



January 21 & 22, 2017



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Worship and Serve
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**Weekly MPLC
Announcements
January 21 & 22, 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: All Women's Read, Court Whist, Coffee Hour Hosts, Middle School Game Night, HS Synod Retreat, Parent's Night Out and nametag replacement.

Our Staff:

- David Echelbarger (DEchelbarger@mplc.us) Pastor
- Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (CThomasE@mplc.us) Pastor
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- Michael Becker (michael@mplc.us) Organist/Accompanist
- Holly Hess (hhess@mplc.us) Director of Faith & Life
- Rebecca Cairns (rcairns@mplc.us) Director of Children's Education
- Stephanie Szabo (sszabo@mplc.us) Parish Administrator
- Becky Litwin (blitwin@mplc.us) Church Secretary
- 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 Dan and Janice Johnson in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on January 20th.

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:

Colombia Urrao -La Esperanza Microlot. Ready for a lively cup of coffee? A fruit filled wonder? If not, pass this one up. Honey, elderberry, as the cup cools there emerges baked apple, blueberry

MPLC Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, January 29 at NOON in Fellowship Hall

The Annual Meeting of our Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 29 at Noon. In addition to the regular business of the congregation, there will be a presentation by Kim Borton a representative of In Faith. In Faith is helping us both invest money from our endowment fund and also providing guidance and resources to grow it. The Endowment Committee has also requested a change in the bylaws to help better define their work. This also will be voted on. Take an interest in your congregation as we celebrate 2016 and look forward to 2017.

Special expanded coffee fellowship next Sunday – Annual Meeting Day! Don't miss coffee hour and Adult Ed next Sunday! We'll of course have Pastor Dave's coffee, along with bagels & cream cheese, kringle, fruit and more! Any freewill donations collected will be donated to the MPLC Endowment Fund. Pastor Dave will have a special guest during Adult Ed. Then, be sure to make it to the annual meeting at Noon.

Online Volunteer Scheduling!

Beginning January 1, our volunteers received an email from Ministry Scheduler Pro with login information. MSP's Web Terminal allows volunteers to go online to view schedules, find subs,



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update their availability, and connect with other volunteers. By making the scheduling process interactive, the Web Terminal enables volunteers to participate much more easily and actively in ministry. For those who do not wish to, or don't have the capability to schedule online, you will still be scheduled as in the past. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Becky Litwin (634-6704) or blitwin@mplc.us

Online Scheduling Educational Skit – TODAY!

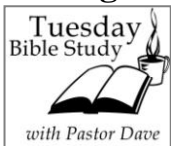
We have had some great feedback and a few questions. We will be having a short demonstration today, Sunday, January 22, during coffee hour, right before adult education, for those who still have questions.

Adult Ed with Pastor Dave

“Discovering God Anew” 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 - 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 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!



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New Member Class & 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.

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!

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!"



Surprise you Sweetheart with Scrip!

From the classic dinner and a movie date night, to a sporting goods shopping spree, and everything in between, celebrate your sweetheart this Valentine's Day with SCRIP! Place your order at the SCRIP table in the narthex no later than **Sunday, February 5 for Delivery by Sunday, February 12**. There are so many restaurants to choose from! We have the following restaurant cards on hand: Applebee's,



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Olive Garden / Red Lobster and Buffalo Wild Wings. We also have Marcus Theaters cards on hand!

Along with a huge variety of restaurants, the following gift cards can be ordered for pick up the following week: AMC Theaters, Bath & Body Works, Build A Bear Workshop, The Home Depot, Lowe's, Hallmark Gold Crown, Ulta Beauty, Regis Salon and much more! Stop by the SCRIP table in the narthex TODAY and see all the possibilities! Each SCRIP purchase directly helps youth and adult missions here at MPLC. Thank you!

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 29—pancake mix, syrup

February 5—canned soup, saltines

“Souper Bowl” Soup Collection begins TODAY

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!

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.



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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! We will meet next on **Thursday, January 26 from 9 a.m. to noon**. If you have any questions 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? Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 2 at 9 a.m. in Mygatts corner. Join us!

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.

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		Souper Bowl Food Collection Begins
	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	9:45 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday	Noon	Bulletin Deadline
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells / Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Messenger / Cherub Choirs
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
Friday		Elementary Retreat - Lutherdale
	6:30 p.m.	Project Night
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Project Day
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Communion
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
	Noon	MPLC Annual Meeting



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Worship Leadership (5 pm)

Rosie Johnson, Head Usher

Worship Leadership (8:30 am)

Eduardo Garcia-Novelli, Lector

Thom & Susan Bowen, Greeter

Barb Christensen, Welcome Center

Jacob Kauten, Nadia Konesko, Bryce Lang, Presley Lewis, Acolytes

Chris Ryshkus, Judy & Jerry Smith, Sally Francis, Coffee Hour Hosts

Lyndsay Knoell, Kara Reske, Mary Schinker, Cindy Skovsted, Jeanne Main,

Coffee Fellowship Refreshments

Bob Puder, Harold Solberg, Claranna Vytlacil, Joyce Waldoch, Tom Waldoch ,

Communion Assistants

Emma & Wyatt Knoell, Nursery

Franck DeCesaro, Team Leader

Connie Mallwitz, Head Usher

Worship Leadership (11:00 am)

Kim Haigh, Lector

Laura Luehr, Welcome Center

Marty & Sue Weishoff, Greeters

Jayden & Marin Haigh, Acolytes

Sherry Coburn, Communion Assistant

Jasmine & Gabrielle Cherry, Nursery

Bob Kolesar, 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