



# News You Can Use

April 27/28, 2019

**Altar flowers** are given in memory of **Mike & Valerie Wells** by John & Diane Wells.  
**Communion wine** is given to the glory of God.

**Last week's attendance:**

Maundy Thursday: 65  
Good Friday: 230  
Easter: 777

**This week we thank** all the readers for the Good Friday evening service

## FAITH FORMATION



**April 28 – Today: “Now or Never: Pack Your Coffin”** – Jesus gave His life for us - will we give our lives for Him? The gospel calls us to invest all that we are, for the One who has laid down everything for us. Are we up to the challenge? Room 113 at 9:15 am.

**Next Week: “All In: Charge!”** How do we respond when life gets tough?



Blood Pressure checks will be available **Sunday, May 5** in the Gathering Space from 9:15 -10:30 am.

### 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, May 21, at 6:30 pm in Room 113. Contact either the church office or Pastor Kelli to sign-up 838-3184. (RSVP is required so sufficient childcare can be arranged.)

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Pastor Kelli will be on vacation the weekend of April 27 & 28. She will be back in the office on Monday, April 29.

### Calling all Walkers and Runners

Just a reminder that Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle is just around the corner (May 18). Please sign up to participate with the MLC team. Joining this run/walk also supports the Wolff family in raising significant funds to continue cancer research. You can register at [www.alyshonkytonkhustle.com](http://www.alyshonkytonkhustle.com). Contact Sandy Hall (608-215-3999) ASAP if you need/want a McFarland Lutheran Church Shirt.



### Puerto Rico Mission Trip Sharing!

This weekend, we will hear from members of the Puerto Rico Mission Trip, as they share their experiences, stories and faith. From March 26-April 2, 20 MLC members travelled to Puerto Rico, and renewed our partnership with Reconciliation Lutheran Church in

Levittown, outside San Juan. We continue to be blessed by the mission we share with our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters! Thanks be to God!





# McFARLAND LUTHERAN NEWS

## Thank You

### Dick Kohl Retiring

One of our custodians, Dick Kohl, is retiring after 20 years on our staff. His last day will be May 11, 2019. We give thanks for Dick, for his years of faithful ministry as custodian, and for his gifts of hard work and dedication at MLC! We are also thankful that Dick and Norma will remain members of our congregation, and will continue to participate in the life of our congregation. We will have a special recognition and prayer for Dick on Sunday, May 12, at the 8 a.m. service, followed by a cake reception



in the Gathering Space. And we won't make Dick set up or clean up for his own reception!! May God continue to bless and strengthen Dick in this time of transition as he begins a new chapter in life and faith!

### Have you shopped the Fair Trade Table?

Located in the Central Hallway, Fair Trade items help support small farmers and their communities.



Along with coffee beans and ground coffee, you can purchase Decaf and Regular single serve cups for your personal coffee makers. You can also try olive oil, chocolate bars, baking cocoa, tea, raw or roasted cashews and almonds.

**FAIRTRADE**



**Elizabeth Circle** will meet at the home of Carolyn Wendorf on **May 14** at 1:00 p.m.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT YTD As of March 31, 2019

Actual Income Received YTD \$927,869*	Actual Expenses Paid YTD \$938,960
Budgeted/Projected Income \$927,561*	Budgeted/Projected Expense \$946,439

Year to date expenses while below budget exceeded actual year to date income received by \$11,091. However, we remain current with paying our benevolences and bills.

Additional Capital Building Fund contributions of \$25 that are applied to further reduce the principal of our mortgage, were received bringing the year to date additional building fund contributions received to \$19,850. 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 \$1,199,016

In response to our Special Mortgage Reduction Initiative Appeal pledges in the amount \$124,835 as of 4/24/2019, have been made. We are off to a great start toward reaching our goal. We are very encouraged with the positive response and pledges made to date. Praise be to God to all who have made pledges.

Separate from and in addition to our budgeted church income, other financial gifts (less the additional Capital Building Fund & Mortgage Reduction Initiative contributions) totaling \$6,101 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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