



## Weekly Announcements February 1 & 2, 2020

*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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### 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**—come see us at the curved welcome desk!
- **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))

### Church Office Hours

Regular 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.



**The February 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!

## Baptism



During Saturday's 5 p.m. worship, we welcome into our baptized membership, Elijah Michael Castagnino, son of Kimberli & Michael Castagnino. Elijah's sponsors are Ryan Castagnino and Elizabeth Carlson.

## 2020 Annual Meeting Sunday, February 9, 9:45 AM

You are invited to remain after the 8:30 service or come early before the 11 AM service to take your part as a voting member of the congregation at our annual meeting, Sunday, February 9, in the sanctuary. All confirmed, contributing church members are considered voting members. We will adopt a budget for 2020, elect new council members, hear reports, and other business, concluding by 10:45 AM. The Annual Report of the Congregation for 2019 is available today in the back of the sanctuary.

## Food Bank News and Needs

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

February 9 - saltines, pork & beans

February 16 - ramen noodles, tuna

The food pantry recently received a large donation of toothpaste, but no toothbrushes. We are in need of individually wrapped toothbrushes. Thank you.

## SOUPer Bowl Soup Collection



It's Super Bowl Sunday and we're having a "Souper Bowl Sunday" soup collection to see which team is your favorite to win the big game. Place your soup cans in the designated boxes in the narthex to vote for either the San Francisco 49ers or the Kansas City Chiefs. Let's see how good we are at predicting a winner, and help the food bank in the process!



# OPEN TABLE

## Celebrating 2 years!

Our January meal marked two years of the Open Table ministry here at MPLC. We served 98 guests on the 26th. Open Table was the vision of Holly Hess, director of Serving Ministries. Here's what she recently had to say about the anniversary:

*"We celebrated two years of Open Table in January. Two years of building relationships, loving our neighbors, being loved back, sharing a meal together, treating each other with dignity, being a community. Thanks to everyone who took this idea and helped turn it into something real and wonderful."*

Are you thinking about getting involved in this ministry in 2020? There are multiple ways to help. You can volunteer your time or donate food for a meal—we especially need helpers to work at the meal from 6—7 p.m. for clean up duty. Or, you can help stock our pantry shelves through our Amazon Wish List. These are non-food items that are essential to a successful meal each month. It's easy! Just place an order online from the wish list and have it shipped directly to church!

Visit our Open Table bulletin board in the narthex for more information, or, links to the Open Table Amazon wish list and the Open Table February sign ups can be found on our website (<https://spaceshipchurch.org>) click on "QUICK LINKS" in the menu bar. Thank you!

### Rebecca Cairns to Leave MPLC Staff

Rebecca Cairns, MPLC's Director of Youth Education and the smiling face of our Sunday School program, recently announced her resignation to pursue a new job opportunity. Becca's last day on our staff will be February 9, but she and her family will continue to be among us as members of MPLC. We are grateful to Becca for her ministry here, formerly as our church secretary and for the past nearly five years, in her current role. We wish her continued success and blessings in her next endeavor!



## 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. Today's roast is a special appearance from Wilson's Coffee & Tea in West Racine. Kenya AB Light Roast. Join us for a cup! Fellowship Hall is located down two ramp levels from the sanctuary—just follow the crowd!

## Sunday Morning Adult Ed

Sundays at 10 a.m.

“The Gift of Looking Ahead”

Last week, we began a four-week series under the theme, “The Gift of Looking Ahead”. Join us in fellowship hall at 10 a.m. The remaining topics and speakers will be:

**February 2: JoAnn Goodyear and Lynne Besaw**, MPLC members, will talk about practices for “Swedish Death Cleaning”, a method for downsizing and organizing for people over 50.

**February 9:** Please join us for the annual congregation meeting in the sanctuary, starting at 9:45 a.m.

**Please note**—coffee hour donations through February 2 will all be donated to the MPLC Endowment Fund. Ryan VanDeLoo, treasurer to the Endowment Fund, will match all donations.

## Are you a THRIVENT Member?

**A CHANCE TO GIVE!**

If you are a Thrivent member, you may not know of a benefit you could use to further our mission at MPLC. Each Thrivent member can apply online for two grants annually of \$250 towards a “Thrivent Action Team” project, an activity of service, fellowship, or outreach. Many of our MPLC ministries qualify for such a grant, like special meals, service projects, fundraising, and the like. If you are a Thrivent member and would be willing to apply for a grant to support an MPLC project, please let us know! We will call upon you when we have a project in mind, and help walk you through the online application process. Thank you in advance!

