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News You Can Use

Today Altar Flowers are given in honor of George & Marlene Richard's 46th wedding anniversary.
Today Altar Flowers are given in memory of Richard Sperle by Barbara Sperle and Family.
Communion Wine is given in honor of Greg and Sandy Larson's wedding anniversary

July 24 & 25, 2010

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

Last weekend's attendance was 226.

DON'T FORGET YOUR ANNUAL MEETING!

Please join us TODAY for the **Annual Meeting.**

The event begins with a **potluck meal at 11:30 a.m.**
The business meeting begins at 12:30 p.m.

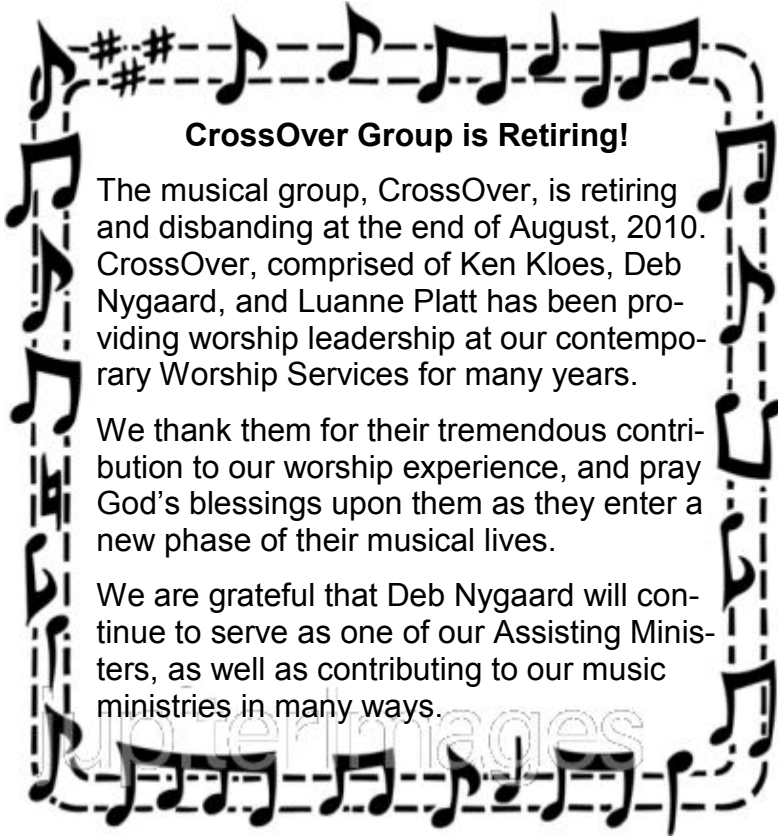


Register today! Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School begins August 1, at 4:30 p.m. with a family potluck meal. Forms

are available in the Gathering Space. Parents are invited to stay the 1st night and visit stations with their child(ren). We will then close with a family-sing. The cost is \$15 per child or \$30 max per family. VBS continues August 2-5. Helpers are still needed and welcomed. Call Brenda at 873-1634 or Karen at 513-6240.



We welcome Linda Kuntz as our guest musician for our 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. Thank you Linda for sharing your musical gifts with us.



CrossOver Group is Retiring!

The musical group, CrossOver, is retiring and disbanding at the end of August, 2010. CrossOver, comprised of Ken Kloes, Deb Nygaard, and Luanne Platt has been providing worship leadership at our contemporary Worship Services for many years.

We thank them for their tremendous contribution to our worship experience, and pray God's blessings upon them as they enter a new phase of their musical lives.

We are grateful that Deb Nygaard will continue to serve as one of our Assisting Ministers, as well as contributing to our music ministries in many ways.

A Debriefing/Gathering concerning the recent community tragedy will be held at McFarland Lutheran Church in the Family Life Center, on Wednesday, July 28, 7-8:30 PM. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Dan Feaster, Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center of Southern Wisconsin, Monona, WI.

Finance Report by month

<u>Week</u>	<u>July</u>		<u>Monthly Budget</u>
	<u>Offering</u>	<u>MTD</u>	
July1-July30	\$2,437.00	\$2,437.00	\$44,334
July4-July10	\$10,353.00	\$12,790.00	
July 11-July17	\$9,603.50	\$22,393.50	
July18-July24	\$4,800.00	\$27,193.50	

Summer Adult Ed Focused on Creation

Summer seems to be a good time to focus on God's good creation. I would like to invite you to a study called "Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation" during summer Sundays, **Today**, July 25, August 1, 8, 22, and 29 at 9:15 & 10:30. The class dates work around the preaching schedule.

