

News You Can Use

July 29, 30 2017

Altar flowers are given **in honor of their wedding anniversary** by Marlene and George Richard.

Communion wine is given **in memory of Trygve Thoresen & Norman Kuts** by Erik and Marilee Thoresen.

Last week's attendance was 260.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of our HS Youth and congregation, we want to extend a big 'Thank You' to **Kaitlyn Summers** and **Joey D'Amato** for their continued leadership and volunteer roles as counselors at our HS SummerFest Camp. Both Kaitlyn and Joey served as leaders for our 10 high school students who attended camp at Gutavus Adolphus College in the second week of July. Their faith, dedication, passion, energy, and commitment to our youth are life giving! Thank you!

Adult Faith Formation

TODAY: No class; Next week: Come experience a year in the life of the church! ***How do the seasons influence our worship? What do the colors mean? What themes appear in scripture?*** Pastor Kelli will address Advent, Christmas and Epiphany at 9:15 am in room 113.

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.

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!



Growing Disciples, Growing Faith

Prayer = Talking — Who do you tell about the fun things you did at school? Who do you tell your secrets to? Who do you talk to when you're scared? Who listens to you when you're excited? You can look at prayer the same way! God is always ready to hear about your day, your secrets, your fears, and your dreams. God will always listen to you!



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Aug 5 / 7:30 am / rm 125

Font Cleaning

Thank you to Jon Landen, who has volunteered to clean off some of the hard mineral deposits on the baptismal font. The font is empty this week, so that Jon can do the needed cleaning. Thank you, Jon, for your hard work!

Annual Meeting Recap!

The Holy Spirit was present and active at our Annual Meeting on July 23! We heard reports from staff, and unanimously approved the 2017-18 budget for the fiscal year which began on July 1. If you haven't picked one up yet, the Annual Meeting book of reports is still available in the Gathering Space.

The congregation also unanimously voted in new council members for 3-year terms: **Todd Bolstad, Cheryl Brown, Pete Ellestad and Mary Grell**. Following the Annual Meeting, the new council met and elected officers for the 2017-18 year: **Sharon Mylrea, president; Diane Wells, vice-president; and Tiffany Kvalheim, secretary**. In addition, the council appointed **Brent Odell** to serve again as treasurer; he will therefore be a non-voting member of council.

We give great thanks and praise to God, for raising up new and continuing leaders in our congregation! We give thanks and praise to the Spirit, who empowers us all to serve in Christ's name and with Christ's love!



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Renewed in Christ to
Serve:

150 years
1867
2017

150 Years of God's
Grace in Action

Nothing
can
← SEPARATE →
me
from
YOU.
ROMANS 8:39

This year, McFarland Lutheran Church turns 150 years old; as part of the celebration, the commemorative wall hanging from MLC's 125th year is on display in the Family Life Center. 25 years ago, MLC families made fabric squares that were then used to construct a beautiful wall hanging. Take a stroll into the FLC and view this piece of MLC's past.



Hop online to register
to build with MLC!

August 15 or 19

mcfarlandlutheran.habitatdane.volunteerhub.com/

Visit the Habitat bulletin board in the Great Hall to enjoy pictures of our MLC family building and serving at the home site in Fitchburg.

Contact Ron Vandeberg (Ron.Vandeberg@frontier.com; 886-3196) or Pastor Tim with any questions.

Need a nametag?

If you need a nametag for the display in the Gathering Space, contact Parker with the correct spelling plus city and state of your birth. We will have your tag ready as soon as possible!

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**STUFF
the BUS**
with
SCHOOL SUPPLIES



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'to 2 Inch
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Scissors-Point Tip
- Crayons (24 Ct)
- Dry Erase Markers-Black
- Kleenex
- Plastic Pencil Boxes
- Rulers
- Large Erasers

Collection boxes also located at McFarland State Bank, McFarland Village Hall, ED Locke Public Library, Hometown 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 5 from 9 am to 3 pm!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

DID YOU KNOW? McFarland Lutheran is the Adopt-A-Highway sponsor for a two-mile stretch of County Hwy. B in the Town of Dunn. Serving on clean-up days is a great opportunity to put our stewardship efforts into action, and to accumulate your "minutes of service" as part of our 150th anniversary celebration!

SATURDAYS, AUGUST 12* AND OCTOBER 7

For more information and to volunteer, contact Jacqui Landerud at daveandjacqui@gmail.com or 212-3582.

*Changed from August 5

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