



Weekly Announcements February 15 & 16, 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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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***—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)

Welcome
to MPLC

A very warm welcome to the following who are joining our congregation during worship services this weekend.

Scot & Sara Anderson

Liz VanPatten

Steve & Heidi Voelz

Susan & Andrew Bakken

Lori Markovic

Judith Tisserand & Stephen Gifford (associate members)

Tim Barnett

Morgan & Megan Hagen, Aria

Diana Bachelder

Chuck & Karen Krey

Lonnie & Nancy Jeffery



Noisy Offering to benefit the Capital Campaign at Lutherdale Bible Camp Saturday & Sunday February 22 and 23

Experiencing Lutherdale is always an adventure. Every summer, for 75 years, hundreds of youth have enjoyed the fun, learning and growing that is part of Lutherdale's tradition.

Now the time has come to expand this adventure for adults and families. While ministry with young people will continue to be a top priority, more and more adults have been looking to Lutherdale for meaningful faith-based experiences.

Keenly aware of the growing number of adults and families within congregations and communities who are looking for exactly what Lutherdale can offer them, Lutherdale has boldly moved forward into a new area of ministry with adults and families.

In 2019, Lutherdale began construction on an adult-friendly Lodge with high comfort sleeping rooms, private baths, 4 ADA accessible sleeping rooms, meetings rooms conducive to learning, and a look and feel to welcome people of all ages. In partnership with ELCA Mission Builders and volunteers, we are set to open the new Lodge in 2020.

With the generosity of so many, \$2.9 Million was raised in the Opening Phase of the *Share the Adventure Campaign*. Now the time has come to *Finish the Adventure* by completing the final touches on the Lodge, creating an ADA accessible entry to the Dining Hall, and remodeling the Watson Retreat Center, totaling \$1.7 Million. You are invited and encouraged to participate in this effort by giving generously during our Noisy Offering on February 22-23. This is your opportunity to help us *Finish the Adventure* – the adventure of bringing the Gospel to people of all

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.



OPEN TABLE

Next Meal is February 23

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. 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!

Racine ELCA Cluster Community Meal at Living Faith Lutheran Church

The next meal that MPLC is responsible for, is **Sunday, March 8**, at 4 p.m. We will need donations of food as well as servers for the meal. For details and / or to sign up to help, please visit our website for the links: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

Please mark your calendars for the all of our community meal dates in 2020: **May 10, June 14, August 16, October 11**

Thank you!

Food Bank News and Needs

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

February 23 - small bottles of condiments, snack food

The food pantry recently received a large donation of toothpaste, but no toothbrushes. We are in need of individually wrapped toothbrushes. 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. Today's roast is Mid-winter blend! A combination of the delicious roasts of the last six weeks of flavors. 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. in Fellowship Hall

Last week, we concluded our four-week series under the theme; “The Gift of Looking Ahead”. If you missed any of the talks, or would like further information from the speakers, important links can be found on our website: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/adult-ed-links>

Beginning Today:

Feb. 16: “How to Win Friends and Influence Visitors” Part 1, Pastor Beth Ann and Holly Hess explore how influential all members can be in greeting visitors among us, and the subtle ways we include (or accidentally exclude) others.

Feb. 23: “How to Win Friends and Influence Visitors” Part 2, Holly Hess and Pastor Beth Ann are back to explore the challenges of being welcoming of all guests and walking with them while they are with us.

- **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 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!



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) 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.

4th & 5th Grade Fun Night at Carthage College Friday, February 28, 6–9 p.m.

4th and 5th grade MPLC youth (and parents) are invited to join us for a fun night at our local Lutheran college- Carthage! We will meet at Carthage at 6 p.m. for dinner in the cafeteria. Then we'll get to check out some exhibits in the library highlighting women in science. After that we'll head to the pool! The event ends at 9 p.m. A few Carthage College students will be guiding us in these fun activities! This is a free event. We need several parents to stay with us throughout the event. If you want to car-pool, please indicate that on the sign up genius. Otherwise, meet us there. We'll let you know where on campus closer to the date. Contact Pastor Krista with questions. Find the sign up link here: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

Middle Schoolers—Save the Date!

MPLC Middle School Night at Helium Trampoline Park in New Berlin
Friday, March 20, 6:00-9:45 p.m. The sign up link / more information can be found here: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

A Look at LENT

Ash Wednesday Worship—February 26

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on **February 26 at 11 AM or 6:30 PM**. From *Sundays and Seasons*: “On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that ‘now is the day of salvation.’ Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.”

Join Our Lenten Men's Bible Study Breakfast Saturdays in March!

How does Moses make his coffee? HEBREWS it! And....that's what we'll be doing too! Talking about Hebrews! We'll also eat some breakfast, drink some coffee, and share terrible Dad jokes. Don't miss out on this opportunity to delve deeper into God's word and in relationship with others in our Christian family! We'll meet March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, from 8—9 a.m. Please sign up so we know how many to expect. Find the sign up link here: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>. Have questions? Contact Chip Lutz at 262-960-2034 or chip@unconventionalleader.com.

Lenten Devotionals Available

Again this year, we have made available some beautiful Lenten devotional booklets for you to enjoy during your Lenten journey. Titled “Wondrous Love”, the booklet includes beautiful color photography alongside each daily devotion. Pick up your copy while they last, at the top of the sanctuary ramps, or at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. A limited quantity of large print devotionals are available. Contact Becky in the church office if you are interested, at 262-634-6704.

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

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.

Project Night *and* Day

Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22

Come to work on any project (scrapbooking, stamping, painting, stitching, organizing) in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, February 21** at 6:30 p.m. Then, come back for project day on **Saturday the 22nd 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!

Crafters and Quilters

The crafters will meet next on Thursday, February 20 at 9 a.m. in Mygatts Corner.

The quilters will meet next on Thursday, February 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 & 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 February 16

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
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Confirmation Dinner
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation / Bible 101 Class
	6:45 p.m. Senior Choir
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Crafters
Friday	6:30 p.m. Project Night
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Project day
	5:00 p.m. Holy Communion / Noisy Offering

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