



## Weekly Announcements November 23 & 24 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!**
- **Crafters Boutique Sale!**
- **Sign up for...** Nametag replacement, Coffee Fellowship Host
- Visit the Open Table bulletin board to see how to get involved!
- **Online Sign Ups...** (just go to [spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links](https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links))

### Poinsettia Orders Due Today!

Order a poinsettia plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, and help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Order forms available at the top of the ramps. Thank you!



Our sympathy and prayers go to Pat Green and Darlene Commodore, on the death of mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dorothy Anderson on November 16 and to Kate & Bruce Lingsweiler on the death of Kate's sister, Sue Richards on November 5.

### 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 fresh roasted weekly by member Curt Hubmann. **Today's roast is: Haiti Savanne Zombie** - mellow, smooth, and creamy body, super nutty, almonds, and has a buttery mouthful. It has a low acidity, medium complexity, and a sweet, smooth finish. A flawless cup! Join us for a cup! Fellowship Hall is located down two ramp levels from the sanctuary—just follow the crowd!

### Be Still and Know that I am God

Be sure to get your copy of our special Advent Calendar, located at the top of the sanctuary ramps.

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 PM



*"Come, ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest home"*

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30 PM. The service will feature the testimonies of thanks by two MPLC members, Joanne Swartz and Paul Pruessing, special music by the Senior Choir, and Holy Communion. Stay for the Pie Social to follow, in Fellowship Hall! Please bring along a pre-cut pie to share. Offerings received at this service will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Communion Lutheran Church. Gifts of canned goods are also welcome for our 'fill the planter' food drive! (see details on the next page)



## Open Table

### Next Meal is NOVEMBER 24

Our next meal is November 24. 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, and how you can get involved! Or just click on "Quick Links" in the menu bar of our website, for all the Open Table sign ups.

We recently updated our Amazon wish list to reflect our needs for November and December. Can you help us stock the shelves? It's easy! Just visit our Amazon WISH LIST, where you can support Open Table by purchasing an item or items that we need, and ship them directly to church!

Links to the Open Table Amazon wish list and the Open Table November sign ups can be found on our website (<https://spaceshipchurch.org>) click on "QUICK LINKS" in the menu bar. Thank you!

## Food Bank Needs

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

**December 1** - canned peaches, canned pears

**December 8** - fruit cocktail, canned pineapple chunks

### Let's FILL THE PLANTER for the food pantry this Thanksgiving! November 23—December 1

Following are food items they especially need: tuna, chicken noodle soup, spaghetti with meat, boxed mac and cheese, pork and beans, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, egg noodles, any kind of packaged pasta, cereal, jelly, pancake mix and syrup. **Collection dates for this food drive will be: November 23—December 1.**

## Game Night for Adults at MPLC! Saturday, December 7

The MPLC Welcoming Committee will host another game night for adults! We'll meet next on Saturday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring your favorite board game, card game, etc. Join us for fun and fellowship! Sign up online so we know how many to expect. Find the sign up link here: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

**Sunday Church School is in session!**  
**All are welcome to join SCS at any time**  
Register online at <https://spaceshipchurch.org>  
**Click on QUICK LINKS in the menu bar**

- **Please NOTE:** There will be NO Sunday Church School on December 1, due to Thanksgiving weekend. We will resume on December 8 at 9:45 a.m.
- **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](mailto:rcairns@mplc.us)
- **Little Lambs takes place each Sunday at 10 a.m.** 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! No need to register—just come!

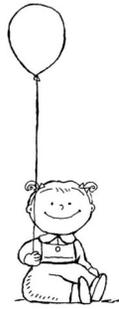


## Advent Event

**There is still time to sign up for this year's Advent Event on December 6 from 6—8:00 p.m.** This fun family night is just what you need during a busy holiday season. Join us for food, crafts, and fun! This event is perfect for children age 3—through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and their parents/grandparents. To sign up please visit our website to find the sign up link: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

## Ladies' Afternoon Social Wednesday, December 11

The Ladies Afternoon Social will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 1 p.m. in fellowship hall. We will be enjoying an assortment of Christmas cookies and we'll work on a special holiday project. If you are interested in joining us in December, please contact Sue Hess no later than December 1, so she can plan for the activity. Contact Sue Hess [suehess1@wi.rr.com](mailto:suehess1@wi.rr.com).



Babysitting  
DAY

## MPLC Babysitting Day

**Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Wouldn't you love to get some holiday shopping done without little ones? What about needing a day to wrap gifts? Our older youth (High and Middle School) will be at church to watch your littles from 10-1. We'll have lunch and tons of fun planned. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per child per hr. The freewill donations will go to our youth mission trip this summer. Sign up online so we know how many children to plan for. Just go to our website: [www.spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links](http://www.spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links)

## Sunday Morning Adult Ed Opportunities

Join one of our two Sunday morning adult classes from 10-10:40 AM. No registration required! Note: no classes will be held on Sunday, December 1 (Thanksgiving weekend), December 29 or January 5. Classes will resume on January 12.

