



Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements
March 9 & 10, 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, Carthage Event for HS
- **Online Sign Ups...** Community Meal at Living Faith, Family Fun Night, 4th/5th Grade Cookie Baking, Book in a Bar, Lenten Meal Volunteers, March Open Table Food Donations and Volunteers

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services
March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

This week's worship focus will be "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"

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 13 meal will be Spaghetti & Meatballs and almond green beans. 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 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!

Lenten Devotions available – Booklets and Online

We still have free Lenten devotional booklets available— "Lasting Hope" from Augsburg Fortress, is based on the book of Psalms. Booklets are available at the Welcome Center and at the top of the ramps.

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.

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, 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. Thank you.

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.*

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.



Our sympathy and prayers go to Jim and Jean Richio, Steve and Tina Ketterhagen and family on the death of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Betty Breitingner.



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: Dominican Republic Organic Ramirez Honey Process** - Milky notes of vanilla and a nutty aftertaste in a nice low acid coffee that is smooth.

TODAY—be sure to check out a special coffee display from Curt Hubmann. He'll be on hand to answer questions about the roasting process. Ask him about his trip to the Dominican Republic, and how that led to the coffee being served today! You can also read about his trip in the March newsletter: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/news/newsletters>

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

*** Racine ELCA Cluster Community Meal ***

at Living Faith Lutheran Church

We still need help for today's meal—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 here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094cafa829a4fc1-community2>

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 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.



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!

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 17 - SpaghettiOs, macaroni & cheese

March 24 - egg noodles, cereal

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!

“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 Thursdays, March 14 & 28 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Linda Berger at 262-456-4779 or lwberger@gmail.com

**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 10...

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.	Community Meal at Living Faith
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.	Quilters
	1:00 p.m.	Writer's Group
	6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Project Night
	9:00 a.m.	Project Day
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Communion

Project Night AND Day, Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16

Come to work on any project (scrapbooking, stamping, painting, stitching, organizing) in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, March 15** at 6:30 p.m. Then, come back for project day, on March 16 starting at 9 a.m. There is plenty of space and lots of tables to work on. Come join this great group for fun and fellowship!



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.

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