

# ⊕ News You Can Use

Sept 30 / Oct 1, 2017

Altar flowers are given in honor of the Rodecks' wedding anniversary.

Communion wine is given in honor of Chuck and Linda Swenson's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Last week's attendance was 336.

This week we thank...

the Banner Committee for enhancing our worship experience each season!

## FAITH FORMATION



**ADULTS / 9:15 am / Rm 113**

**Today:** The Augsburg Confession, what is it, & why was it needed? Does it speak to us today? **Next Week:** The Augsburg Confession continues; what does the term "righteousness" really mean...have people misunderstood its true meaning?

**FACE TIME FOR PARENTS / 9:15 am / Rm 210**

Bring your coffee and treats and discuss *The Love Dare for Parents*.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins at 9 am with music in lower level Rm 101. After music, Shepherds will take students to their classrooms. Sunday School ends at 9:50 am.

**3s, 4s, & Kindergarten** will explore a story in their classrooms.

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade** will explore the story of Joseph and Pharaoh in the book of Genesis.

**CONFIRMATION** (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

We have class from 9:10-9:50 am in the lower level. Today's Bible topic will feature Noah. Join us two by two!

**HS YOUTH GROUP**

We will meet after worship at 11:15 am. This morning we will be putting together Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Personal Care Kits. Join us for this service project, conversation, and treats!

**HS Youth Group Campfire TONIGHT**

Sunday, October 1 from 6-9 pm  
Chris Landerud's Home  
4426 Mahoney Rd • McFarland



High Schoolers & Friends - Join us for food, fellowship, & fire!  
Contact Chris with questions. Hope to see you tonight!

**Jesus' parable about two sons** who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own.

Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.



**Volunteer!** at our Habitat for Humanity build

**October 10 or 14**



Visit [mcfarlandlutheran.habitatdane.volunteerhub.com/](http://mcfarlandlutheran.habitatdane.volunteerhub.com/) to register and come ready to make a difference!

Contact **Ron Vandeberg (886-3196 / Ron.Vandeberg@frontier.com)** or **Pastor Tim** to learn more.

**Saturday, October 21**

**PUMPKIN FEST**



**Noon to 3 pm**

Pumpkin Carving, Carriage Rides, Pumpkin Bowling, a Bounce House, Scarecrow Building, Face Painting, a Cake walk, and MORE!!!  
Free hot dogs and chips will be served.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to share with the McFarland Food Pantry.

**Growing Disciples, Growing Faith**

**Psalms/Songs** – What is your favorite song to sing at church? What song do you sing when you're sad? What song do you sing when you're happy? Did you know that there are words to songs written in the Bible? A big collection of them are in the book of Psalms. You can find lyrics for when you're praising God, sad, or celebrating! How neat is that?!

Sing  
to the  
LORD



**McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SHARE GOD'S WORD | SHOW GOD'S LOVE | SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**Renewed in Christ to  
Serve:**

**150** 1867  
**years**  
2017

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

**ALL MEN ARE  
INVITED FOR**



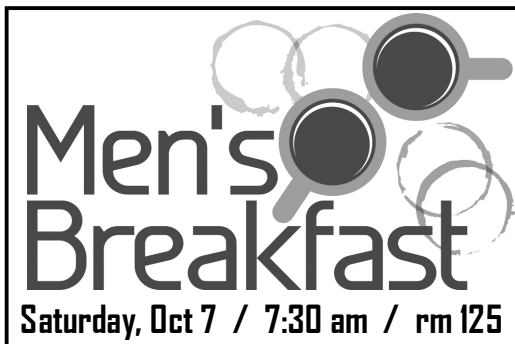
**Men's Board Game Night**  
in the Family Life Center

**October 14 at 6 pm**  
to enjoy fun, fellowship and games!

Please contact **Kevin Strattan**  
([kstratt1@amfam.com](mailto:kstratt1@amfam.com)) if you have any  
questions or to be added to the eVite list.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP DAY:  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 8 AM**

It's time for the third and final highway clean-up for the season! MLC sponsors a 2-mile stretch of County Hwy. B in the Town of Dunn, just south of McFarland. Meet at the Dunn Town Hall (corner of Keenan Road and Hwy. B). The clean-up takes about one hour. Please contact **Jacqui Landerud (212-3582, [daveandjacqui@gmail.com](mailto:daveandjacqui@gmail.com))** with any questions.



**Puerto Rico – Updates from our Brothers  
& Sisters In Christ**



We all have seen the news and have seen the devastation to the Island of Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands caused by hurricane Maria. We mourn the loss and hurt; we continue to pray day and night. Our sister congregation - **Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Reconciliacion** - is located in Levittown, just west of San Juan.

Early this week we were able to talk with Pastor Pablo. We have received news that people in their congregation are all safe, but communication is still very limited; some families further away have not been able to connect with Pastor Pablo. The church received some relatively minor damage and no major flooding. The metal ridge vent on the roof of the sanctuary ripped off, and a tree fell on their kitchen/fellowship hall causing some damage. Repair and much cleanup will be needed, but they feel lucky that their church is standing and will be usable hopefully soon. Some members' homes were basically undamaged, while others had windows blown out and significant water damage. Initial reports say their homes are repairable, but some lost nearly all their possessions due to water damage.

We know the need for support and aid for Puerto Rico and our brothers and sisters is great. We, as McFarland Lutheran Church, will be making a special appeal in the weeks ahead to support Reconciliation Lutheran Church. When the assessment of their needs is clearer, we will launch our appeal and direct our financial support to those areas of most need.

MLC had been in the planning stages for a 2018 mission trip to Puerto Rico. This has been put on the back burner and we will assess our options as we gain information and recovery on the island moves forward.

Our connections and love for our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters remains stronger than ever. We will continue to post updates and communicate ways we can support our friends in need.



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT YTD AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017**

Actual Income Received	\$180,397*	Budgeted Income	\$184,119*
Actual Expenses Paid	\$181,203	Budgeted Expense	\$197,889

While year to date expenses are below budget, they exceed income by \$800. However, we are current with paying our benevolences and bills.

Additional Capital Building Fund contributions of \$3,389, that are applied to further reduce the principal of our mortgage, were received bringing the year to date additional Building Fund contributions received to \$6,464. 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 \$5,767 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](mailto: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.

**SHARE** | **SHOW** | **SERVE**  
**GOD'S WORD** | **GOD'S LOVE** | **GOD'S WORLD**