



December 31 & January 1, 2017



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Worship and Serve*
262-634-6704

**Weekly MPLC
Announcements
Dec 31 & Jan 1, 2017**

A warm welcome to all! We're glad you are here. Visitors, please see the visitor information card in the pew rack. To learn more about us, visit our website and find us on facebook!

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**Regular Worship Times
with Holy Communion at MPLC**

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

In the Narthex Today...

SCRIP: Stop by the SCRIP table in the narthex for SCRIP sales and MAKE MISSION HAPPEN at MPLC!

Sign up FOR: High School Ski Retreat, Wine & Painting, All Women's Read, Court Whist, Coffee Hour Hosts, Middle School Game Night, and nametag replacement.

Our Staff:

- David Echelbarger (DEchelbarger@mplc.us) Pastor
- Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (CThomasE@mplc.us) Pastor
- Krista Zimmerman (kzimmerman@mplc.us) Pastor
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- Rebecca Cairns (rcairns@mplc.us) Director of Children's Education
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- Julie Rossman (jrossman@mplc.us) Publications Director



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Church Office Hours

Church office hours are: **Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Appointments can always be made for other times by calling the office or the pastors.

Pastor Dave's Roast: Today's fresh roasted coffee for coffee hour is: Mexico FTO Sierra Juárez. First Coffee for the new year: bakers cocoa with apple and walnut drifting above. A crowd pleaser, although on New Year's we will be missing the crowd. Join us in fellowship hall 9:30 a.m.!

"Discovering God Anew"

Adult Education, Sundays at 10 a.m.

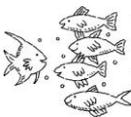
No Adult Ed Today – will resume January 22

Our experience of God transforms us and the world. God is not a mere idea but a reality to be continually encountered. Sometimes our ideas about God have failed to grow and we need to expand them to encounter God in new and more dynamic ways. Inadequate ideas about God, limit God's remaking power in our lives and the world. Join Pastor Dave in *Discovering God Anew*. A great way to Live Lutheran!

Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor Dave

Origins: A Quest to Understand the History of God: Currently on break and will resume again on January 10

Reception of New Members



**NEW
Member
Class**

The next new member class will be held Thursday, February 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (If you would prefer to come that day to a class held from 10 a.m.-12 noon please contact the church office at 634-6704.) Reception of new members will be the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26. (Exact service times will be discussed and selected during our class sessions.) For more information, or if you have questions or are interested in joining MPLC, please contact the church office at 634-6704 or see one of the pastors.



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4th Annual Social Ministry Fair

January 7 & 8
in Fellowship Hall

Come learn about the ways that MPLC and MPLC members are involved in service to the community! Many organizations inside and outside the church will be present! Come talk to representatives from these organizations in fellowship hall after church on Saturday, January 7 or during education hour on Sunday, January 8. *See how YOU can make a difference!*



MPLC SCRIP...*make mission happen!*

As Pastor Dave likes to say... "You're going to spend the money anyway: Make Mission Happen!"

Stop by the SCRIP table TODAY for gift cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, or for cards to pay off your Kohl's bill! Low denomination cards are still available for places like Starbucks and Panera. Each gift cards purchase you make directly benefits youth and adult missions here at MPLC, via a rebate from the company you purchase the gift card for. Thank you for your support!

Wine & Painting!

Friday, January 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies! Picasso Vino is BACK!

Join us Friday, January 20! Arrive between 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and food. Painting will begin at 6 p.m. See a sample of the picture we'll draw on the sign up table. Cost is \$25. Please bring a bottle of wine, appetizer, or dessert to share. Sign up in the Narthex and look for a payment envelope. Your payment of \$25 will secure your spot and includes art materials. **All payments must be received by January 15.**



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Hunger Never Takes a Vacation

The Food pantry at Holy Communion Lutheran Church is asking for the following items for next two weeks. Thank you for your support!

January 15—spaghetti, spaghetti sauce

January 22—soup, saltines

Additional Help Needed!

In addition, the food bank is in desperate need of “staples”, including soup, canned fruit, egg noodles, peanut butter, jelly and instant potatoes. Monetary donations are also welcomed – there’s a donation box at the top of each ramp. Thank you for your support.

Middle School Baby Shower Collection

The Middle School Sunday Church School classes are putting together Baby Shower gift bags to help the Partners Educating Parent Students program and need your help. We are looking for donations of baby items (i.e. baby food, formula, diapers, wipes, soap, washcloths, etc.). These items need to be brought to church by January 8. Items can be dropped in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

Mittens & More

Check out our mitten tree in fellowship hall! Now called “Mittens & More”, the project is designed to provide mittens, hats and scarves for children and adults in need. If you like to knit or crochet, take a handy yarn kit or two, complete with simple patterns, and make hats, mittens and/or scarves. Bring them to MPLC and place on the mitten display area as you enter fellowship hall. If you are a social worker, a teacher or a volunteer who works with those who could benefit from these items, please take some to share. Questions? Call the church office at 634-6704.

Quilter's Corner



The quilters have been busy putting together quilt tops and backs, but we could use some more hands for tying! During the weekend of January 7 and 8, come see us at the Shine Your Light Social Ministry Fair in the fellowship hall, and we'll show you how easy it is to tie a quilt! Hopefully, some of you would like to join us in January! We will meet on **Thursdays; January 12 and 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.** We want to thank Audrey Jensen for her generous donation of fabric. If you have any question please call Joyce Friend at 886-6676 or Linda Berger at 456-4779.



