



Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements
March 16 & 17, 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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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, Ladies Afternoon Social, Carthage Event for HS
- **Online Sign Ups...**Family Fun Night, Book in a Bar, Lenten Meal Volunteers, March Open Table Food Donations and Volunteers



Wednesday Lenten Worship Services
March 20, 27, April 3 & 10
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

This Week: "Two are better than One"

Join us at 11 a.m. for morning worship, followed by a simple soup and bread lunch, and casual small group Bible study, in fellowship hall.

Our evening meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be provided. Freewill donations accepted and donations of dessert are welcome, but not necessary. The March 20 meal will be Chicken Broccoli Alfredo with Mostaccioli Noodles. Then be sure to join us for worship at 6:30 p.m.

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

Join us for coffee and stay for Adult Ed!

- **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!

Lenten Flower Order Forms Available—Deadline is March 24



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, and at the Welcome Center. The cost per plant is \$15. All orders and payments are due March 24. Drop off your check and order in the church office or drop in the offering plate. You may also pay online via our website by scanning the QR Code shown on the right. See order form in your announcements today!



MPLC Ladies Afternoon Social—March 19

Due to lent activities on Wednesdays, The MPLC Ladies afternoon social will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 1 p.m. in fellowship hall. Join us for fellowship, some lively conversation and dessert and beverage. We will be playing an abbreviated version of St. Patrick's Day Trivia. See the sign up sheet in the narthex. Any questions contact Sue Hess at 886-1430 or suehess1@wi.rr.com.

Need a Ride? Give a Ride? (We especially need drivers !)

We'd like to connect members who might need a ride to and from church, with members who would be willing to provide rides! It's simple—if you need a ride, give us a call. If you can provide rides— give us a call. Project coordinators are Jennifer Pennings and Joe Silvius. They will match up drivers and passengers. Call either one of them if you need, or can provide rides. Call Jennifer at 262-498-2134 OR Joe at 262-694-5484.

OPEN TABLE Pantry – Thank you, and how YOU can Help!

As the Open Table program has grown, so has the need to have food and supplies on hand for our monthly meal program. Needs include non-perishable pantry items (like lemonade mix, canned goods, coffee, condiments) and supplies (such as napkins, foil pans, take home containers). We're in the process of setting up the Open Table Pantry & Storage area and filling it with items that we'll need for the rest of 2019.

First, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has donated pantry items and supplies – either by shopping for items posted in the narthex or by purchasing items from our Amazon.com wishlist. Most of these donations are anonymous – either left in the church kitchen or shipped to the church via Amazon.com. While we don't know who you are – we want you to know that your donations are put to good use and help us serve our guests. THANK YOU!

Second, during the coming month, we'll be finishing the set up of the Open Table Pantry & Storage area. We've received a Thrivent Action Team grant that will be used for this. If you'd like to help us finish this project, there are specific items that we need. You can find them on our Amazon.com with list: <http://a.co/7a2KAUk>

Other pantry needs are posted bi-weekly on the pillar in the narthex. Watch in May for an invitation to see the finished storage area and hear more about the Open Table program. If you have questions, please contact Kara Reske (karareske@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the Open Table program! Our next meal is March 31.

**please note that we are only in need of specific items noted. General non-perishable food items can continue to be given to the MPLC collection that benefits the Holy Communion Food Pantry.*

Open Table-Next Meal

Our next meal is 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.

March volunteer and food donation sign ups are available online.

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 . Thank you!



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: Brazil** - from Wilson's Coffee in West Racine.

Fellowship Hall is located down two ramp levels from the sanctuary—just follow the crowd and join us!



MPLC Wine Tasting Event at Uncorkt – Saturday, March 23

(Get your tickets today!)

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.



Raffle Baskets

Beginning this weekend—take a look at our wonderful raffle baskets on display in the narthex. Raffle tickets are \$1 and are available for purchase. Winners will be drawn at the wine tasting—you do not need to be present to win.

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/jhBFArtJXCeNC6Bi1> A printed version of the survey is also available at the top of the sanctuary ramps. Thank you for your participation!

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>

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.

Food Bank Needs

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

March 24 - egg noodles, cereal

March 31 - chicken noodle soup, pork & beans

- **Sunday Church School** takes place on Sunday mornings from 9:45—10:45 a.m., for 3 yr. old – High School. All are welcome to join at any time. The education wing is located on the lowest level of the church—3 ramp levels down from the sanctuary. For questions, contact director of youth education, Rebecca Cairns at rcairns@mplc.us
- **Little Lambs** is a special class for children under three years old, and their parent/s. It takes place in the library (in the education wing), from 10—10:40 a.m. on Sundays. There's a story, snack and crafts—great fun for kids and parents!

DID YOU KNOW?

If you miss worship, you can tune in to our worship recordings in the podcast section of our website. Just go to:

<https://spaceshipchurch.org/news/podcasts>

“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!

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

Crafters & Quilters

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

DID YOU KNOW?

There's a gold tab on the menu bar of our website that says: “GIVE NOW”. Here, you can make a payment for your weekly offering, you can pay for altar flowers, youth trips and more. Go to www.spaceshipchurch.org Or, from your smart phone, click the QR code above to go directly to the online donation page. Questions? Contact Stephanie Buchanan at 634-6704 ext. 114 or SBuchanan@mplc.us



**A Note about our Lenten Sanctuary Display,
from Mark Trinklein**

Choose your ‘Vessel’

Scripture refers to the ‘potter and the clay’. We Christians have heard this analogy used in sermons many times. Jesus Is the potter, molding us, the clay, into living vessels.

The Lenten design for our church altar has provided a visual, if you will, of the many ‘vessels’ belonging to MPLC. These ‘vessels’, molded by Jesus the potter, are placed at the foot of the empty cross. The openings of these ‘vessels’ face upwards, to receive the promise of the cross.

No two vessels are alike, as are no two vessels belonging to MPLC, alike. We have been molded by Jesus to provide love and service to others at MPLC and also to the world outside.

The promise of the empty cross, the resurrection cross, is what helps to make our Lenten season complete.

CHOOSE YOUR VESSEL—you are there somewhere at the foot of the cross. You are providing love and service to others at MPLC.

Have A Blessed Lenten / Easter Journey.

Mark Trinklein

What’s Happening the Week of March 17...

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
	Noon	HS Summer Trip Group Builder
	1:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Afternoon Social
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Lenten Worship
	Noon	Soup Lunch and Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Meal
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Friday/Saturday		Women’s Retreat
	Saturday	5:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Wine Tasting Event at Uncorkt



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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!** We have many gift cards on hand for things you purchase every day—like gas, groceries and restaurants. You can also order other cards we don’t have on hand. For each purchase, the church gets a rebate from the retailer. Stop by the SCRIP table today, and **MAKE MISSION HAPPEN!**

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

LOST & FOUND Our lost and found area is behind the curved Welcome Desk in the entry way. Check it out!

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