



# News You Can Use

September 29/30, 2018

**Altar flowers** are given in memory of our fathers,  
by Tom & Cheryl Scharine

**Communion wine** is given to the glory of God  
by Jean Pierce.

**Last week's attendance:** 326

**This week we thank** the Scouts for the 64 hours of help with the CLM playground pea gravel.

## FAITH FORMATION

**September 30 – Today: Mark as Story!** Whether you are encountering Mark's Gospel for the first time, or if, for you, it's a long familiar story; discover the skill and immediacy it conveys. Room 113 at 9:15 am. Next Week: Join Pastor Tim in digging deeper into Mark as Story! Room 113 at 9:15 am.



**October 7 – Today: Mark as Story!** takes a unique approach to the Gospel of Mark. Come experience stories of Jesus with more of your senses... this gospel is designed to evoke a response. Next Week: Join Pastor Tim in digging deeper into Mark as Story! Room 113 at 9:15 am.

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

## Growing Disciples – Growing Faith

**Three Strangers (Genesis 18)** – Abraham and Sarah welcomed three visitors and invited them to stay. It turns out they were messengers from God who had really great news. What might this story show us about how we are to treat people we don't know? What story could you tell about the great news of God's love?

## 20s – 30s – 40s Ministry Group BOOK CLUB

- 1st Monday of the Month – October 1 & November 5 – Palenque 7PM
- October's Book: "Where God Hides Holiness: Thoughts on Grief, Joy and the Search for Fabulous Heels" by Mary Koppel and Laurie Brock
- November's Book: "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" by Malala Yousafzai
- Both available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) & "I Am Malala" available at the library.



## Time & Talent

*Blessings Abound*

Everyone is strongly encouraged to utilize your special talents! Please review, complete, and return your Time & Talent form to the box in the central hallway. More forms available next to the box.

Next Blood Pressure check will be available on **Sunday, October 7** in the Gathering Space from 9:15 -10:30 am.



## MISSION TEAM

Interested in joining our mission team to Uganda, April 2-15, 2019? Come to an informational meeting **Sunday, October 7** at 9:00 am in the Family Life Center **or** on **Sunday, October 14** at 11 am in Rm 210. Hope to see you there.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Sunday School students will be sharing their offering with the ELCA Good Gifts campaign to purchase fruit tree seedlings for \$10 each. (For more information: [elca.org/goodgifts](http://elca.org/goodgifts)).



**McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# McFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS

## Are you thinking about baptism?

MLC's is hosting a baptismal preparation class each quarter for people who are interested in having their child baptized or getting baptized themselves.

The next class is Tuesday, **October 16**, at 6:30PM in Room 210. Contact either the church office or Pastor Kelli to sign-up 838-3184. (RSVP is required so sufficient childcare can be arranged.)



## WE DID IT AGAIN! ANOTHER WELL IN UGANDA!



In 2013, the Global Mission Committee and MLC raised money to sponsor a well in Sesera, Uganda. Earlier this year, we felt the call to raise funds for another well...and together we did it again! Our Walk 4 Water last Saturday was a success! Thanks to the movement of the Spirit and the generosity of the people of MLC, the wider community, and beyond, our brothers and sisters in Nyakesi, Uganda will soon have clean, safe, life-giving water! The Global Mission Committee thanks you for your generosity and praises God for the gift of water!

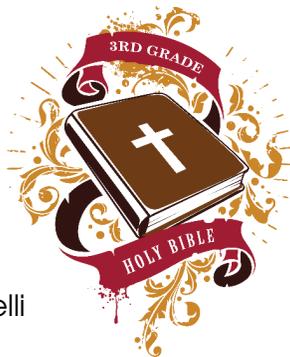
## FAITH MILESTONE BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS!

3rd Graders are invited to receive their full NRSV Bibles

Come to church (Room 113) on either **Tuesday, October 23** at 3:30PM **or Saturday, October 27** at 10:00AM.

Parents/Grandparents/  
Fun Adults are expected to join their student.

Bibles will be presented on **Sunday, October 28** at the 10:00 am service. Please RSVP with Pastor Kelli by **Monday, October 8**.



## October 10 Preparedness Workshop

The Church Council is sponsoring a workshop for our faith community on "Preparedness for Active Shooter Incidents" on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. This is a free training event offered and led by the Dane County Sheriff's Office and the McFarland Police Department. All members and friends of MLC are welcome to attend!

The council believes that this kind of pro-active educational event is necessary because of recent active shooter incidents in our nation and world. **Fortunately, there have been no such events at MLC, but we want to maintain the safety and welfare of our faith community by providing this opportunity.**

There is much fear generated by active shooter incidents in the news. Though we understand these fears, the Church Council does not want our community to live and do God's work in fear. This event gives us the opportunity to learn and discuss safety in a calm, rational and life-giving way. We will continue to worship God and serve in God's creation by faith, trusting that God is with us. *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* (Psalm 46:1)

All members and friends of MLC are invited and encouraged to attend on **Oct. 10!** Please speak with Council President Sharon Mylrea, Pastor Tim or Pastor Kelli if you have any questions. May God, our refuge and strength, continue to keep our faith community safe for all people, and help us to grow as Jesus' disciples.

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet at the home of Carolyn Gehrke on October 9th at 1:00 p.m.



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