



That Pleasant Spirit!

Monthly newsletter

Blessed to Welcome, Worship and Serve

Spring Breeze



Then comes the breeze that transforms everything... it is a spring breeze that blows away any remnants of a winter overstaying its welcome. It is a joyful breeze that dances in with a scent fresher than any manufacturers' laundry detergent. This first breath of spring does laundry: it cleanses the soul, freshens the heart, and hangs us on clotheslines outside to dry in new air.

Spring breezes bring people outside after being sequestered for winter. I am remembering a newsletter piece I wrote over twenty-five years ago. Christine and I had purchased our first home in a Waukesha subdivision. The backyards adjoined and our children played together in a park like atmosphere. We were outside all summer, watching the children, talking about how to stop the invasion of Creeping Charlie that was threatening our lawns and then winter came and we didn't see a soul until that first breath of spring air. It was only then that they all came out like bears awakening from hibernation and I wrote about it. The children had grown, a woman had a new baby, and on and on. Life was drawn outside again and the backyard rejoiced once more in activity.

So too, spring breezes have brought people out in droves to walk the tree lined street we live on, pushing strollers, walking dogs, holding hands, riding bikes, and running. Life has arisen again with the promise of greening air.

Dogs catch the promise of a spring breeze too, as intriguing scents reach their noses. I took my pups for a run down at the New Munster Wildlife Area and everything was fine for a time, until Pippin got a snoot of something and disappeared (I think it was a turkey that eventually I saw airborne – a 747 bird if there ever was one). He was gone and I was running after him through brush and uncut corn fields, following a dog locator I own for wayward canine moments. Pip has trouble when the whistle echoes off hills and valleys. He runs toward the whistle direction as fast as he can, and if he chooses the wrong direction, he is seriously lost. I finally found him standing still, circuits blown waiting for "dad" to retrieve him which I did. I lost him again less than two minutes later going back through the corn field. Once again, he got confused and I had to run him down again, and this time I demanded he walk at heel to the truck – spring breezes lit his afterburner.

Christine and I got a foretaste of spring breezes when we went to visit our son and his wife in Texas. We spent the first two days getting David and Becky's yard in shape by planting over one hundred plants. For the entire two days we worked outside, the fresh breeze brought the sound of an ice cream truck to my ears. We worked hard enough for me to greatly desire ice cream. I could hear the ice cream truck's merry little song on the spring breeze. As the music drew near, I grew increasingly expectant. What would I purchase when the truck or cart pulled curbside to where I was planting a ground cover in Texas clay? Would it be an ice cream sandwich? How about a Drumstick, I've always had a weak spot for those. Two whole days outside and that truck never came. I heard it tease me constantly as it orbited our street. What was wrong with our street? Just when I thought I was being victimized by an auditory mirage, some guy walked by eating ice cream. I resisted grabbing him and demanding to know where he found the truck? Does it truly exist? Clearly, spring breezes can bring sweet sounds of promise to the ear from hundreds of yards away.

After working in the yard, my son, David, and daughter-in-law, Becky, showed us the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. David and I even had the opportunity to do some nymph fishing from a drift boat for trout in the Guadalupe River, a wonderful time under a spring sun.

We decided to work up an appetite for a foray into Texas BBQ at the Salt Lick by climbing Enchanted Rock. This is a granite rock that is 640 acres big. An entire square mile. It rises about 450 feet and we all walked to the top, including David who was in a knee brace from his recent accident. There we encountered

again the renewing breeze of spring. In the far distance there was a couple who paused at another spot on the summit. The breeze blew their quiet words to Becky's ear and she announced what she heard: "That couple just got engaged!" It was far enough to squint, but I saw them in long embrace.

The breeze also blew along the sides of the rock, stirring up fresh scents of soil that had been deposited in the slight depressions of the rock, creating impromptu gardens tended only by nature's fertile hand. On the way down I came across a heavy piece of granite, maybe a foot thick that looked like it had been placed to be a table top, the surface skimmed clean by the wind, waiting plate, knife and fork. It could easily have been an altar, poised to receive communion vessels.

