



Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements
March 2 & 3, 2019

A warm welcome to all! We're glad you are here. Visitors, please see the visitor information card in the pew rack, or feel free to complete a connection card and drop it in the offering plate.

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Phone: 262-634-6704

Blessed to Welcome, Worship and Serve

Regular Worship Times
with Holy Communion

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

In the Narthex Today...

SCRIP is OPEN! Stop by for your favorite gift cards...and MAKE MISSION HAPPEN! Located at the curved Welcome Desk.

- **Sign up for...** Nametag replacement, Carthage Event for HS
- **Online Sign Ups..** Women's Retreat, Community Meal at Living Faith, Family Fun Night, 4th/5th Grade Cookie Baking, Book in a Bar, Lenten Meal Volunteers

Ash Wednesday Worship – March 6
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

Adult Ed, Sundays from 10—10:35 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for coffee and stay for Adult Ed!

- **March 3—A guided tour of our pipe organ, with Michael Becker**
 There's a lot more to our amazing pipe organ than meets the eye! We'll meet in fellowship hall, then head up to the sanctuary to explore the organ console, we'll hear and see the different types of pipes and how they work, and we'll get to explore the pipe room. Here, you can see what it looks like behind the pipes. There will also be opportunity for casual discussion about church music styles.
- **March 10:** Pastor Beth Ann leads this session, "You Don't Have to be an Expert to Lead a Small Group!" Come and learn how the small group Bible studies will unfold for the rest of Lent, and learn some tips of the trade for helping your small group flourish!
- **March 17:** Come downstairs and join a small group meeting around the tables for our first Lent Bible study, "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made", based on the worship text from last Wednesday.
- **March 24:** It's not too late to get in on a small group Bible study of last Wednesday's worship text, "Two are Better than One". New participants are welcome!
- **March 31:** Week 3 of our Lent Bible study series will look at last Wednesday's worship text, "Belonging to the Body". There's always room for more in these small groups!

Midweek Meals in Lent

Wednesdays: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

With Bible Study Opportunities at Noon on Wednesdays

This Lent join us for midweek worship at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, followed by a simple meal of bread and soup and small group bible study at noon. Or join us for supper on Wednesdays starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship at 6:30 p.m. Suppers will be provided, and a freewill offering will be received. Donations of desserts are welcome!

Help is needed to set-up/clean-up for noon or evening meals, or to provide soup. To help, please call the church office or go to signupgenius.com to let us know! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094cfa829a4fc1-lent>

Lent Devotions available – Booklets and Online

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6, 2019 and continues to Holy Week (Easter Sunday is April 21). As in the past, MPLC is offering free devotional booklets from Augsburg Fortress, “Lasting Hope” based on the book of Psalms. Booklets are now available at the Welcome Center and at the top of the ramps, for you to pick up.

Another devotional resource is a free, daily email devotion from Outreach for Hope. These uplifting and thought-provoking devotions, themed “Hope for the Journey”, have been written by Greater Milwaukee Synod lay leaders and pastors, representing both Outreach for Hope-funded ministry churches, Partner churches, and others. Sign up here to receive these devotions: Outreachforhope.org/lenten-devotions.

Open Table

We served about 80 guests at last week’s Open Table meal.

THANK YOU to all who came out to volunteer on such a blustery day! Our next meal will be March 31.

Please visit our OPEN TABLE bulletin board area in the narthex— it’s on the same pillar as the sign up area. Here, you’ll find all you need to know about our next meal, volunteer needs and different ways you can donate food items.

Links to the Open Table Amazon wish list and the Open Table sign ups can be found on our website (<https://spaceshipchurch.org>) under the “Helpful Links” section .

MPLC Wine Tasting Event – Saturday, March 23

High School Summer Trip Fundraiser

Join us for a wine tasting on Saturday, March 23 from 7—9 p.m. at Uncorkt, 240 Main St., Racine. Sample a variety of wines, snack on appetizers and enjoy time to socialize with friends. Beer, soda and bottled water will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the MPLC High School Youth summer service/adventure trip to Toledo, OH. Tickets are \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door) and are available in the narthex at the SCRIP table, for purchase. On March 9/10—take a look at our wonderful raffle baskets! They will be on display in the narthex and tickets will be available. You do not have to attend the wine tasting event to win a raffle basket.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Dave and Kurri Cecchini in honor of grandson Vincent Cecchini’s 9th birthday on March 5.



Our condolences to the family of Pastor Ted Romberg, who passed away on February 27. Pastor Romberg served at MPLC from 1972—1983. The white rose on the altar is given in his memory, by Naomi and Rich Miller.

Coffee Fellowship Time

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings for coffee, treats and fellowship immediately following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Our coffee is delicious! It’s fresh roasted each week by member Curt Hubmann. **TODAY’S ROAST is:** Mexico Chiapas - A very well balanced coffee showing chocolate and floral overtones, a long finish with a hint of nuts. First coffee from a second source. Fellowship Hall is located down two ramp levels from the sanctuary—just follow the crowd and join us! *(See the March newsletter for a special story about our coffee for next week!)*



* Racine ELCA Cluster Community Meal * at Living Faith Lutheran Church

Next Meal is NEXT WEEKEND—MARCH 10

YOUR HELP is needed to volunteer to donate food, and/or to prepare food for community meals at Living Faith Church on March 10. Living Faith Lutheran serves a meal each Sunday evening, with a different area church helping out each week. Donations of food can be left in our church kitchen by 2:30 p.m. (please make sure you mark them for Living Faith), or hot dishes can be dropped off at Living Faith (2915 Wright Avenue.), at 4:00 p.m. Servers should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Sign up online with Sign Up Genius (Instructions on page 7) Thank you!



