



News You Can Use

January 12/13, 2019

Altar flowers are given in honor of Susi Miller's birthday given by Jim & Susi Miller.

Communion wine is given in honor of Susi Miller's birthday given by Jim & Susi Miller.

Last week's attendance: 354

This week we thank Jackle Voight, Linda Marks & Renee Rodeck for copying and folding the newsletter!

FAITH FORMATION

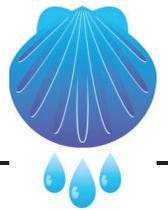
January 13 – Today Dietrich Bonhoeffer's realistic practices for living life as a follower of Jesus in a world often less than receptive to Christian principles.

January 27 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer has many realistic, practical thoughts to share for Christians as we live with others inside, and outside the church. Next Week: Christians are all in the same boat: sinners forgiven by Jesus' saving actions, but do we always reflect that? Room 113 at 9:15 am.

Seasonal affective disorder is a form of a major depressive disorder that occurs during the same season each year and is commonly referred to as the winter blues or winter depression. The Holiday and winter months can bring joy and excitement, but the lack of light can affect anyone. It usually starts in the late fall and early winter and goes away during the spring and summer. Some people do have episodes of depression that start in the spring or summer, but that is a lot less common. Take a look at the Health and Social wellness bulletin board for further information on Seasonal affective disorder (SAD).



The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.



Growing Disciples – Growing Faith

"Growing Disciples – Growing Faith" started four years ago as a brief, easy way for families to engage their faith together. It has been a fun ministry that has now run its course. We are excited to continue worshiping, praying, learning, and serving together as God's people. Blessings to you as one adventure ends and another one begins!

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.)

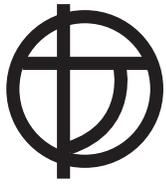
UGANDA MISSION TRIP MEETING

To all Uganda 2019 Mission Trippies and those considering being a part of the team: We will have an organizational meeting on Sunday, January 13 at 9:00 am in the Family life Center. Hope to see you there!



Please feel free to take home a poinsettia today!





McFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS

NEW FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS IN JANUARY 2019

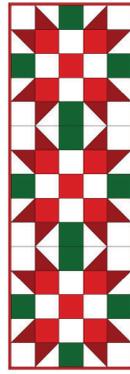
The Stewardship Committee is again offering a 9-week class on managing finances with materials provided by Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU). This is a DVD-led class, and will be coordinated by MLC member Joe D'Amato. The class will begin on Sunday, Jan. 20, 11:15-12:45 p.m., in the office 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.

"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.



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHURCH QUILTERS



The quilting ladies have been providing quilts to "Lutheran World Relief" for several years. We usually make over 300 quilts a year. It is our way of giving comfort and warmth to someone in need. There is a way you can be a part of our worthwhile mission.

We have a beautiful quilt that will be our fund raiser for purchasing batting and fabric. The quilt will be on display the first week of February. You can start thinking how it would make a wonderful gift, or a start to redecorating a bedroom, and your support of the quilters mission.

The quilt is a queen size: 86" x 104". It is also reversible, and both sides are beautiful! Machine quilted to give it stability to last and washable.

The quilters will appreciate your generosity!

High School Youth "House Party"

We are launching a new high school ministry! "House Party" will be a gathering of high schoolers hosted at the homes of students one Sunday a month. The two hour timeframe will consist of dinner and devotion. These gatherings will serve as opportunities to connect, grow relationships, and engage in faithful discussion. Simply join us Sunday evening. To host or ask questions, please contact Chris. (444-3604)



What: "House Party"
Youth Dinner & Devotion

Who: High School Student & Friends
(all are welcome)

When: Sunday, January 13th
from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Where: Sammie & Sophie Heckle's Home
5416 Main Street

Future dates:
Sunday, February 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm
Thorson Family

Sunday, March 3rd from 5:30-7:30 pm
Location TBD

Sunday, April 14th from 5:30-7:30 pm
Rossman Family

Sunday, May 19th from 5:30-7:30 pm
Hiltbrand Family

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of McFarland Lutheran Church, or, do you know someone who may be interested?

These sessions are a good way to learn what MLC is all about and to meet some really nice people!



The next New Member Session options are:

Sun., January 27, & February 3 at 10:00 am
Or
Tues., January 29 at 6:30pm

Child Care will be provided upon request
New members will be received on Sunday, February 24

Please contact Huldah Ellestad to register, and for more details. (838-3184 or hellestad@mcfarlandlutheran.org)

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