



# News You Can Use

October 6/7, 2018

**Altar flowers** are given in honor of **Greg & Tracy Geib wedding anniversary**, by Conrad & Linda Marks

**Communion wine** is given in honor of **Chuck & Linda Swenson's 41st anniversary** by Chuck & Linda Swenson.

**Last week's attendance:** 290

**This week we thank** the Shared Table Steering Committee for providing meals to those in need.

## FAITH FORMATION



### 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.

**October 14 – Today: Mark as Story!** Have you ever experience the gospel as a story, rather than an historic accounting? Come experience stories of Jesus' life in a new way. Room 113 at 9:15 am Next Week: Join Pastor Tim in digging deeper into Mark as Story! Room 113 at 9:15 am.

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

## Growing Disciples – Growing Faith

**Fall Leaves – Lots of things change.** We change our summer sandals to winter boots. Our hair grows longer and gets cut short. Puppies grow into dogs. Even the leaves on the trees have started to change color! It seems that nothing stays the same...but one thing that stays the same is God's love for you and for me! That never changes!

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

- 1st Monday of the Month November 5 at 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 this **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.

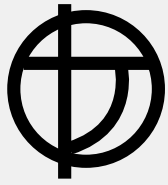


**Elizabeth Circle** will meet at the home of Carolyn Gehrke on October 9th at 1:00 p.m.



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# McFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS

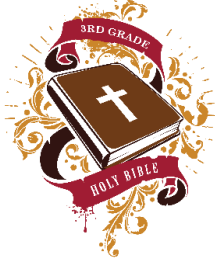
## FAITH MILESTONE BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS!

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.**

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.

## Thank you



Lutheran World Relief

McFarland Lutheran is sending **40** School Kits, **30** Personal Care Kits and **326** Quilts to Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

for those who are suffering from natural disaster or life threatening violence all over the world.

**Thank you** to the "Piece Corp" quilting group, and to Eileen Brost for coordinating the kits.

**Thank You** to Daryl Rupnow, Chris Landerud and the youth of MLC for transporting and loading the kits and quilts into a train boxcar destined for LWR.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT YTD As of August 31, 2018

Actual Income Received YTD \$175,261*	Budgeted/Projected Income \$186,355*
Actual Expenses Paid YTD \$208,818	Budgeted/Projected Expense \$221,759

While year to date expenses are below budget they exceeded income received by \$33,557. However, we continue to be current with paying our benevolences and bills.

Additional Capital Building Fund contributions of \$1,230, that are applied to further reduce the principal of our mortgage, were received bringing the year to date additional building fund contributions received to \$6,229. This congregation is truly blessed and thankful for all who have and continue to give so generously. Thanks be to God! Our current mortgage balance is \$1,235,597.

Separate from and in addition to our budgeted church income, other financial gifts (less the additional Capital Building Fund contributions) totaling \$6,488 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.

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