Once again the spring breeze is stirring. The words come to our ears. "The death of winter I have blown away. Arise to the greening life of Easter and new growth. I bring you life. Make no mistake; this is no vain promise of an ice cream truck that never comes. I am here. Here for you now. New life is here! Come on outside, now! Walk in my creation. Feel the warmth of a grace filled love. Come to my table, which is set and waiting for you. Say hello to your faith family. Grow like plants in good soil. Grow together – become a spring Easter garden tended by my breath, the spirit wind that is life for you."

The breeze bears these words of promise and love to our ears. We turn and embrace our God.

For images of the Enchanted Rock experience:

<http://s37.photobucket.com/albums/e73/DEchelbarger/Texas/?albumview=slideshow>

David L. Echelbarger



This year's Lenten offering will go to support The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) and Hispanic Ministry Program at Emmaus Lutheran. LSTC offers educational programs to those seeking calls to ministry as pastors, youth workers, college professors and more. The Hispanic Ministry Program at Emmaus Lutheran is lead by Jhon Freddy Correa, a student at LSTC. The ministry kicked off there in the fall of 2009 and currently has 180-200 people in worship each week. There is a variety of other programs going on throughout the week for young adults, youth, small group Bible Study and more. We have had guest preachers here from both of these ministries during our Wednesday Lenten Services.

**Woven Together in Christ
Collaborative Cross Weaving Project**



This Lenten season, as we explore how we are woven together in Christ, we invite you come to the cross through a collaborative cross weaving project. Participation is easy. Simply write whatever is on your heart or mind on the ribbons provided at the church and place them in the basket near the large cross frame displayed in sanctuary throughout lent.

Write whatever you'd like on your ribbons: a name, Bible verse, prayer concern, something that is weighing on you, or something you are thankful for. Fill out as many ribbons as you'd like.

The ribbons will be collected from the basket each week and woven onto the cross. What will begin as a stark frame will transform into a colorful collection of our thoughts and prayers, laid at the cross and collaboratively woven together in Christ.



Flip Flopping Through Lent

MPLC, along with a number of other churches in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, are continuing to collect flip flops during the season of Lent. In countries like Haiti, Armenia, Kenya, Togo, Laos and the Philippines, foot protection is essential to avoid cuts and prevent infection and disease caused by lack of any kind of sanitation.

We will continue to receive flip flops here at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran, through Sunday, April 11 to send to organizations throughout the world that are members of the World Toilet Organization (www.worldtoilet.org). Remember, we are looking for an assortment of colors and sizes, for children and adults (but please avoid a lot of beads and trinkets). If you would like to contribute money to cover shipping costs, make your check payable to *MPLC* and enclose in a pew envelope designated “Flip Flops.”

Come visit the “Flip-Flopping Through Lent” bulletin board in the narthex and see the variety of flip flops already donated. Thank you for your compassion and your generosity. The Social Ministry Team



Maundy Thursday, April 1 “Woven Together in Christ - To Be Mindful” 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday is the end of the Lenten penitential season. On this day you will be given the opportunity to receive holy communion and individual absolution of sin. *No soup luncheon or evening potluck.*



Saturday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m.

We will begin in the narthex, gathering in darkness, to process into the sanctuary with our lit candles, for this oldest service in the history of the church. It is the first service celebrating the resurrection of the Lord. The 7:30 p.m. service of worship includes dramatic readings, Baptism, dressing the altar for Easter, Easter hymns, and Holy Communion. Please note that Easter Sunday services will be held at 7, 9:15, and 11 a.m.



Flower Delivery

The delivery of Easter flowers to our homebound members is scheduled to take place throughout the week following Easter. Please sign up in the narthex, or contact the church office (634- 6669), if you are able to help.



April 4, 8 - 9 a.m.