Pastor Krista ([kzimmerman@mplc.us](mailto:kzimmerman@mplc.us))

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*Central Racine County Health Department has assembled a suicide prevention work group in an effort to address suicide in our community. In studying a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report, they found a proven strategy for suicide prevention is to promote and disperse existing crisis hotlines. The MPLC Care Team is asking for your help by making sure this information gets to those who need it the most.*

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN CRISIS?**



**TEXT "HOPELINE" to 741741**



**CALL 262-638-6741  
or 1-800-273-TALK (8255)**



**VISIT [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)**

## **Lunch and Learn about Suicide Prevention TODAY, Sunday, February 2, from noon-1:30 pm**

As a Care Team made up of members of our congregation, we want to reach out in love to those in any kind of need. We want to equip Christians in our church community to recognize the subtle warning signs that someone may be considering suicide. Also to know what kind of resources are available in our community. Please join us to hear from our guest speaker, Kim Granger, whose son committed suicide. Chip Lutz, a member of our congregation, will also be giving resources based on his own research from a faith based perspective. Lunch catered by Panera is included at no cost. We'll have plenty of extras—please feel free to join us!



## **MPLC Directory Photo Opportunity Sunday, February 23, 9:30—11:00 a.m.**

**We need more photos to make our online, and eventually, printed,  
MPLC member directory complete!**

If you have not uploaded your/family photo to your REALM profile, or if you haven't had your picture taken at church for this purpose, please plan on Sunday, February 23! Julie Rossman will be available in the narthex from 9:30—11:00 a.m. to take your photo. You will receive a free digital copy of the photo, and we will upload it to your REALM profile. **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.** Just come to the narthex, get in line, and fill out a simple form.

We will not make a printed directory available until we have greater participation. If you have not yet logged in to your REALM account online, please contact Stephanie Buchanan ([sbuchanan@mplc.us](mailto:sbuchanan@mplc.us)) and she will send you a link to get started.

**NOTE:** If you have a printed photo that you would like to use, you may bring it in during office hours and we can scan it for you.



## Game Night at MPLC! Friday, February 7

The MPLC Welcoming Committee will host another game night for adults! We'll meet next on Friday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring your favorite board game, card game, etc. We'll provide lemonade and water. Soda machine available or bring your own beverage, and bring a snack to share. 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>



## Annual Court Whist Event Saturday, February 8

Join us **Saturday, February 8**, for the popular card game "Court Whist." This is a game that everyone -- beginner and "card sharks" -- can enjoy. If you know how to play "War," Hearts, Solitaire, or Crazy Eights, you'll be able to master Court Whist. (This is an event that both singles and couples will definitely enjoy!)

**We'll meet at Denny & Karen Martin's, 5722 Wildwood Drive, (near Sander's Park)** at 6 p.m. Plan on bringing a snack and beverage to share. Sign up by calling the church office at 634-6704, or sign up online through our website: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

For more information, please contact Karen or Denny Martin (994-7047 or 994-7048) or [kmartin251@gmail.com](mailto:kmartin251@gmail.com)

- **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!

## Ladies' Afternoon Social

The Ladies Afternoon Social will meet again on Wednesday, February 12 at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be having a special Valentines Day celebration! Any question contact Sue Hess at 886-1430 or [suehess1@wi.rr.com](mailto:suehess1@wi.rr.com).

## Dining Out

The next Dining Out opportunity will be **Sunday, February 16**. We'll celebrate the Chinese New Year at Yee's Oriental Inn, 5030 6th Avenue, Kenosha. Meet at the restaurant at 5 p.m., or if you'd like to carpool, meet at the MPLC parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Please sign up online through our website: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

## Crafters and Quilters

In January, the crafters will meet next on Thursday; January 30, at 9 a.m. in Mygatts Corner.

The quilters will meet next in February, on Thursdays; February 13 and 27 at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall.



## Mittens & More



Our "Mittens & More", project, located in fellowship hall, is designed to provide mittens, hats and scarves for children and adults in need. If you like to knit or crochet, (or sew with fleece) take some yarn home to make hats, mittens and/or scarves. Bring them to MPLC and place on the mitten display area. If you are a social worker, a teacher or a volunteer who works with those who could benefit from these items, please take some to share. Questions? Call the church office at 634-6704.

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

## What's Happening the Week of February 2

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	9:45 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Ed / Little Lambs
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Noon	Lunch & Learn: Suicide Prevention
	11:00 a.m.	Dwelling in the Word
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation / Bible 101 Class
<b>Thursday</b>	6:45 p.m.	Senior Choir
	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	6:00 p.m.	New Members Dinner
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Game Night for Adults
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	6:00 p.m.	Court Whist Event

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