



McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for the 5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 22/23, 2024

Sat. 5 pm Worship

Sun. 8 am Worship

Sun. 10 am Worship & Facebook Live

Worship Assistant Sign Up

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Sign up to help lead worship as an usher, lector, communion server, and more!

Sign Up Here!

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Prayer Shawl Workshop

Join us **Monday, July 1st at 6:30pm** for a prayer shawl workshop. These workshops will be held in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact Norma Kohl.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WEEKLY

Sneak Peek

Weekly Calendar

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Greetings from CLM

The Heat Is On!



The beginning of this week has given us a true taste of summer as the temperature decided to rise quickly! We always use caution when the heat or heat index becomes too high. We are so blessed to have the Family Life Center available for play during extreme weather throughout the year. Monday was Big Bounce House Day and it was set up in the FLC which provided a “cool” place to bounce away!

Wednesday is Pizza Hut Lunch Day, which is always a popular day at CLM, followed by Thursday swimming at the school pool.

During the morning, we walk a group of CLM students to summer school, and throughout the day we have students leaving to and coming back from swim lessons, volleyball camp, baseball practice, and drama classes. Our staff does an amazing job of logging arrivals and departures!

On Tuesday our youngest group, Rainbow South, went to story hour at the library and upon return joined the rest of the groups in worship with Pastor Peter. Worship is a wonderful time for all of us to be together in story, song, praise, and prayer.

We will soon be putting some of our summer art in the hall, so walk on down and see what we are doing!

Stay hydrated and find cool places to hang out!

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A Note From Pastor Peter

Wow, does vegetation grow fast here in Wisconsin! As a newcomer I've really noticed this. My drive to the church takes me past a soybean field. Each day, it seems, I can see rapid growth taking place in the plants. Quickly, they went from tiny to substantial. And in McFarland Lutheran's "Garden of Eatin'" out in our "back 40" there is incredible abundance. Eventually, much of that produce will go to the local food pantry and many people will receive their own nutritious sustenance and growth as a result.

As growth is all around this summer, I invite you to the church's source of growth – worship. In worship we are truly given new life through God's word and sacrament. God's word continually creates new life in us by challenging our idolatries and pouring forgiveness into us. The sacrament of Holy Communion feeds us with Jesus Christ himself, nourishing and sustaining our faith – something we certainly can't do on our own.

Perhaps you've gotten out of the habit of worshipping with MLC. No problem! I'd love to meet you. But most of all our God – Lord of heaven and earth -- would love to meet you here. When we gather as a community, sharing with each other life's joys and sorrows, God gets noticeably active. It's a great gift, I believe.

So, come. Consider making church a part of your rest and recreation this summer. God will give the growth.

~ Pastor Peter Erickson

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Vacation Bible School

Join us July 22 thru the 25 for VBS from 5:00 to 8:00 and dive into friendship with God. Registration forms can be found on the McFarland Lutheran Church website or at the welcome desk in the narthex. Scuba promises to be fun and adventurous don't miss out, registration forms are due July,15. If you want to help out or have questions contact Karen Emerson at grandma.karen6@yahoo.com.



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Garden Market/Communion Wafers

The COC committee has set up baskets on the table under our bulletin board for the "Garden Market." Every weekend anyone can bring in produce or flowers that they would like to share and place it in this area. Then anyone who is in need may take items that they can use. This "market" will continue until September. If items are left there after the weekend we take them to the McFarland Food Pantry with our donations.

This Friday, June 21 at 4 pm we will be making communion wafers in the kitchen upstairs. All are welcome to come and join the fun. We heard that last month someone came to help and due to the schedule change with First Communion we weren't there on the third Friday. Our apologies that we didn't update the calendar and weren't there. We encourage anyone to help us, it only takes about an hour and wafers are easy to make.

Care of Creation Canoe Trip Postponed

After further consideration with respect for Pastor Erickson's installation, **the COC has postponed its canoe trip originally scheduled for Sunday, June 30, to Sunday, July 14.** More information regarding the COC canoe trip will be forthcoming.



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Installation Service for Pastor Peter

The installation of Pastor Peter Erickson as our Senior Pastor is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, at 9:00 am. In order for all our members to participate in the installation, we will be having only one worship service at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 30. (There will be no Saturday evening service, and no services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday.) Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA will join us in worship that day and will officiate at Pastor Peter's installation. Following the installation service, a welcome celebration will be held in the Family Life Center. More details will be shared as plans are finalized.

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HS Summer Camp - Final Call

HS Summer Festival Camp - July 7 – 10, 2024 (Sunday – Wednesday)
Gustavus Adolphus College – Saint Peter, MN
<https://summerfestivalcamp.com/>



High schoolers, incoming freshmen, & friends –

Our McFarland crew is up to 18; and we still have time and plenty of room for more. Our group is a mix of members and non-members; all are welcome.

