

News You Can Use

December 29/30, 2018

Altar flowers are given in honor of **Sharon Thieding** by Ernie Thieding.

Communion wine is given in memory of **Bea Sebok** by Jean Pierce.

Last week's attendance: 386

Christmas Eve's attendance: 944

Christmas Day's attendance: 62

Total: 1392

This week we thank the Health & Social Wellness Committee and those who took tags from the Giving Tree to provide gifts for the McFarland Food Pantry.

FAITH FORMATION



January 6 – Today: Pastor Tim begins the series "Life Together". Dietrich Bonhoeffer's powerful writing on life in the community of Christ. Room 113 at 9:15 am.

January 13 – Today: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's realistic practices for living life as a follower of Jesus in a world often less than receptive to Christian principles. *Next Week:* Do you find yourself filling silence with music, electronics, or other sounds? How can time alone, in silence, be a gift? Room 113 at 9:15 am.



The next Blood Pressure check will be available **Sunday, January 6** in the Gathering Space from 9:15 -10:30 am.

Ginny Dodson invites her church family and friends to help her **celebrate her 75th birthday** on Sunday January 6, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse.

No gifts, please. Instead, please bring a canned good or donation for the McFarland Food Pantry.



On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

Growing Disciples – Growing Faith

Epiphany Quiz – From which direction did the magi travel? (The East.) What were they following? (A star.) What did they find? (Jesus with his mother.) ----- The star pointed to Jesus; it pointed to God's love. What points you to Jesus? What reveals God's love to you?

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, January 15, 2019, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 210. Contact either the church office or Pastor Tim to sign up 838-3184. (RSVP is required so sufficient childcare can be arranged.)

Pastor Kelli will be on vacation the weekend of December 29 & 30. She will be back in the office on Monday, Dec .31. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

COMING: BETHEL SERIES

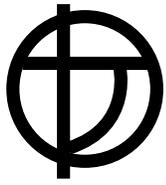
Wednesday evenings
7:30 - 8:45 pm
January 9 – May 22

Teacher: Pastor Jerry Pribbenow



For 60 years this congregation has been enriched through the Bethel Series. It will give you a "total picture" view of the Bible and will impact your life in unexpected ways. The returns on your "time invested" will be worth it! Discover for yourself why people are so enthusiastic and grateful for this study. Questions or Register - see Huldah Ellestad





McFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS

New Financial Peace University Class in January 2019

The Stewardship Committee is again offering a 9-week class on managing finances with materials provided by Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU). This is a DVD-led class, and will be coordinated by MLC member Joe D'Amato. The class will begin on Sunday, Jan. 20, 11:15-12:45 p.m., in the office conference room (210). Child care will be provided. The Stewardship team is subsidizing the cost of the materials, so the cost per family unit will be \$100. There is a sign-up sheet in the Great Hallway.



A family in last year's FPU class has this testimonial to share about the experience: "We live in a culture that embraces personal debt – credit cards, student loans, car loans, mortgage payments, medical bills – as a given. Dave Ramsey and the Financial Peace University course let us know there's a better way.

"With a simple step-by-step approach, Dave Ramsey's approach has helped us payoff over \$80k in debt in the last 16 months. Both individually and as a married couple, we better understand the psychology of money. Together are building a brighter future for our family.

"The program helps a variety of people. It will help a single person. It will help a married person. Anyone can jump in and benefit at any point in their life. For a person who can't cover an emergency greater than \$500, there are steps you can take to improve your situation. If you have children and need to plan for their education and your retirement, this program will help you move forward. If you are nearing retirement, this program will help you organize your budget for the next chapter of your life.

"Don't hesitate. Don't delay. Sign up, bring an open mind, and be ready for God to work on your heart and mind through his program. It's a game changer!"

Contact Joe D'Amato or another member of Stewardship Committee (Sarah Schutt, Steve Schoch, Carri Wolff, or Pastor Tim) if you are interested or have questions.

Please remember in your thoughts & prayers...

*Sonja Abrams (Linda Swenson's cousin)

Adams family

Bethany Austin

*Cheryl Bartels (sister of Brenda Moen)

*Jeremy Beahm

Trudy Bredeson

*Dave Brown (Susi Miller's brother-in-law)

*Steve Brunker (Kathy Westby & Eileen Richter's brother)

*Wayne Burmeister (Former MLC Member)

*Carol Butteris (Friend of Norma Kohl)

Judy Crichton

*Andrea Denman (Friend of Lisa Deegan)

^W **Ginny Dodson**

*Rae Marie Dougan (Rex Link's sister)

*Johanna Fabke (Friend of Linda Swenson)

*Carol Freidheim (Sister of Diane Voiss)

*Gates, Diane (Daughter of Don & Eunice)

*Scott Gerl (Neighbor of Jim & Susi Miller)

*Carol Hanna

*Kirstie Hanson (Mary Link's cousin)

*Tyson Heiman-Lambert (Great grandson of Judie Heiman)

*Jeff Hitchcock

*Mackenzie Ingvanson

*Edwin Jacob (Aaron Jacob's father)

*Sandy Jenks (Lisa Meyer's mom)

Mildred Kelley

*Georgia Kinder (Share Table friend)

*Barb Klug (Co-worker of Jane Blank)

*Jim and Marie Kyle (friends of Brian Rodeck)

Midge Larson

*Justin Leach (Linda & Chuck Swenson's relative)

*Todd Leach (Linda & Chuck Swenson's relative)

*Mandy & Logan (Cleo Eliason's grand-niece & nephew)

Pastor Willard Lund

David Lund

*Chantel Rose Lynch (Granddaughter of Marla Grover)

Carter Moran

*Stacey & Carol Newton

Judy & Jesus Nunez

*Ron O'Keefe (Friend of Kohl's)

*Jordan O'Malley and parents, Shane and JoAnn

Linda Othrow

*Carol Peotter (Callie Mauersetter's mom)

*Pastor Margo Peterson (Bonnie Dirks' daughter)

*Connie Peterson and children Corbet,

Carissa and Paula (Diane Wells' aunt and cousins)

*Kelson Peterson-Bystol (Grandson of Alan & Sharon Peterson; great grandson of Sylvester Peterson)

*Harlow Harue Phillips (Great-niece of David & Sallie Waller)

Chris Preston

Travis Ray

Eileen Richter

*Mary Seiler (Friend of Randy Hansen)

*Gladys Severtson (Aunt of Marla Grover)

*Julie Sheldo

*Rick Shoby

*Sharon Stake (Friend of Bonnie & Ray Spangler)

*Curt Steindorf (Family of Lisa Paley)

*Cathy Stephens (Friend of the Wells')

*Chloe Stoddard (Friend of Bonnie Spangler)

Carol Stoeckmann

Margaret Stolen

*Joette Studt (Friend of Jean Pierce)

*Pat Swenson (Chuck Swenson's mother)

*Roberta Thieding (Sister-in-law of Ernie Thieding)

*Randi Thorson (Friend of Mary Grell)

Ron Walswick

*Judy & Ed Walther

John Wendling

Jordan Wendt

*Marcia Wiberg (Friend of Kim Henes)

Kim Wisden

*Terry Witt (Sharon Peterson's sister)

*Chad Wood

*Denotes non-member

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SHARE

GOD'S WORD

SHOW

GOD'S LOVE

SERVE

GOD'S WORLD

*Denotes non-member