4425
Pastor Tim Dean 280-1777 / Pastor Kelli Schmit 563-260-9753
mcfarlandlutheran.org

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