Each session will be introduced by some well-known Christian theologians and then there will be good time for discussion and reaction to what is presented on the DVD.

- Session 2: Here/There (Creation is earthly, material and good)
- Session 3: Domination/Dominion (Above creation or part of it?)
- Session 4: Atoms/Organisms (Identity in social context)
- Session 5: Now/Forever (short-term benefit, or eternal creation?)
- Session 6: Enough/Too Much (Scarcity and abundance)

Questions to Pastor Jerry Pribbenow

Annual Reports are available today. You may pick up your copy in the Gathering Space.

GET AQUAINTED!

Council Nominee bios and pictures are posted on the bulletin board between the Library and the Nursery.

LOOKING AHEAD



Mark Your Calendar We are about to begin a time of prayer, study, listening and discussing, to discover how we can live out the vision and mission God has for us. On Saturday, August 7, we will have a congregational workshop to uncover God's purpose for our congregation. Watch for more information in the Newsletter and mailings.

Garden Market

Look for the Garden Market with its early summer produce on the table in the great hall. Place donations in the basket provided. Proceeds will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Fund and leftover produce will go to the McFarland Food Pantry.



Economic and Investment Outlook Update is a free financial education event. It will be offered at McFarland Lutheran Church, Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM. The event will help you gain a general understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends. Knowing about these factors can help you make more informed investment decisions. The event will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives, Steven R. Erickson, Financial Consultant and Timothy J. Kalamarz, Financial Associate.

Wanted: One of the refugee families would like to have a computer. Does anyone have or know of a good, working computer that could be donated to the family? Please contact Pastor Jerry Pribbenow with any information.



Full Moon Walk

Due to the mosquito population we will not be having a full moon walk in July. Please keep an eye out in the next few weeks for information about a possible canoe trip in August. Call Wes Licht 838-8178 if you would be interested in canoeing the Yahara River.



Christmas in August? It is time to make Christmas in August for some young families with children. During this time we will be happy to receive clothing, diapers, food, baby equipment for young people in the age bracket from 0-5 years. A table will be located in the great hall where these items may be placed. At the end of the month, the items will be donated to the Dane County Human Services office in Stoughton. McFarland Lutheran has always been very generous in helping make this program a success.

All articles and information for the MLC Newsletter and the News You Can Use (bulletin insert) should be dropped off at the church office for Renae Feldner or sent to her email address: mlcrenae@hotmail.com



Change for Zumba Class There will not be class on Monday, July 26 or August 16. On Monday, August 2, due to church functions using the FLC class will be held from 6:15-7:15. Please let your friends and other participants know of this change.

The last class will be held August 9 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Cost is \$5 per session. Classes will resume in the fall at McFarland Primary School. Everyone is welcome.

NOTE: MLC Staff meetings are held Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. We encourage you to leave a voice mail message and staff will return phone calls as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Cheri Grover (Marla Grover's daughter-in-law)
- Ron Britten
- Brian Frey (friend of Tom & Dawn Blau)
- Linn Ruscher (Jack & Pat West's daughter)
- Dave Herrmann
- Jessica Roth (daughter of Rick & Judi Strauss)
- Brenda* (friend of Rick & Judi Strauss)
- Elaine Westby* (Greg Westby's mother)
- Susan Thronson* (Greg Westby's cousin)
- John Jones* (friend of Don & Dee Weikert)
- Jack Thomas
- Neil Simmons* (Carrol Vollmer's nephew)
- Sue Egner* (Kim Henes' aunt)
- Lyll Leverentz
- Arlene Clift

- Marga Petzke* (in remembrance of Rick Petzke's mother)
- Jenny Talarczyk* (friend of Donna Thompson)
- Sharon Thieding
- Charlotte & Jack Hoppe
- Adriana Funfer* (Meg Nielsen's mother)
- Eileen Richter
- Marvel Edwards
- Alta Ellestad
- Minnie Anderson
- Russell Alsmo
- Carol Stoeckmann
- Willard & Mae Lund and their son, David Lund*

Prayers If you know of someone to include on the prayer board (Printed in the bulletin insert on Sundays and the Newsletter bi-monthly) or on the Prayer Chain (e-mailed to the Prayer Chain participants only), please call the church office: Monday—Friday 8am to 4:30 pm at 838-3184.

* Non Members