Once again our Mt. Pleasant youth will be hosting a wonderful Easter Breakfast. Come down to Fellowship Hall to enjoy scrambled Eggs, sausage, cinnamon muffins, juice, coffee and milk ... all being served by our youth. A free-will donation will be taken to help support their summer trip to Toronto, Canada. Please sign up in the narthex.



Tuesday, May 25, at 5:45 p.m.

During the months of January, March, May, July, September and November, we hold a Service for Healing. Intended for any who suffer from infirmities of body, mind or spirit, the service will include an opportunity for prayer and anointing for the person attending or on behalf of another. The service will also include scripture, corporate prayer, hymns, and music.



Next New Member Class

The next class of new members will be received the weekend of May 1 and 2. The orientation session for that class will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. (Childcare provided upon request.) If you'd like to join our fellowship at that time, please talk to one of the pastors or contact the church office at 634-6669.



Pictorial Directory

When will we get the Pictorial Directory? This is the second most asked question at Mount Pleasant. What is the most asked question? "When will Spring finally arrive?"

Putting together a pictorial directory is like a major house cleaning. Not only do all of the pictures need to be ordered but all of the directory information must be brought up to date and members' wishes about how or if they want to be included honored. In other words it takes time... and helps us get our house in order. We have completed our work, and it is now being mass produced by the company. We hope to soon have an answer to the second most asked question at MPLC.



Sunday Morning Adult Education During Coffee Hour 10-10:40 a.m.

4/11 - Special Session

Led by MPLC Youth Director, Laura Carpenter

Laura will describe our church's Youth Ministry Program, and talk about her continuing theological education and her visions for youth in the church. This is an excellent opportunity to meet one of our church staff that carries out the vital ministries of our congregation.

4/18 - Arctic Dreams: Journey to the Spiritual Pole

Led by Pastor Dave

Let's think of our spiritual journey as a physical/spiritual adventure to the very edges of our experience. Remote, yet incredibly near, this will be a unique way to look at our spiritual journey, using insights from writers Annie Dillard, Barry Lopez, and others.

4/25 - Dead Sea Scrolls Sunday

Led by Pastor Dave

Join us as we acquaint ourselves with the Dead Sea Scrolls. This is especially for anyone who is interested in touring the Dead Sea Scroll exhibit while it is in Milwaukee, or anyone curious about how these scrolls have contributed to our understanding of the Christian Faith. Dr. Ross Larson will be a special guest.



Coffee Hour Sundays, Fellowship Hall - 9:30 a.m.

Each Sunday Mount Pleasant hosts a coffee hour with treats and freshly roasted coffee by Pastor Dave. Enjoy a different coffee every single week. These are the finest beans available from around the world, micro lots available only to a few select coffee shops in the country, and also . . . Mount Pleasant. Enjoy the fellowship, the aroma, the treats, the coffee, and stay for adult education!



Tuesday Bible Study Begins Again on April 20 10-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. “Race through the Old Testament”

Pastors Dave and Christine will team-teach this fast paced survey through key portions of the Old Testament. The Purpose is to be able to get a sweeping grasp of the happenings in the Old Testament. This class is for every level of student, even if you never joined us before! See you there.

Sunday, April 25 - Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: *Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures*



To celebrate the coming of the Dead Sea Scrolls to Milwaukee, Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church will have a special emphasis on the scrolls on Sunday, April 25. Sunday morning Adult Education will feature a class on the scrolls at 10 a.m. The class will explore: What are the Dead Sea Scrolls? Why are they important to our understanding of the Bible? Following the 11 a.m. worship service, there will be a group trip to and from the exhibit on a motor coach bus.

Special Note: The Response to the trip has been swift and overwhelming. The Bus has already been completely booked, so we have purchased 12 additional tickets and rented a 12-passenger van (THERE ARE ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT!).

