



January 14 & 15, 2017



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Worship and Serve
262-634-6704*

**Weekly MPLC
Announcements
January 14 & 15, 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: Wine & Painting, All Women's Read, Court Whist, Coffee Hour Hosts, Middle School Game Night, HS Synod Retreat, and nametag replacement.

Our Staff:

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- Julie Rossman (jrossman@mplc.us) Publications Director



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Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Becky, Scott, Ben, & Emma Litwin in honor of Mom & Grandma, Cindy Lester, on her 70th birthday on January 15.

The white roses on the altar are given by MPLC to the glory of God in celebration of Daniel & Anna Rector, on the birth of a son, Luke David and to Tom & Katie Tuttle, on the birth of a son, Peter Allen.

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.

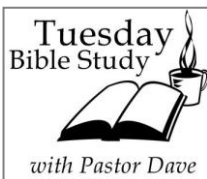
Pastor Dave's Roast: Today's fresh roasted coffee for coffee hour is:

Kenya Nyeri Kiaguthu Peaberry: 2016 was a great year for Kenyan Coffees. Here is the last one for 2016, a delightful Peaberry with pink grapefruit brightness and blood orange depth. Lift your pinkie

Adult Ed with Pastor Dave resumes TODAY! "Discovering God Anew"

Adult Education, Sundays at 10 a.m.

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!



Origins: A Quest to Understand the History of God.

Tuesday Bible Study 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Pastor Dave continues to bring you a biblical survey extending from Genesis to Revelation. This survey of scripture will be a quest to hear and understand how the original audience of scripture heard and understood biblical texts. After discovering the original context, we will let it inform our own understanding. Too often we do the reverse; we read the text with 21st century ideas and therefore



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distort or wrongly interpret scripture. This survey will also show how the idea of God matures throughout history. The Bible is the History of the perceived relationship with God through God's incarnate relationship with God's people. Fasten your seat belts to enter an ancient word with a life saving word for our time. All are welcome

New Member Class & Reception of New Members



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.



January 19 Service of Healing has been canceled

Due to scheduling conflicts, we have canceled the January healing service. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Wine & Painting!

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

Our wine and painting night will be here before we know it! If you have signed up, this is a reminder to get your **\$25 payment in by January 15**. There are payment envelopes on the sign up table. If your payment is not received by then we will not have a spot for you on January 20. This is a non-refundable payment, but if you have paid and need to bow out you may send someone in your place. We still have a few spots available – sign up in the narthex. We are all looking forward to a great event!

High School Synod Youth Retreat!

March 10-12 at Camp Minikani (Hubertus, WI)

MPLC youth in grades 9-12 are welcome! \$125 per person includes five meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), program and lodging. We'll stay in heated cabins and lodges. Payment of \$125 is due by Sunday, February 5. Checks made out to MPLC. We're looking for chaperones! See Pastor Krista with questions!



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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.



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!

Hunger Never Takes a Vacation



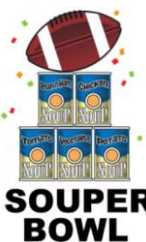
The Food pantry at Holy Communion Lutheran Church is asking for the following items for next two weeks. Thank you for your support!

January 22—soup, saltines

January 29—pancake mix, syrup

“Souper Bowl” Soup Collection begins January 22

To benefit the Food Pantry at Holy Communion



The play offs for the Super Bowl have begun! As soon as we know the two teams playing in the Super Bowl we will begin our “Souper Bowl” competition to see if we can predict the winner before the actual game. There will be two boxes labeled with the AFC and NFC champion teams. You choose your favorite to win the Super Bowl by placing cans of soup in that team’s box.

Look for the boxes on January 22 and vote often for your favorite team! No matter the outcome of the game, the food pantry and its clients win!



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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.

ATTENTION! If you know of children who could benefit from items on our mitten tree, please feel free to take and share them! There are hats, mittens and scarves – both knitted/crocheted and made from fleece. Thank you!

Quilter's Corner



The quilters have been busy putting together quilt tops and backs, but we could use some more hands for tying! Hopefully, some of you would like to join us in January! We will meet next on **Thursday, January 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.

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. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 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.



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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 Day News **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.

St. Patrick's Community Meal **Thursday, January 19**

Please consider helping! On the third Thursday of every other month, a group of MPLC volunteers meets in the MPLC kitchen to prepare food for more than 150, for the St. Patrick's Community Meal. Here's how you can help: 1) Come to the MPLC kitchen by Noon to help prepare food/clean up. This takes about 2 hours; 2) Bake a cake and bring to MPLC by 4:30 p.m., to be served at the meal; 3) Meet at MPLC at 4:30 p.m., to pick up the prepared food, and go to St. Patrick's to serve the meal; or meet at St. Pat's Church, 1100 Erie Street at 4:45 p.m. to help serve. Call Burt Blomgren with any questions at 835-2088. Thank you!

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)

What's Happening the Week of January 15...

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship / Social Ministry Fair
	10:00 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	Noon	HS Trip Group Builder
	Noon	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells / Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Messenger / Cherub Choirs
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:00 p.m.	St. Pat's Meal Prep
Friday	4:30 p.m.	St. Pat's Meal Serving
	10:00 a.m.	MPLC Newsletter Collating
	5:30 p.m.	Wine & Painting
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday		Souper Bowl Soup Drive Begins
	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)

Shirley Jaspersen, Head Usher
Sue Cawley, Lector

Worship Leadership (8:30 am)

Jim Broetzmann, Lector
Ralph & Mary Ann Christofferson, Greeter
Ona May Brunsvold, Welcome Center

Claire Graves, Paige Gulbrandson, Jade Johnson, Elise Kaesermann, Acolytes
JoAnn Goodyear, Joe Silvius, Darrel Schweissing, Sandy Lyden, Coffee Hour
Hosts

Peggy Svoboda, Sonja Wilson, Geri Yates, Pat & Ron Jensen, Coffee

Fellowship Refreshments

Emma & Kirsten Graves, Candy Zicarelli, Steve Ketterhagen Chuck Svoboda,
Communion Assistants

Erin & Kyle Ketterhagen, Nursery
Harold Solberg, Team Leader
Connie Mallwitz, Head Usher

Worship Leadership (11:00 am)

Brian Schalk, Lector
Dick Zimmermann, Welcome Center
Jenny & Matt Maier, Greeters
Emma & Julia Donaldson, Acolytes
Holly Hess, Communion Assistant
Abby & Meredith Gonzalez, Nursery
Bob Syslack, Team Leader
Barb Rasmussen/ Bob Kolesar, Head Usher
Kathy Kaesermann, 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