Summer Festival Camp is 4 fast-paced fun days to both grow friendships and grow in faith! Over the past couple of decades, hundreds of McFarland students have made lifelong memories at this camp experience. Invite your friends; pick your dorm roommate and jump on-board! Tons of fun, great food, and an inspiring experience for all!

TO REGISTER CLICK “[HERE](#)”: Complete the simple registration form and return to me or the church office with \$375 payment by Monday, July 1.

If ANY student needs financial assistance, simply complete and return the registration page, and MLC youth scholarship funds will cover fees.

We will travel via coach bus; we have plenty of room. Feel free to connect with me if you have any questions. <>< Chris (608.444.3604)

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Financial Summary

As of May 31, 2024

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	11 Months	11 Months
Income	\$1,200,921	\$1,184,528
Expenses	\$1,220,698	\$1,068,911
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(19,777)	\$115,616
Mortgage Balance		
Outstanding	\$814,892	\$766,468
	As of 6/30/23	As of 5/31/24

Budget Forum in Family Life Center on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 9:00 am.

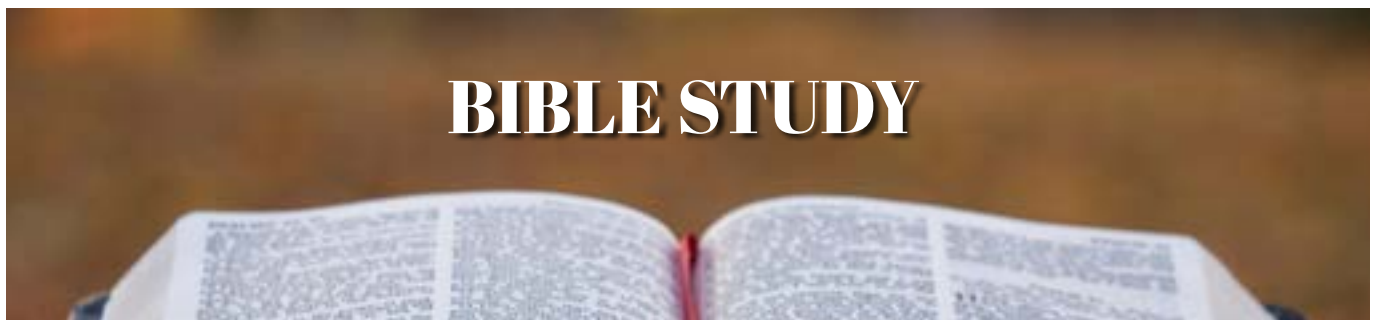
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Local Missions

We are looking for a few volunteers to help serve the Triangle Ministry meal on Monday, July 1st. The meal will be served in the Brittingham Apartments located at 755 Braxton Place in Madison. The meal is served from 5-6pm but we generally try to arrive there between 4-4:15pm to get set up. We are usually on our way home by 6:30pm. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kristin Hildebrandt for more details at 608-695-4304. Thank you!

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Men's bible study

First Saturday/month, 7:30 a.m

Come and join the MLC men's bible study group as we delve into God's Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on **Saturday, July 6th in room 125.**

Interested? Have questions?
Please contact Jeff Gehrke at jeffgehrke59@gmail.com or Scott Potts at scottalan23@hotmail.com

Women's bible study

First Saturday/month, 7:30 a.m

Come and join the MLC women's bible study group as we delve into God's Word and enjoy fellowship time together. We are meeting on **Saturday, July 6th in room 210.**

Interested? Have questions?
Please contact Sheri Gehrke at sherilgehrke@gmail.com.

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Food Container Pick-Up

Thank you to everyone that has brought food items for church ministries. We have several dishes that have not been picked up. They are on the table across from the kitchen at the church. We plan on donating them if they are not picked up by June 25. There is not room to keep storing them. Please come and get your dishes by June 25. Thank you again for bringing food items for lent, advent, hospitality, funerals and other church functions.

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Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329. Hope to see you there.

July 16: *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain

August 20: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

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Looking Forward - Annual Meeting - July 28

Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 28, following the 11:00 am worship service. We'll review the past year with reports from our Pastors, staff members and committees. We'll consider an amendment of our congregation's constitution, and we'll look forward to ways that we can continue to fulfill our mission in 2024-2025. We'll also elect new Council members, approve our 2024-2025 budget, and discuss other issues needing congregation approval. Please plan to attend to CELEBRATE the past, to PLAN for the future, and to THANK GOD for so richly blessing our congregation! (And there will be treats!)



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