



Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements
March 30 & 31, 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.

<https://spaceshipchurch.org>

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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, Easter Breakfast
- **Online Sign Ups...** Lenten Meal Volunteers, March Open Table Food Donations and Volunteers, Discover MPLC, Community Meal at Living Faith.



Wednesday Lenten Worship Services
April 3 & 10
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
This Week: "What can Stand in the Way?"

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 27 meal will be Chicken Stir-fry with White Rice. Then be sure to join us for worship at 6:30 p.m.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Becky & Scott Litwin in celebration of daughter, Emma on her 15th birthday on April 2.



Our sympathy and prayers go to: Frank Kasparek on the death of his wife, Esther; and to Bruce and Kate Lingsweiler on the death of sister-in-law, Nanette Lingsweiler.



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: Myanmar Shan Villages.** Green herbal & roasted barley aromatics, sweet flavors of honey wheat cereal and malt syrup.

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

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

Join us for coffee and stay for Adult Ed!

- **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!
- **April 7:** "What Can Stand in the Way?" asks our Week 4 small group Bible study, exploring the story of the Ethiopian eunuch. What sort of people are on the margins of our church today?

The MPLC Endowment Fund is Open for Grant Requests!
 For more information, please see the April Newsletter or our website page at

<https://spaceshipchurch.org/endowment-fund-giving-options>

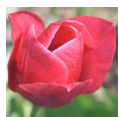


Open Table Information

Next Meal is today

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!

You can also 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. Thank You!



Spring is Coming...Start Digging!

First Spring Clean Up Date is APRIL 6; 9—11 a.m.

You can smell it in the air...spring is coming! Willing hands and work gloves are needed for spring cleanup around the church grounds, getting beds ready, and planting annual flowers. The following Saturday mornings are set for workdays outside, sunshine permitting: April 6, April 27, and May 25 (all 9—11 a.m.) Just come with your gardening gloves, rakes, and other tools, if you have them, or contact Steve Wikner for more details. Thanks!



This year’s Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, April 14 following the 11 a.m. worship service, on the church lawn. The Egg Hunt is for children in Little Lambs through 3rd grade. Please bring along a canned food item for the food bank.

We are looking for donations of small individually wrapped candies and little trinkets (Pencils, Fun Erasers, Temporary Tattoos, etc.) for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Please drop off your donation items in the bin in the narthex.

Church Office Hours

Church office hours are: **Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Appointments can always be made for other times by calling the office or the pastors.

Our Favorite Musicians Celebrate 10 Years at MPLC

Special Reception on April 7



It’s hard to believe that April will mark ten years that MPLC has enjoyed the musical talents of both Michael Becker, our Organist/Accompanist, and Eduardo Garcia-Novelli, our Senior Choir Director! You are invited to help us celebrate their contributions to our worship life together at a reception in their honor in fellowship hall following the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 7. Enjoy some special anniversary “Connie Cake” and add your appreciation to our celebration on this day of thanks.

Racine ELCA Cluster Community Meal

at Living Faith Lutheran Church—Next Meal is April 14

2019 Meal Dates: April 14, June 9, August 11, November 10

YOUR HELP is needed to volunteer to donate food, and/or to prepare food for community meals at Living Faith Church. We are responsible for the meal dates shown above. **Our NEXT MEAL is APRIL 14.** 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. Click here to sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CAFA829A4FC1-community3>

Food Bank Needs

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

April 7—baby food, diapers

April 14 - cake mix, frosting

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!

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.

Lutheran Disaster Response seeks Help

The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding, put out a plea to ELCA churches this past week in response to the natural disasters that have occurred recently all over the world, including severe flooding from melting snow, here in the U.S. To donate to the general fund, please see the following website. Thank you.

<https://community.elca.org/usfloodingrelief>

- **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!

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.

Looking Ahead—Easter Morning Schedule Easter Sunday, April 21



7 a.m. – Sunrise Service of Holy Communion

7:45 – 8:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship with delicious fresh roasted coffee and an assortment of kringle, in fellowship hall, following the Sunrise Service.

8:30 a.m. – Festival Service of Holy Communion

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast—hot breakfast fundraiser for our 7th Grade Confirmation Campers. Includes breakfast casserole, fruit, milk, juice, and fresh roasted coffee! Freewill donations will be collected.

11 a.m. – Festival Service of Holy Communion

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EASTER DAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for all Services!

Log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro to sign up,
or call Becky at the church office, 262-634-6704. Thank you!

Crafters & Quilters

- **The Crafters** will meet next on Thursday, April 4 at 9 a.m. in Mygatts Corner. Questions? Contact Donna Mullikin at 262-554-8872.
- **The Quilters** will meet next on Thursday, April 11 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Linda Berger at 262-456-4779 or lwlberger@gmail.com



The April Mt Pleasant Spirit Newsletter is now available in your narthex mailbox (if you receive a paper copy), or on our website at <https://spaceshipchurch.org/news/newsletters>. Be sure to take a look!

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





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!

Thrivent Members can designate 2018 Choice Dollars until March 31

Did you know some Thrivent members can select MPLC (or another 501 (c)(3) nonprofit or congregation) as a designee of “Choice Dollars” provided by Thrivent in their name? Member eligibility for this benefit is determined monthly and reevaluated on an annual basis. Those eligible to designate Choice Dollars have until March 31 to recommend a recipient for 2018. For more information go to www.thrivent.com.



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!** 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!

What’s Happening the Week of March 31...

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
	4:00 p.m. Open Table
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
	6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
	7:15 p.m. Senior Choir
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Crafters
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Spring Yard Clean Up
	5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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