

News You Can Use

MAY 27,28 2017

Altar flowers are given in memory of **Jeff Nelson and Johnny Cowan** by Deb and Bill Alber. Communion wine is given in honor of **Emery Heuer's 27th birthday.**

Last week's attendance: 316

This week we thank . . .
Bill Alber, Ken Anderson, and Renee & Brian Rodeck for their help moving pew chairs and risers!

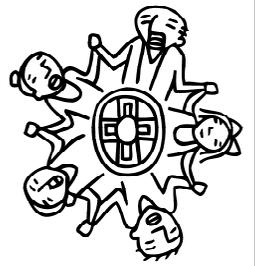
Adult Faith Formation
[Room 113 at 9:15 am]

Today: NO CLASS! Have a blessed Memorial Day weekend. **Next Week: NO CLASS** Enjoy fellowship in the Gathering Space.

Sunday School (3 year olds – 5th grade), Confirmation (6th, 7th, & 8th grades), and High School Youth Group:

We are on Summer Break for Sunday classes. All student ministries will restart on September 10 at 9 am. Registration forms will be available in July. Contact a staff member with any questions.

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.



Pentecost Sunday is June 4. The Decorative Arts Team will arrange geraniums in the Worship and Gathering areas, and the Garden Committee will then plant them on the church grounds to bloom and grow all summer. To dedicate a flower in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out the form on the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space and turn it in to the office by Sunday, May 28 with a suggested \$5 donation.



Please join us!

Tuesday, June 27 ~ 10 am
Skaalen Village Clubhouse
The Witches
by Stacy Schiff



Everyone is welcome!
Come and enjoy friendly conversation and an interesting book discussion.

**Growing Disciples,
Growing Faith**



Bedtime Prayer – God of rest, thank you for being with me today as I learned at school, played with friends, and continued to grow in your love. Stay near me tonight as I sleep and dream, that way I can be ready for the exciting adventures tomorrow will bring. In Jesus' name I pray,



Volunteer Needed for HVAC Ministry

serve

The Properties Committee is seeking a member of the congregation to volunteer for the HVAC Ministry. We are looking to recruit someone to serve as the HVAC Liaison. Responsibilities include: review the heating/cooling needs of the church, work with vendors, seek bids for replacement or repair work and provide guidance to the Lead Custodian and the Property Committee with recommendations to repair/replace units. In addition, you would work with Rita Jenkins (in regard to billing questions). A historical binder with all the HVAC information will be provided (including pictures of units and roof). As this position works independently, you will not be required to attend the Property Committee's monthly meeting. However, your participation at certain meetings will be appreciated.

If this is your area of expertise, or you know someone who is looking to volunteer, contact Susan Brodd or Ken Brost at the church office to answer any questions.



The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**Renewed in Christ to
Serve:**

150 ¹⁸⁶⁷ **years** ₂₀₁₇

**150 Years of God's
Grace in Action**

ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

featuring Jeff Rowley, Organist

June 4 at 2 pm

Enjoy a wide range of musical styles - primarily from the 20th and 21st Century; Jazz, Baroque and Romantic including a piano segment. Also featured will be Norwegian composer Egil Hovland's *The Suite for Organ - "Job"* which is paralleled with readings from the book of Job.



Our next Habitat for Humanity events are two congregational faith builds on

Tuesday, June 13 and Saturday June 17.

Sign-up to serve at
mcfarlandlutheran.habitatdane.volunteerhub.com.

For more details, see the Habitat for Humanity bulletin board in the main hallway, contact Pastor Tim, or **contact Ron Vandeberg** (Ron.Vandeberg@frontier.com or cell 886-3196).



Be sure to check out the display case at the E.D. Locke Public Library during the month of June. McFarland Lutheran's 150th Anniversary will be on display with historic photos and artifacts. After your visit to the library, head across the street to the McFarland Historical Society to see the window display focusing on MLC. And, don't forget to take a look at the display cases in the church's Gathering Space, where you will find more photos and artifacts on exhibit that highlight our history.



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

**Special
Music *this*
Summer**

If you are interested in sharing your gift of music, **contact Christopher Malueg at** cmalueg@mcfarlandlutheran.org.



DRAWN TO THE WORD

Watch artist Paul Oman's "Living Waters of Grace" painting unfold at mcfarlandlutheran.org (click link for "Drawn to the Word"). The recording (from the service on May

7) is about 60 minutes in length and the quality isn't the best. All rights to the video are property of Paul Oman and should not be used without his prior approval.

What's next for the canvas? We will be applying a protective sealant on the painting, recommended by the artist, so that the colors will be preserved. Once this is done, we will be mounting the painting on the back wall of the Sanctuary, near the baptismal font. "Living Waters of Grace" will be on display for all who come to worship!

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT YTD as of April 30, 2017

Actual Income Received	\$953,595	Budgeted Income	\$988,364
Actual Expenses Paid	\$982,850	Budgeted Expense	\$1,011,726

Year to date expenses exceed income however, we are current with paying our benevolences and bills, and expenses are below budget.

Additional Capital Building Fund contributions of \$2,129 were received bringing the year to date additional Building Fund contributions received to \$52,917. These additional contributions go to reducing the principal on our mortgage. This congregation is blessed and thankful for all who have and continue to give so generously. Thanks be to God.

Separate from and in addition to our budgeted church income, other financial gifts (less the additional Capital Building Fund contributions) totaling \$3,321 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 contact me (608-712-5871; brentandruth@charter.net) or speak to a Church Council member.

Brent Odell, MLC Treasurer

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