Itinerary for Sunday, April 25 & Dead Sea Scrolls" Bus Tour

- 12:00 pm - A light sub sandwich lunch at MPLC.
- 12:30 pm - Depart via bus/van for the Milwaukee Public Museum.
- 2:30 pm - Tour the exhibit.
- 5:15 pm - Depart Museum for return trip.
- 6:00 pm - Pizza dinner (freewill offering accepted) and conversation about our experience.

Cost: Group Museum tickets through MPLC are \$24-for adults; \$22-seniors (60 and over), \$22-students (13-17) and college students with I.D.; \$17-children (3-12). Transportation is \$10 per person (note: if you drove yourself, parking alone would be \$10). Optional Audio Guides are \$5.00

This will be an easy, cost effective, fun, and community building way to experience this living history of our faith heritage.

Deadline for reservations and payment: April 9



THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4.



Summer Camp Opportunities

Elementary students...are you looking for something fun to do this summer? Lutherdale Bible Camp has many fun options for you! There are family camps, mini-sessions, and week long adventures. For more information, please take a brochure from the hospitality center.

Youth Quake and Sunday Church School



22 sixth, seventh and eighth grade youth, and 5 adult volunteers will attend the Youth Quake weekend with Youth Director Laura Carpenter in the Wisconsin Dells the weekend of April 23-25. All middle school youth who are not attending Youth Quake will experience a "do.love..walk" journey that weekend at Sunday School to learn about the Micah 6:8 theme verse.



Thanking Confirmation Small Group Guides

A year-end appreciation dinner will be held Wednesday, April 21, for the Confirmation Small Group Guides who served during the 2009-2010 confirmation program year. Join us in thanking the following Guides: Sixth Grade Guides: Detlef Ball, Laura Carpenter, Amy Hollow and Grant Youngquist. Seventh Grade Guides: Holly Hess, Jan Fuller and Scott Lehmkuhl. Eighth Grade Guides: Sherry Carrion, Dana Lambert-Wittkowske and Scott Reske.

Vacation Bible School News!

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School (VBS) at MPLC!



SAVE THE DATE FOR A VBS 'BAOBAB BLAST'

Mount Pleasant Lutheran's Vacation Bible School for summer 2010 will be Monday-Friday mornings, August 2-6. Our VBS theme will be 'Baobab Blast.' Plan to bring a friend and be a part of God's great get-together in Africa underneath the giant baobab tree. Kids will hear God's word and be amazed at God's wildlife creations!

Be a VBS MVP!

A successful **Vacation Bible School** requires **Many Volunteer Participants!** We need your help to ensure a great week of VBS fun. Volunteers are needed for crafts, music, storytelling, recreation, snack, skit sets and decorations. Volunteers may choose to be involved with the preschool, lower elementary or upper elementary programs. There's a place for everyone on our VBS team! If you are willing to help with VBS 2010 please sign up in the narthex or contact Pastor Christine (CThomasE@mplc.us) or Holly Hess (hhess@mplc.us) for more information.



WELCA

The WELCA Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, April 27, in Mygatts Corner. Bibles and study materials are provided. Fellowship is 9-9:30 a.m. with the study from 9:30-10:30. If you have any questions, or would like to join us, please contact Mary Moore, at 637-7083.

2010 Synod Assembly Delegate Opportunity



Would you like to represent our congregation at the annual Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly? It will be held June 3-5, at Country Springs Hotel (2810 Golf Rd., Pewaukee, WI). Not only can you give direction to the work of our Lutheran church in this area, but you can grow in faith and fellowship, as well. Please call Pastor Dave or Karen Martin, at 634-6669, if you think you'd like to attend.