MPLC Women's Retreat—March 22/23, 2019 Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, WI

Women of MPLC—make plans to join us at our annual Women's Retreat at Lutherdale! It's a great way to take some time for yourself, to relax, and to connect with other women from MPLC! Adult women guests are welcome.

Cost is \$50 each and includes three meals, lodging, programming and snacks. **RSVP on [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) by March 6.** Here's the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CAFA829A4FC1-annual>
Or, call the church office at 634-6704. Pre-payment is required at time of sign up, which is non-refundable after March 8. You can pay online on our website: <https://spaceshipchurch.org> . Once there, just click the "GIVE NOW" tab to pay for the retreat. Or you can pay by cash or check at church. Payment envelopes are available at the long table in the narthex.

If you've never been to this retreat before and have questions, feel free to contact Faith and Life Coordinator, Holly Hess at 414-550-9461, or call the church office.

Sharing Our Gifts – Offering Our Time/Talents

Just as we ask you to make a financial commitment to give to God through the church, we also ask you to commit to giving of your time and talents to God through the church. This year, you can make this commitment through a new, quick online survey found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/jhBFArtJXCeNC6B1> . A printed version of the survey is also available at the top of the sanctuary ramps. Thank you for your participation!

Large Print Needed?

There are large print copies of both the bulletin and the hymns in special binders, available each week. If this is something you think you need on a regular basis, please let us know by calling the church office, so we know how many copies to have available. The large print binders are available at the table in the center of the sanctuary behind the main pew section.

Lenten Flower Order Forms Available



We will be decorating our sanctuary for Easter, with a variety of beautiful blooming spring plants. If you'd like to order a flower/s in honor, in memory, or as a gift, order forms are available today at the top of the ramps. The cost per plant is \$15. All orders and payments are due March 24. Thank you.

4th and 5th Grade Cookie Baking

Join us on Saturday, March 16 to bake cookies in the church kitchen from 10 a.m.—noon! Wendy Kauten will be bringing all the cookie cutters and decorations! We will cut, bake and decorate cookies and make cards. At 11:30 we will deliver the cookies to the nursing home across the street from the church. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CAFA829A4FC1-4thand1> . We could use a few parents to help us and drive! See Pastor Krista with questions!

Family Fun Night—Friday, March 29

This Lenten themed Family Fun Night is just what your family needs! Join us for tons of fun on Friday, March 29. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. This event is geared to families with children age 5th grade and under. You can sign up online at [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Food Bank News and Needs

For next two weeks, the food pantry at Holy Communion Lutheran Church is asking for the following items:

March 10—pancake mix, syrup

March 17 - SpaghettiOs, macaroni & cheese

Crafters & Quilters

- **The Crafters** will meet next on Thursdays, March 7 & 21 at 9 a.m. in Mygatts Corner. Questions? Contact Donna Mullikin at 262-554-8872.
- **The Quilters** will meet next on Thursdays, March 14 & 28 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Linda Berger at 262-456-4779 or lwlberger@gmail.com

Online Sign Ups—What you need to know...

Sign up Genius has been working great for us! We are going to continue to put more sign ups online. It's very easy to use.

- Just go to: **signupgenius.com** From there, click on the search symbol, (it looks like a little magnifying glass) then search with the email address: **info@mplc.us** That will take you directly to all the sign ups for MPLC. No login or password necessary. Just click to sign up, and you'll even get an email reminder 2 days before you have to work/donate.
- Refer to the front page of these announcements for information on what sign ups are available online.
- **If you need assistance, you can always** call the church office at 634-6704 to have your name added to the online sign up list.

“A Book in a Bar”

Book Discussion on Thursday, March 28 at Buckets Pub

Join Holly Hess, Director of Faith and Life, on March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Buckets Pub, 2031 Lathrop Ave., Racine. Holly will lead a discussion on the book **“Accidental Saints” by Nadia Bolz-Weber**. This book does have adult content and adult language, but is a very fast read that addresses important topics about who we are as a church. Please purchase the book on your own. Sign up online by clicking here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094cafa829a4fc1-abookin> Sign up encouraged but not necessary. Friends are welcome. Join us for some good conversation and maybe some chicken wings!

The MPLC Endowment Fund is Open for Grant Requests!

For more information, please see the March Newsletter or our website page at <https://spaceshipchurch.org/endowment-fund-giving-options>

 **MPLC SCRIP... MAKE MISSION HAPPEN!**

SCRIP WORKS!

Please stop by and see us in the narthex if you have any questions about how to start purchasing Gift Cards through Scrip. **It is by far the easiest way to raise funds for our youth!**

SCRIP Table Hours are Sundays from 9:30—11 a.m.

What's Happening the Week of March 3...

Sunday	8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
	9:45 a.m. Education Hour
	10:00 a.m. Adult Ed / Little Lambs
	11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
	6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Crafters
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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