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Crafter's Corner



Have you been thinking about joining the craft group? January would be a great month to start the experience. We will be reviewing our fall sale, put things in their rightful place and share new ideas for the year. We will be meeting in January on Thursdays; January 5 and 19 at 9 a.m. in Mygatts corner.

Once again, thank you to everyone who stopped and shopped and made our sale a success! A few of the things we have purchased were a scanner for the church office, and tablecloths for fellowship hall. If you have any ideas of things the church could use, drop us a note (bring to the church office) and we will consider your request.

2 Liter Soda Bottles Collection

Only Clear Bottles Needed Please

MPLC member and Master Gardener, Burt Blomgren, is collecting empty, clean, **clear** 2-liter soda bottles for a gardening project he does with children in local schools. Please look for the box in the narthex. Thank you!

Project Night and DayNews

Friday and Saturday, January 27 & 28



Come to work on any project (scrapbooking, stamping, painting, stitching, organizing) in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, January 27**, from 6:30-11 p.m. Then, come back for Project Day, on Saturday the 28th, between the hours of 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. There is plenty of space and lots of tables to work on. Come join this great group for fun and fellowship.

All Women's Read



All women at MPLC (and friends!) are invited to come to a book discussion with Pastor Krista on **Saturday, February 25** from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. The book is "Sabbath in the Suburbs: A Family's experiment with Holy Time" by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Please buy the book on your own. It is available on amazon.com or other websites. You probably won't find it in a store since it is from a smaller Christian publisher. Sign up in the narthex.



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Annual Court Whist Event – Saturday, February 25



Join us **Saturday, February 25**, for the popular card game “Court Whist.” This is a game that everyone -- beginner and “card sharks” -- can enjoy. If you know how to play “War,” Hearts, Solitaire, or Crazy Eights, you'll be able to master Court Whist. (This is an event that both singles and couples will definitely enjoy!)

We'll meet at **Denny & Karen Martin's, 5722 Wildwood Drive, (near Sander's Park)** at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the narthex and plan on bringing a snack and beverage to share. (For more information, please contact Karen or Denny Martin (994-7047 or 994-7048) or kmartin251@gmail.com)

High School Ski/Snowboard Retreat

February 10-12, 2017. Sign up in the narthex. Base price is \$105, lift ticket is \$49, Ski or Snowboard Rentals - \$28. Each person pays for what they need. Payment in full, permission/health form and copy of health insurance card due by January 8. Please put in Pastor Krista's mailbox.

2017 Offering Envelopes Available TODAY!

Offering envelopes for 2017, containing combined weekly envelopes for both the current/benevolence unified fund and for mortgage debt reduction, are available on the tables in the narthex. If you have not already done so, **please help save mailing costs by picking yours up TODAY.** Thank you!

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A Service of Healing

Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.



If you are suffering in mind, body or spirit, or if a loved one's suffering is on your heart, consider attending our healing service. This calm and quiet service includes beautiful music, candles and provides an opportunity for prayer, scripture and anointing for the person attending or on behalf of another. The service is held once, every other month. Please note the later start time than our traditional healing service has been in the past.

Middle School Game Night!

Are you in 6th-8th grade and love to run around the church? Then this night is perfect for you! Join us on Friday, February 17 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. We'll be playing fun active games around the church like hide and seek and sardines! Or, bring board games to share! Dinner will also be provided. Sign up in the narthex.

What's Happening the Week of January 1...

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday	Noon	Bulletin Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.		Confirmation
6:30 p.m.		Messenger / Cherub Choirs
7:30 p.m.		Confirmation Camp Parent Meeting
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Communion
		Social Ministry Fair
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Ed / Little Lambs
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion



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Worship Leadership (5 pm)

Rosie Johnson, Head Usher
Audrey Blomgren, Lector

Worship Leadership (8:30 am)

Joyce Akin, Lynne Besaw, Greeters
John Berge, Lector

Jacob Brown, Chloe & Ian Choi, Evan Smith, Acolytes
Bill & Barb Galis, Darrel Schweissing, Coffee Hour Hosts
Lynne Santalucia, Barb Hubmann, Chris Nielsen, Coffee Fellowship
Refreshments

Laura Kozenski, Naomi Miller, Karen Magee, Maria Lee, Frank DeCesaro,
Communion Assistants
Ian & Micah Bischoff, Nursery
Paul Taylor, Team Leader
Connie Mallwitz, Head Usher

Worship Leadership (11:00 am)

Kathy Heyse, Welcome Center
Dana Lambert-Wittkowske, Ric Weiss, Greeters
Grace Brussat, Gabrielle Cherry, Acolytes
Sherry Coburn, Communion Assistant
Emma Litwin, Nursery
Bob Kolesar, Team Leader
Barb Rasmussen/ Bob Kolesar, Head Usher

Claranna Vytlačil, Bread Baker
Michael Becker, Organist
Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli, Senior Choir Director
Greg Schroeder, Bell Choir Director
Rev. Christine A. Thomas-Echelbarger, Pastor
Rev. David L. Echelbarger, Pastor
Rev. Krista M. Zimmerman, Pastor

Happy New Year ♪ *Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year*