Environmental Stewardship

By: John Berge

Once upon a time, I tried to study our electrical usage by looking at the bill from the utility company or the meter outside the house. Foolish, frustrating and futile! Appliances consume different amounts of energy at different times and the bills may be weeks after the fact. Then I discovered that there are a growing number of plug-in devices which permit one to track electricity usage in real time. A friend had a meter that I could borrow that tracks energy use of individual devices in real time. According to an Oxford University study, this type of direct feedback on energy use typically helps homeowners reduce their energy consumption, and costs, by 5 to 15 percent (and even more if it leads one to replace an energy glutton with a more efficient “green star” appliance). If you don't have a friend from whom you can borrow a plug-in meter, you can check one out at the Racine Public Library. You simply plug the meter into an outlet and plug the appliance of interest into the meter, which displays the appliance's electricity usage as it operates -- and even as it sits apparently doing nothing. Many appliances, such as TVs, microwave ovens, computers and the like continue to draw current even when nominally off. Unfortunately, these meters do not work for “hard-wired” appliances such as central air conditioners, water heaters, and ceiling fans. For these, one must still go out and check the electricity meter as, for example, the air conditioner runs vs. when it is off. Find the energy hungry appliances in your house and see if you can be a better environmental steward. If there is enough interest, possibly the church could buy such a meter to lend out.



Partnership Connections Special Guest – Sunday, May 2

Gordon Olson will be giving a Temple Talk the weekend of May 1 and 2. Gordon is the founder of Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry, the organization that helped us set up our partnership with Cristo Salvador in Argentina. Gordon will also be leading Adult Education on May 2 to help us all have a deeper understanding of our partnership and how to get more involved.



Memorial Garden

For some time, we have been planning for the possibility of a Memorial Garden and Prayer Labyrinth that will be funded through memorials and special gifts. A proposal has taken shape. If you want to see the latest possibility, it is posted in the narthex above the New Member photos on the pillar!



Argentina Interest Meeting Tuesday, May 11

There will be a meeting for those interested in traveling to Argentina in February 2011 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11 in Mygatts Corner. This will be an opportunity to talk about the travel, the cost, and fund raising options. Please contact Pastor Kara (at 634-6669 or kbaylor@mplc.us) or Grant Youngquist (637-0896) with any questions.



Lincoln Lutheran Volunteer Needed

For many years Ruth Runge has been Mount Pleasant's representative to the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary. The purpose of this volunteer is to help our congregation become aware of, and promote, the various Auxiliary functions of Lincoln Lutheran. There are five meetings a year to attend, two of which are catered luncheon meetings. This is an excellent way to help your congregation while at the same time become aware of various outreaches in the community. If you are interested in learning more, you may contact the Auxiliary president: Nancy Nelson (633-7898) or Pastor Dave (634-6669).

We wish to thank Ruth for her years of faithful service and wish to welcome a new representative to the Auxiliary soon.



Next Community Meal at Our Savior's

We are looking for food/servers for Sunday, April 11. Serving only takes about two hours and you will know that you have been a blessing to others. You don't cook? No problem! Easy donations include:

- * A bucket of fried chicken
- * Heated pizzas
- * Coleslaw or potato salad
- * Cut up fresh vegetables or fruit
- * A hot entrée from Sam's Club
- * Bagged salad/bottled dressing
- * 1-3 gallons of milk
- * Ready-made lasagna

Donations can be left in our church kitchen (please make sure you mark them for Our Savior's), or hot dishes can be dropped off at Our Savior's Church (2219 Washington Ave.). Sign up in the narthex if you can help. If you have any questions, please call Prisca Moore at 637-0896.



Tutors Needed for West Ridge School

Our Giese School tutoring project is underway. Now it's time to recruit tutors for West Ridge. MPLC has had a relationship with West Ridge and currently has two tutors working at the school. The first grade teachers would like to create a program with tutors coming in from 10:25-10:55 a.m. or 1-1:30 p.m. any day except Thursday. Our goal will be to help students with reading and math. We have three volunteers for this new program so far and would like to add 5 more during the next couple of weeks. Training and materials will be provided. The only requirements are wanting to help children learn and passing the criminal investigation. If you are interested please contact Olivia Garner at 262-497-5584 or odg58@yahoo.com.

