



Weekly Announcements February 8 & 9, 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)

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.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Garrett & Katie Meader in celebration of son, Gage on his 2nd birthday on Feb 13.

The flowers on the organ are given to the glory of God by Charles Clausen in loving memory of his wife, Marjie Evans, who passed away on February 10, 2014.

2020 Annual Meeting TODAY—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 in the back of the sanctuary.

Farewell to Becca Cairns

Today is the final Sunday for Rebecca Cairns as our Director of Youth Education. We have been blessed with her gifts as a staff member the last seven years and we're pleased she and her family will continue to be among us as members of MPLC. We wish her continued success and blessings in her next endeavor! Be sure to greet Becca this morning if you see her, and take in the special slideshow in her honor, playing continuously in the flat screen in the narthex today.



Our next Noisy Offering, on February 22 and 23 during worship services, will go to benefit the capital campaign at Lutherdale Bible Camp! Lutherdale has completed the Opening Phase of \$2.9 million and is now beginning the Final Phase of \$1.7.



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!

Food Bank News and Needs

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

February 16 - ramen noodles, tuna

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 **Flores Manu Liberte Cooperative** - Cocoa nibs, almond milk and a natural sugar sweetness. Acidity is quietly present making the cup lively. 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.

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/>

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

Coming Next Week:

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.

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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.



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.

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)

Becky Litwin (blitwin@mplc.us)

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.

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, February 20 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.

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 carpool, 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>

- **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!

Young Children in Church? Visit our PRAYground!

New to our sanctuary space is a Prayground. Located just outside of the cry room in the sanctuary is a quiet space for young children. There are coloring sheets, books, and quiet toys. If your child/ren need something to keep them occupied during worship, please feel free to use this space. Be respectful and tidy up when you are done. Thank you and enjoy this quiet space. Great for children ages 3-7, but open to any child that needs to keep their hands busy.



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 9

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| 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 |
| Tuesday | Noon Quake Group Builder |
| | 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir |
| Wednesday | 1:00 p.m. Senior Ladies Social |
| | 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. Quilters |
| | 1:00 p.m. Writer's Group |
| | 6:30 p.m. Congregation Council |
| | 4:00 p.m. Quake Trip Departs |
| Friday | |
| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion |

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