



January 7 & 8, 2017



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Worship and Serve*
262-634-6704

**Weekly MPLC
Announcements
January 7 & 8, 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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- 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 Sharon Johnson and Nancy Holtz in loving memory of their father, Ray Holtz's birthday on January 11 and in loving memory of their mother, Evelyn Holtz, who passed away on January 8, 2007.



Last weekend, at the 11 a.m. service, we welcomed into our baptized membership: Mary Mae Echelbarger, daughter of David and Becky Echelbarger and granddaughter of Pastors Christine Thomas-Echelbarger and David Echelbarger. Mary's sponsors are Anna Rector, Louisa Daniels, and Matthew Reynders.

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: Tanzania Mara Tarime AB. This cup brings coco to the fore, with the "hello" of a stout beer – ending with a see ya of an herbal twist.

"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.



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4th Annual Social Ministry Fair

TODAY 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!*

High School Ski/Snowboard Retreat-Deadline is TODAY

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.

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.

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!



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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!

2016 SCRIP Thank you!

A big thank you to all who support youth and adult mission groups at MPLC with your SCRIP purchases! We earned \$3,645.37 from SCRIP sales in 2016. 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 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.

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

It’s still too early to know which teams will be playing in the Super Bowl on February 5, but the food pantry at Holy Communion thought it would be fun to have a competition to pick the winning team before the game. There will be two boxes in the narthex, labeled with the AFC and NFC champion teams. You choose your favorite to win the championship by placing cans of soup in that team’s box. Let’s see how good we are at predicting the NFL champions, while helping the hungry in our community! Look for the boxes on January 22 and vote often for your favorite team!



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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.

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 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.

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)



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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!

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 you 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 8...

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship / Social Ministry Fair
	9:45 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	Noon	Bulletin Deadline
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	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.	Quilters



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Saturday Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Writer's Group
	6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Communion
		February Newsletter Deadline
	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	HS Summer Trip Group Builder

Worship Leadership (5 pm)

Carol Wiechers, Head Usher

Sue Cawley, Lector

Worship Leadership (8:30 am)

Susan Bowen, Lector

Kevin Christensen, Greeter

Stan & Karen Breiwick, Welcome Center

Charlie & Quinn Cimbalknik, Aiden Dunn, Garrett Ford, Acolytes

Ed & Teresa Jacobs, Sue & Ron Schulz, Coffee Hour Hosts

Becky Litwin, Jim & Jean Richio, Mary Schinker, Cindy Skovsted, Coffee Fellowship Refreshments

Karen Magee, Karen Martin, Naomi Miller, David Pennings, Amy McIntosh, Communion Assistants

A.J. Hansche, Milton Lewis, Nursery

Joan Leger, Team Leader

Connie Mallwitz, Head Usher

Worship Leadership (11:00 am)

Cherise Hart, Lector

Gina Bartel, Welcome Center

Bonnie & Chris Christensen, Greeters

Brady Bartel, Jamie Herder, Acolytes

Janell Smith, Communion Assistant

Caden Christensen, Gabrielle Gleason, Nursery

Bea Olsen/ John Franklin, Team Leader

Barb Rasmussen/ Bob Kolesar, Head Usher

Barb Daanen, 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