We Care



Every time you shop at any Pick'n Save in Wisconsin and use your Advantage Card which you have registered to our number (522750), you are helping to feed a hungry person. The percentage of sales which we receive quarterly in return is forwarded to the Holy Communion Food Pantry. Your participation in the 'We Care' program is needed and is greatly appreciated.



Campbell's Labels for Education

Each properly removed label counts! Please make sure the label's UPC code/pt. value with the logo attached remains in one piece, and place in the box on the hospitality center in the narthex. Each label counts and will help Westridge to earn much needed items for their school! Thank you for helping.



Save the Date Blood Drive – June 2

On Wednesday, June 2, we will be having our 4th blood drive. At our first drive we collected over 40 units, and it is our goal to hit that mark again. (We have averaged about 25 units of blood since then.) Look for the sign up sheet in early May, and invite your friends and neighbors to sign up and give. Ask Pastor Kara (kbaylor@mplc.us or 634-6669) about giving double red cell.

Lent Event



Thank you to all for a wonderful Lent Event! We had more than 20 families enjoy a night of fun and fellowship digging deeper into our Lenten theme: Woven Together in Christ. We wove crosses, fish, baskets and stories. Even our dessert and scavenger hunt were woven together.

There are many people to thank for such a fun night-- from those who prepared art materials, to those who cooked or helped lead the night's activities, to cleaning up when all was done. A special thank you to all of you!! Christopher Kozenski, Jake Zuelke, Logan Ball, David Reske, Ty Haarsma, Jeffrey Spino, Shelby Wilson, Kristina Randelzhofer, Kassie Randelzhofer, Mara & Krista Madsen-Knudson, Lynn Besaw, Jackie Anderson, Kathy Ball, Aimee Fortner, Christy Kolaske, Carol Wiechers, Tom & Laura Olson, Sharon Nyman, Rosie Johnson, Pastor Dave, Pastor Christine, Laura & Matt Kozenski, Scott & Kara Reske, Denise & Brian Keller, Dave Zuelke, Michaela Keller, Katie Graves, Tom Olson, Laura Clampett and Holly Hess.



The Youth Want Your Aluminum Cans!

This month we received another \$19.47 for the aluminum cans that have been donated. (The GRAND total received so far for aluminum recycling is over \$1,144!) If you're not in the habit of taking your cans to the recycling center, our senior high youth will gladly use them. Please bring your bagged cans to church and place them in Fellowship Hall by the soda machine. All money received goes towards the senior high summer trip.

REGISTER NOW! **Woven Together as Women of Faith** **A One-Day Retreat for Women** **Saturday, April 17, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.**



All women are invited to participate in a one-day women's retreat on Saturday, April 17, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. here at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church.

- Enjoy lunch and fellowship with other women of faith.
- Explore our many common threads as women of faith and women of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church
- Learn the age-old art of basket weaving.
- Envision new ideas for women's programming and ministry at MPLC.
- Worship together as women of faith at the 5 p.m. service.

The all-inclusive cost for this day retreat is \$25 per person. Scholarship assistance is available. To register or for more information call the church office at (262) 634-6669 or e-mail hhess@mplc.us. All adult women, including non-members, are welcome!



“Woven Together in Christ” ~ A Connecting and Re-Connecting Event **Friday, April 30, 6-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church is a large congregation with four weekly worship services and many activities. “Making connections” and getting to know others is one way many people feel “Woven Together in Christ” at Mt. Pleasant. If you are someone who would like to meet people, or get more involved in our congregation's life, the “Woven Together in Christ Connecting and Re-Connecting Event” has been planned especially for you!

You may be a newer member, or someone who has been here for years. Maybe life's circumstances have put you “out of the loop” for a while, or maybe you'd just like to expand your circle of friends. It doesn't matter. You are invited to:

- come by yourself or bring everyone in your household, including infants and small children.
- share a pizza supper.
- enjoy fun mixer activities to acquaint people of all ages.
- learn about ways that you might choose to make more connections as we are “Woven Together in Christ” here at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.
- simply have a fun evening out with members of your congregation.