- **Adult Education Speakers Forum** gathers in Fellowship Hall after Coffee Fellowship, featuring a variety of topics and leaders. In November, Pastor Beth Ann began a series on "Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths". On Dec. 8, we will welcome Barry Uhlenhake representing The Baha'i Faith in the Greater Racine Area, sharing about his faith community. On Dec. 15, the topic is Islam, and on Dec. 22, the series wraps up.
- **Meeting in Mygatt's** (large room behind the stone wall in the Fellowship Hall), is working on a book study and video presentations of John Ortberg's "The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You", led by Chip Lutz. Join the class in process on November 24, December. 8, 15, and 22.

## Senior Choir News—Join the Cantata!

All are welcome to join the senior choir to sing in the Christmas Cantata, which will be performed on Sunday, **December 22**, during both services. Cantata rehearsals take place for the first ½ hour or choir rehearsal time, Wednesdays, from 7:15 – 7:45 p.m. Questions? Contact Senior Choir Director, Eduardo Garcia-Novelli at [egarcianovelli@carthage.edu](mailto:egarcianovelli@carthage.edu) or speak to any choir member.



## The MPLC Giving Tree is up!

Look for the tree in the narthex! This year, our gifts will go to RADD. To participate, take an ornament from the tree and sign up on the wall near the tree. Purchase suggested gift/s and return them in a bag, unwrapped, with the original tag attached. All gifts due back to church by December 11. Please read below for more information about RADD.

*"My name is Denise Wetzel, and I am writing on behalf of Cerebral Palsy Agency of Racine- RADD, we are a non-profit organization that's dedicated to providing recreational activities to the developmentally disabled in our community. We provide programs for social and recreational experiences that improve the lives of individuals and their families. Our hands-on interactive approach, supported with repetition and practice builds confidence, independence, and self-esteem. We service more than 300 participants in the Racine County area each year ranging in age from 5 years old and up with a wide variety of types of developmental disabilities. Autism, Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and more.*

*A vast majority of our participants live in group homes and assistant living homes with little or no family to share the holidays with and our Christmas party is the only celebration they'll experience.*

*In order to make a difference, we rely on the support of generous individuals and businesses in our community. We would be most grateful if you would consider our participants in your "Giving Tree" this year."*

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING FAITHFULLY

Thanks to all who offered their 2020 Statement of Intent this past week! If you forgot to include your name on your card, or haven't yet responded, a member of our Council will be calling you in the next few days to ensure everyone has had the chance to respond. Extra cards are available at the usher stands.

## ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*'Be Still and Know that I am God'*

We worship in Advent on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM**. A meal will precede the service starting on December 4 at 5:30 PM. **Dec. 4 Menu:** Pasta Bake, Salad, Garlic Bread (bring a dessert to share, if you'd like). Free-will offering will be received for meals.

## MPLC SCRIP...MAKE MISSION HAPPEN!

### SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS!



- Choose from a large selection of cards we have on hand. OR, if we don't have it, order any of the cards from the huge list, for pick up the following week. The last day to place orders to be picked up before Christmas, is December 15! (for pick up on December 22).
- There's a large selection of small denomination cards (\$5 & \$10) available for ORDER. Stop by the SCRIP table to learn more. These make great STOCKING STUFFERS!
- We have **\$10 cards on hand today** for the following retailers: Dunkin, Chipotle, Panera, Subway, Starbucks and Noodles.
- As always, we carry a large selection of cards for purchase today for things like groceries, gas and restaurants. With each SCRIP gift card purchase, the retailer gives MPLC a rebate.

**SCRIP Table Hours are Sundays from 9:30—11:00 a.m.**

**We're located at the curved Welcome Desk in the entryway.**

### Crafters Corner

#### Stop and Shop our Sale TODAY!

Please come to shop our sale on Saturday, November 23 from 4:30—6 p.m., and on Sunday, November 24 from 8—11 a.m. in the narthex! All proceeds will benefit special MPLC projects. Thank you!

### Quilters News

We will meet next on Thursday, December 12 at 9 a.m. in fellowship hall. Thanks for all the support of the congregation with donations to the quilters. Any questions please contact Linda Berger at 262-456-4779 or [lwlkberger@gmail.com](mailto:lwlkberger@gmail.com).



The **DECEMBER Newsletter** is now available! It's in your narthex mailbox if you receive a paper copy. To view it online go to our website—<https://spaceshipchurch.org> and click on NEWS! Read all about Advent, Christmas and more in this issue!

## What's Happening the Week of November 24...

### Sunday

**8:30 a.m.**

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

**11:00 a.m.**

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

### Saturday

### Craft Sale

**Holy Communion**

Coffee Fellowship

Education Hour

Adult Ed / Little Lambs

**Holy Communion**

Open Table

Bell Choir

Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Social

Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office

Closed

Church Office Closed

**5:00 p.m.**

**Holy Communion**

### Church Office Hours

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

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