

News You Can Use

October 7, 8 2017

Altar flowers are given **in memory of Noel Hayden** by Heleen Hayden and family.

Communion wine is given **in honor of our 45th anniversary** by Dave and Jacqui Landerud.

Last week's attendance was 326.

This week we thank...

Dennis Knutson for serving faithfully behind the scenes to maintain our IT systems!

FAITH FORMATION



ADULTS / 9:15 am / Rm 113

Today: The Augsburg Confession continues; what does the term "righteousness" really mean...have people misunderstood its true meaning? **Next Week:** Apology of the Augsburg Confession.

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.

1st-5th Grade will explore the story of Joseph and Pharaoh in the book of Genesis.

CONFIRMATION (6th, 7th, & 8th Grades)

We have class from 9:10-9:50 am in the lower level. Today's Bible topic will feature Abraham & Sarah. You are never too old to start something new.

HS YOUTH GROUP

We will meet after worship at 11:15 am. Join us for conversation, laughs, prayers, and treats. project, conversation, and treats!

CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

As we celebrate McFarland Lutheran Church and the past 150 years, please stop by the Wellness Committee bulletin board to view some of the amazing developments in healthcare, and spend a moment being thankful for many of the incredible advances we have experienced since 1867.



In today's gospel reading (Matthew 21:33-46), Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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.

Volunteer! at our Habitat for Humanity build

October 10 or 14



Visit mcfarlandlutheran.habitatdane.volunteerhub.com/ to register and come ready to make a difference!

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

Growing Disciples, Growing Faith

Changing Seasons – Our daily routine changed when we moved from summer to school schedules. We changed what grade we're in and who we have for a teacher. Our clothing changed when the temperature dropped. There is a lot of change in our lives, but the one thing that will never change is God's promise to always love us.



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Renewed in Christ to
Serve:**

150 1867
years
2017

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

McFarland Lutheran Church is celebrating our 150th Anniversary!

Sunday, October 29 ~ one festive worship service at 9 am

Bishop Mary Froiland of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin will be preaching as we celebrate both Reformation Sunday and our congregation's milestone year.

Following worship, all are invited to a free catered brunch in the Family Life Center. During brunch, we will have the opportunity to hear from former pastors and former members who have been called to ordained ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Plan to join us as we celebrate this wonderful anniversary! We give thanks to God for the Living Word that has been embodied, proclaimed and sent forth through McFarland Lutheran Church and our ministries for over 150 years and counting!

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.

In late September 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.

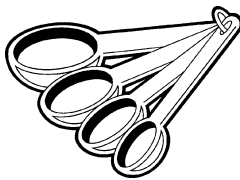
We know the need for support and aid for Puerto Rico and our brothers and sisters is great. We, as McFarland Lutheran Church, will be making a special appeal in the weeks ahead to support Reconciliation Lutheran Church. When the assessment of their needs is clearer, we will launch our appeal and direct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

RECIPE FOR: SMORGASBORD!

Do you remember the smorgasbord and all the good food we had? Ever wanted some of those recipes? We are reprinting the cookbook with these great recipes! It will be available October 14 and 15 for \$5. Cookbooks will also be available on October 29. Proceeds will go to the Giving Quilts and McFarland Food Pantry with seed money coming from Thrivent. Check with any team member – Angela Schwartz, Linda Schiefelbein, Janet Knutson, Gaylene Otteson, or Norma Kohl – to learn more!



**ALL MEN
ARE INVITED**



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) if you have any
questions or to be added to the eVite list.



REFORMATION NEWS & BREWS TOUR

Taste the "spirits" of the Reformation while exploring the life and times of Martin Luther at a **Reformation News and Brews Tour** on **Sunday, October 15, from 3:30 to 7:45 pm**. The tour includes a sampling of Reformation beer and stops at two local brewing houses with the opportunity to sample local beers and learn about Martin and Katie Luther. This is an educational and social event, a time to meet others, exchange ideas, share thoughts, and gain information. Visit ststephensmonona.com and click on "Calendar and Events" for more details and registration link.

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