A freewill offering will be received. If interested, please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, April 25. If you have any questions, or would like more information, contact Director of Faith and Life, Holly Hess, at hhess@mplc.us or 634-6669.



A CELEBRATION OF BLESSINGS

Our second annual Mother-Daughter Event for moms, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces, and special friends in our lives is being planned for Sunday, May 2, from 4-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This late afternoon event will include music, tributes, and a special program. A chicken dinner with homemade desserts will also be included with a freewill donation suggested. Please sign up in the narthex with the number attending so as to help with our planning.

ALSO!!!! We will be in need of a few volunteers (fathers, sons, uncles, brothers, husbands, etc.) to help with set-up and clean-up for this event. If you would like to help make this event special for the ladies of our congregation, a sign-up sheet just for you is waiting in the narthex.



MEN'S SOFTBALL Sign-up and Spring Training

The *Sign-Up Scorebook* is in the narthex, just waiting for men who are age 14 by May 1 to sign up. Our team plays on Tuesday nights, May 18 - August 10, at Cliffside Park. **BE A SPORT! BE A PLAYER!**

Spring Training begins Tuesday night, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Case High School (in a field space near the tennis courts). It will continue on Monday nights, May 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30 p.m. (also at Case High School).

Any questions, contact Rich Miller, 632-8579, or John Lovdahl, 939-8666.

And, **members of Mt. Pleasant**, even if you don't play...**BE A SPORT! BE A FAN!** for this 2010 Season.

Mark Your Calendars "April" Dining Out Rescheduled to May 23!



With our trip to Milwaukee to see the Dead Sea Scrolls on April 25, the April Adult Dining Out to Thai Gourmet in Kenosha has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 23. Watch your May That Pleasant Spirit newsletter for more information.



Quilters

What do tying a knot, fellowship, and 9 a.m. have in common? That's all that is needed to join our quilting group! We will be meeting on Mondays, April 12 and April 26, and would love for you to join us!

If you can help this group by sewing at home, please call Gen Goldsworthy at 633-9576.



Afternoon Adult Fellowship

The Afternoon Adult Fellowship will meet Wednesday, April 14, 1-3 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. Coffee and tea will be provided, with soda available. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Gloria Peterson at 886-5122.



O.W.L.S.

OWLS is scheduled to meet at St. Andrew on Friday, April 9. Please sign up in the narthex so they know how many to expect from MPLC. As usual the evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck which is always delicious, and will continue with fellowship and conversation which is always heartening.



Crafters Corner

Note the change in dates for our April crafting. This month we will meet the second and third Thursdays, the 8th and 15th at 9 a.m. in Mygatts Corner. If you enjoy making crafts, fellowship, food and fun, be sure to come and join this delightful group!



Please Note: No Project Night in April

There will be **no** Project Nite in April. Your next opportunity to stamp, scrapbook, paint, stitch, etc. will be on Friday, May 14. Come join us at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for fun, fellowship, and finishing up those projects!

3rd – 8th Grade Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m.



Just because you're growing up doesn't mean you have to give up all of the good things about being a kid! Come to our *Youth Easter Egg Hunt* for 3rd through 8th graders! The 3rd-5th graders will hunt for differently colored eggs than the 6th-8th graders, so 3rd graders... don't worry that all of the 8th graders will be taking your eggs before you can find them! This is always a lot of fun and we have great prizes to give away, so be sure to sign yourself and a friend up in the narthex and come to celebrate the new life Easter brings!



SKG Dinner & Shopping Friday, April 16, 6-9 p.m.

Girls will be girls, and we love to SHOP! SKGs, the time has come to give in to that urge to splurge and find a CUTE top, skirt, shorts, or dress to feel and look fabulous in! We'll meet at 6 p.m. at Rocky Rococo's (on Hwy. 20). We'll eat first, and learn about "Truth or Bare" Fashion Tests (this is Date #6 in our books, so # 11 and 12 on our CDs!) and how God wants us to look and feel cute and comfortable, without making others feel uncomfortable! Then we'll head over to the Regency Mall to find something FABULOUS to wear! See you there!!!



