



## Weekly Announcements March 7 & 8, 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](https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links))

## Virus Precautions and Worship

We want everyone to be able to worship God with as little concern as possible for possible health risks. In light of virus precautions, we will be making some small changes to our worship services/practices:

- Instead of "passing the plates", offering plates will be placed at the entrance ramps for worshippers to leave their offerings either before or after worship services.
- We will "pass the peace" verbally with our neighbors with a wave, peace sign, slight bow or other non-physical signs.
- The pastors will step out to wash their hands before presiding at communion. Hand sanitizer will be available at the usher stands and in the front pew.

Worshippers who are feeling sick are encouraged to STAY HOME!  
You can hear recent sermons and read recent bulletin announcements on our website.

## Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the Cecchini family in memory of Joan Anzalone on the March 14 anniversary of her birthday—daughter of Doris Cecchini, sister of Dave and Kurri, and aunt of Matt, Nicole, Vinny, Livvy, Adam, Mike, Brittany, and Gi.



Our sympathy and prayers go to Bob & Connie Syslack and family on the death of Bob's sister, Sandra Jean Francis, on February 17.

## Easter 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. The cost per plant is \$15. All orders and payments are due by March 22. Thank you.

## Use Common Sense

We are reminding everyone to bring valuables and car keys with them into the sanctuary instead of leaving them in coat pockets in the entryway (narthex). Another church has reported someone going through coat pockets to find keys and stealing vehicles. We don't have enough volunteers to keep a constant eye on all areas of the church. Please use common sense and take care! *MPLC Safety and Security Team*

## 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.

TODAY...

## Racine ELCA Cluster Community Meal at Living Faith Lutheran Church—March 8

**WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to donate food, and/or to prepare food for Today's Meal!** Donations of food can be left in our church kitchen by 2:30 p.m. (please make sure you mark them for Living Faith—(there's special red stickers hanging on the refrigerator in the kitchen), 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. **Please sign up online**, find the link here: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>

*If you'd like to find out more about how you can share the light and love of Jesus through service to others in this mission, shoot me (Chip Lutz) an email at [chip@unconventionalleader.com](mailto:chip@unconventionalleader.com) .*



## Next Meal is March 29

**We served 99 guests at our February Open Table!** Thanks to all who had a part in yet another successful meal. Links to sign ups for the March meal are now available on our website. There's also grocery slips posted on the bulletin board in the narthex; with items needed for our March meal.

You can also 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 March sign ups can be found on our website (<https://spaceshipchurch.org>) click on **“QUICK LINKS”** in the menu bar. **Log on to see how YOU can help!** 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 **Bolivia Caranavi FTO Washed** - Early cupping notes include the following description - light body develops sweetened undertones of fruit near orange, lemon with low acidity. Clean, nutty, chocolate, and malt flavor finish.

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

Adult Education Speakers Forum gathers Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall after Coffee Fellowship (10 AM to 10:40 AM), featuring a variety of topics and leaders. For the Sundays in Lent, starting March 1, Pastor Beth Ann will lead "Making Sense of the Cross", a study by Dr. David Lose, an ELCA pastor, author, and former professor at Luther Seminary. Join us for this study about unpacking what the cross really means for us.

- March 8: Portraits and Perspectives
- March 15: Ransom and Victory
- March 22: Substitution, Satisfaction and Sacrifice
- March 29: Example and Encouragement
- April 5: Event and Experience

If you missed out on the January/February series, "The Gift of Planning Ahead", check out the links from our speakers on this webpage: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/adult-ed-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.
- **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!



## **Project Night *and* Day** **Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14**

Come to work on any project (scrapbooking, stamping, painting, stitching, organizing) in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, March 13** at 6:30 p.m. Then, come back for project day on **Saturday the 14th at 9:30 a.m.** There is plenty of space and lots of tables to work on. Come join this great group for fun and fellowship!

## **Afternoon Ladies' Social**

The Afternoon Ladies Social will meet next on **Wednesday, March 18** at 1 p.m. in fellowship Hall. We will be doing some Irish Trivia and enjoying an Irish themed dessert. All ladies are welcome. Any questions contact Sue Hess at 886-1430 or [suehess1@wi.rr.com](mailto:suehess1@wi.rr.com)

## **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. Complete details are in the March newsletter, or here: <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>



## **Game Night at MPLC!** **Friday, March 27**

The MPLC Welcoming Committee will host another game night for adults! We'll meet next on Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring your favorite board game, card game, etc. We'll provide lemonade and water. Soda machine available our 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>

## **High School Event at Carthage College** **Sunday, April 5, 4-7 p.m.**

High school students are invited to Carthage College for activities with their student staff, dinner and a panel discussion led by some of the students, on the topic of faith in college. There is no cost for this event. See Pastor Krista with questions. Please sign up by March 29. <https://spaceshipchurch.org/quick-links>



# A Look at LENT

## Lenten Midweek Services and Meals March 11, 18, 25, April 1

Join us on Wednesday for a delicious meal in fellowship hall starting at 5:30 pm, and featuring chili and cinnamon rolls (this combination is 'A Nebraska thing' according to Pastor Beth Ann!) A freewill offering will be collected for the meal. Bring a dessert to share if you wish. Worship will begin at 6:30 pm, and will feature guest speaker, Sharon Wilczynski, director of the food bank at Holy Communion Lutheran Church. (Each midweek service will feature a different pastor from other local ELCA Congregations.

MPLC will NOT host a mid-day service this year, but you are invited by our neighbors to attend the Noontime service and soup lunch at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (322 Ohio St) or the 10 AM service at Living Faith Lutheran Church (2915 Wright Ave), each featuring the same speakers as our evening services.

## Join Our Lenten Men's Bible Study Breakfasts— 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 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](mailto: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 your are interested, at 262-634-6704.

## Easter Egg Hunt - Save the Date!

### Sunday, April 5 at Noon on the church lawn

For children in Little Lambs—Third Grade. We are looking for donations of small individually wrapped candies and little trinkets (Pencils, Fun Erasers, Temporary Tattoos, etc.) for our annual Easter Egg hunt. Please drop off your donation items in the bin in the narthex.

### FOOT CARE CLINIC

at the  
Hospitality  
Center  
  
donations  
needed



### Maundy Thursday, April 9

Mount Pleasant Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Covenant Presbyterian and St Luke's Episcopal churches have been planning a Foot Care Clinic for Maundy Thursday at the Hospitality Center. We're asking for donations to make kits for all participants.

**Here's what we need:** New Socks (any kind—especially men's socks), small bottles of foot powder, toe nail clippers, foot warmers (hand warmers), bars of anti-bacterial soap, small bottles of lotion. Look for the donation bin in the narthex. Thank you!

### Crafters and Quilters

The crafters will meet next on Thursday, March 19 at 9 a.m. in Mygatts Corner. The quilters will meet next on Thursday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall.

### Food Bank News and Needs

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


**March 15** - macaroni & cheese, tomato soup


**March 22** - toilet paper, bar soap

*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)

## What's Happening the Week of March 8

### 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

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal

**6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship**

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Quilters

### Friday

6:30 p.m. Project Night

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Project Day

**5:00 p.m. Holy Communion**

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