KOL Archery
Monday, April 19, 5-8 p.m.

Sons and Dads in KOL will be heading to the *Racine Instinctive Bowman Archery Range* to learn about this challenging sport. It's on rain or shine, because this archery range is inside! All equipment is included, but make sure you either eat before you come or pack a dinner to eat there.



Youth Quake Group Builder
Sunday, April 18, Noon-2 p.m.

We'll be playing games, choosing cars, and selecting food to bring. Make sure you come or Laura will sign you up to bring sardines (smelly fish in a can) to Quake. Lunch is included. **Junior Guides, you need to be there, too!**



We will be continuing with the topics that you choose. Pastor Kara will be sharing lessons she has learned on her journey of life on April 18. You won't want to miss that one! Youth Room – 9:45-10:45 a.m. – be there!

Group Builder – Toronto Trip
Sunday, May 16



It is time for us to get together and get to know each other as a group before we head over the border to the north. We will start with lunch at noon and be together until 2:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Kara at 634-6669 or kbaylor@mplc.us with any questions.



Sunday, April 18, Noon

The Youth committee will be meeting on Sunday, April 18, at noon in the Youth Room. We will be looking ahead and making plans for the fall. If you are interested in shaping what happens with Senior High Youth, please join us!



Senior Recognition Sunday

Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on May 9 at the 11 a.m. worship service. Please return the information sheet that you received in the mail with your invitation (and a senior picture) to Pastor Kara by Friday, April 30.



RUMMAGE SALE

Again, this year, the rummage sale is hoping for some donations that would be valuable enough to be used as silent auction items. (Such items can be claimed as deductions for income tax purposes.) Please contact Shirley Kerkman, at 634-6568, if you have such an article.

Drop off for donations will begin in June. Work sessions will continue to be on Tuesday mornings. Additional work sessions can be scheduled if desired.



Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to Matt and Nicole Cecchini on the birth of a son, Vincent Michael Cecchini, on March 5.



Baptized

We welcomed into our baptized membership on March 14, Adelyn Lorraine Kravig, daughter of Elizabeth and Hal Kravig. Adelyn's sponsors are Audrey and Neil Van Lengen.



- Aurora, Kenosha* – Marilyn Rossman
- Kenosha Memorial* – Tom Olson
- St. Catherines, Kenosha* – Gary Kovacs
- Wheaton Franciscan* – Chuck Clausen, Jill Makovsky, Ethel Malvasio, Cindy Myhre, Marv Osenga, Connie Sena



Our sympathy and prayers are extended to: Eric and Gina Bartel, Brady, and Alaina on the death of Eric's mother, Kathy Bartel on February 21; to Keith Kane, Melissa Shilling-Kane, Josh, Hailie, and Ryan on the death of Keith's mother, Susie Kane, on February 22; to Rich and Naomi Miller, and family, on the death of Rich's father, Lawrence Miller, on March 15, and to Marty and Quentin McVey on the death of Marty's sister, Ann Maul, on March 16.



Country Crafts 'n Cook'n

North Cape Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 24

Craft & Bake Sale from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

An All-You-Can-Eat Salad Buffet Luncheon from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(Chicken and Shrimp Salad, fruit and vegetable salads, and an array of other main dishes... includes a beverage and a large selection of homemade desserts)

\$8 per person (\$4 ages 4-12) Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased in advance or at the door. For tickets, reservations, or information, please call the church office at 262-835-2206.

Featuring a display "Collage of Collectible" and "Stroll Through Our Country Garden".

North Cape Lutheran Church, on Highway 45 & 5 Mile Road (2 miles north of Hwy 20 in Racine County)





April 18. Please e-mail to klong@mplc.us, fax to (262-634-6690), or drop off in the church office. Thank you!

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