



# MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH



## **A PLACE TO CONNECT**

CONNECT WITH GOD.

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**MARCH 17, 2024**

# SUNDAY KIDS MINISTRIES



## NURSERY (Ages 0-2)

**This Week (3/17):**

LuAnn Vassar  
Jasmine Vineyard

**Next Week (3/24):**

Terry Skreen  
Boni Fadden

**10:15am**

LuAnn Vassar  
Jasmine Vineyard  
Elsa Gilbertson  
Elsa Eitreim

Terry Skreen  
Boni Fadden  
Whit Pieper



## CONNECTIONS HOUR

**9:00 - 10:00am (Ages 3 - Grade 12)**

Classes split by age group for an age relevant Bible lesson & time of singing.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 3-5)

**Dismissed at 10:15am Worship Service**

**This Week (3/17):**

Roger Stundahl  
Donna Stundahl  
Quinn Pieper

**Next Week (3/24):**

Carolynn Stave  
Addie Beam



## K4J (Ages K - 4th Grade)

**Dismissed at 10:15am Worship Service**

**This Week (3/17):**

Matthew Gilbertson  
Kimberly Gilbertson

**Next Week (3/24):**

Stephanie Klaers  
Keagan Klaers

# MIDWEEK KIDS MINISTRIES



## ROOTS KIDS CLUB

**(Pre K-6th Grade)**

**Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30pm**

**Register online now!**



# STUDENT MINISTRIES



## Youth Group Grades 7-12

Connections Hour, Sundays at 9:00am  
Youth Group, Wednesdays at 7:00pm

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 PM SUMMIT Youth Group

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

5:00 PM Dinner + Movie Night

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 PM SUMMIT Youth Group

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:15 PM Feed My Starving Children

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Spring Break (No SUMMIT, ROOTS, or Meal)

# CONNECTION GROUPS

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

**Sundays at 7:00pm, Semi-Weekly**

Meets on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Connect with Phil Eidum for more info, [peidum@mapleplaincc.org](mailto:peidum@mapleplaincc.org)

## WOMENS BIBLE STUDIES

**Mondays at 6:30pm**

The Gospel on the Ground

Contact Mary Jo Steffenhagen at [mjhome@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjhome@frontiernet.net)

**Tuesdays at 7:30pm**

The Gospel of John

Email co-leaders Mandy Broda ([mandy.broda@gmail.com](mailto:mandy.broda@gmail.com)) or Allison Steinke ([casteinke2@gmail.com](mailto:casteinke2@gmail.com)) with questions or to join anytime.

## 40 Day Online Lent Study

From Death to Life

Led by Kylie McCoy. Email [kyliejoymccoy@gmail.com](mailto:kyliejoymccoy@gmail.com) to join and for more information.

## MENS BIBLE STUDIES

**Thursdays at 6:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

The Book of Acts. Led by Pastor Dominic Broda. Email [dbroda@mapleplaincc.org](mailto:dbroda@mapleplaincc.org) for more details.

**Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Conference Room**

The Book of Malachi. Led by Carl Borg. Email [cborg3414@gmail.com](mailto:cborg3414@gmail.com) for more details.

**More information at:** [www.mapleplaincc.org/groups](http://www.mapleplaincc.org/groups)

**or contact Chris Steinke at:** [csteinke@mapleplaincc.org](mailto:csteinke@mapleplaincc.org)

# CALENDAR

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 AM Corporate Prayer  
9:00 AM Connections Hour  
10:15 AM Worship Service

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

9:30 AM MPCC Preschool Pop in + Play  
3:30 PM C.E. Meeting  
7:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting  
7:30 PM Women's Bible Study via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

5:45 PM Community Meal  
6:15 PM Summit: Feed My Starving Children  
6:30 PM Roots Kids Club

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 AM West Metro Community Prayer at MPCC  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

## NEXT WEEK

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM Corporate Prayer  
9:00 AM Connections Hour  
10:15 AM Worship Service  
7:00 PM Young Adult Prayer Group

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 AM MPCC Preschool Pop in & Play  
7:30 PM Women's Bible Study via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

No Community Meal, Roots, or Summit: Spring Break

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 AM West Metro Community Prayer at Riverwood Covenant Church  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

10:30 AM MPCC Easter Egg Hunt  
11:30 AM Summit: Fundraiser Set-up + Lunch

## UPCOMING EVENTS



The graphic features a large, stylized 'Easter' in cursive at the top left. Below it, a yellow banner for 'GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 29' at 7pm lists a worship service. A grey banner for 'EASTER SATURDAY: MARCH 30' at 10:30am lists an egg hunt at Veterans Memorial Park in partnership with Christ Lutheran Church. A yellow banner for 'EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31' at 8am lists a worship service and a 9am community breakfast. The background shows a rising sun over mountains with crosses. At the bottom, a tree and colorful Easter eggs are shown. Text at the bottom left reads: 'MARCH 30 FREE 10:30AM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK 10,000+ EGGS CANDY PRIZES HOSTED BY CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH'. A small box in the upper right says 'with Maple Plain Community Church www.mapleplaincc.org'.

**GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 29**  
7pm: Worship Service

**EASTER SATURDAY: MARCH 30**  
10:30am: Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Memorial Park in partnership with Christ Lutheran Church

**EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31**  
8am: Worship Service  
9am: Community Breakfast  
10:30am: Worship Service

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EASTER CARDS

Here is a list of seniors unable to attend services. Your encouragement means so much to them. Please drop cards off in the foyer basket by Sunday, March 24, and the deaconesses will deliver them.

<b>Mera Glew</b>	<b>Nancy Voss</b>	<b>Ray Eckdahl</b>
<b>Bev Hamilton</b>	<b>Jan Lund</b>	<b>Rick + Karen Sampson</b>
<b>Colette Behrens</b>	<b>Ruth McKown</b>	<b>Carl + Peg Eckdahl</b>
<b>Sharon Stundahl</b>	<b>Sandra Sward</b>	<b>Marlaine Gabriel</b>

### EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Decorating Committee will have a memorial flower display Easter Sunday to honor loved ones. Please contact Boni Fadden at 763-234-0336 if you are interested in participating. Flowers will be in the \$10 range and can be picked up after the service to take home.

### MARCH

29 Good Friday Worship Service, 7pm  
30 MPCC Easter Egg Hunt  
31 Easter Sunday, 8am: Worship Service, 9am: Community Breakfast, 10:30am: Worship Service





# MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## MPCC STAFF

### Dominic Broda

Lead Pastor

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### Kimberly Gilbertson

Office Manager

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### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00am-3:00pm

## CALENDAR YEAR GIVING

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
Annual Budget	\$453,658	\$115,000
YTD Income	\$50,836	\$11,321
YTD Expenses	\$68,894	\$18,600
Net Revenue/Expenses	-\$18,059	-\$7,279

\* As of February 29, 2024



## ONLINE GIVING

[WWW.MAPLEPLAINCC.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.MAPLEPLAINCC.ORG/GIVE)

## ATTENDANCE

Last Week (3/10) Attendance: 204

February 2024 Average: 155

February 2023 Average: 170

## CONNECT

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## MISSIONARY UPDATE:

### Jonathan + Chieko Reasoner

#### Location: Japan

Thank you for praying for Pastor Iwai last month. On February 11, he challenged everyone to humble themselves before the Lord and surrender all to Him. This, he felt, was the condition for overcoming fear and anxiety. Though in the final stage of pancreatic cancer, Pastor Iwai declared honestly that he was at complete peace...though having to say goodbye to loved ones would be hard.

"Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear."

While at church on February 11, we heard that an 86-year-old member, Mrs. Hanazono, was in critical condition. Knowing that Pastor Iwai would not be able to conduct a funeral in his current condition, the leaders of the church asked me, as the cooperating missionary, if I would officiate at the funeral if or when Mrs. Hanazono passed away. Not having ever conducted a funeral during my missionary career, I felt a bit nervous over this. But I agreed to do it if the church would support and help out as much as they could.

It was a full week. Mrs. Hanazono, whom we had known personally over the past several years, passed away the following evening. Chieko and I were involved in visiting family members, planning for the events surrounding the funeral with the funeral company, conducting the funeral, and going with the Hanazono family to the crematory. In all of this, the church members wonderfully handled many logistical details, the bereaved family was moved and thankful, and, I believe, the Lord was glorified. People were praying, the Lord heard us, and we are so grateful to Him. Meanwhile, Pastor Iwai was hospitalized in a cancer research hospital and put on IV and oxygen. On March 6, he was moved to a hospice facility near his family and the church. His goal is to baptize seven people on Easter Sunday who confessed faith in Christ last month. He knows he will not have strength to baptize by immersion, his normal practice, so he plans to sprinkle, and do so in his hospice room or in a chapel room inside the hospice facility.

Please pray with us this month!

For Pastor Iwai, his family, and for the Kiyose church!

We will visit and speak at the Yachimata church on March 17 and Chieko will lead an afternoon session on grief care. We will also give some marital counseling to the pastor and wife who are newlyweds.

I will speak at the Kiyose church again on March 24, and lead a time of installing the church officers for the coming year.

We have begun giving pre-marital counseling to a couple planning a wedding in July as well as an engagement ceremony in May. (Pastor Iwai had begun the counseling and turned this over to Chieko and me.)

During March we are preparing for a major employment transition in our business office. After working for SEND for 38 years, our Japanese bookkeeper will be turning over his job to others -- a Japanese husband-wife team. There are many pieces I am directly involved with in this transition, including contracts.

On March 29, I will meet with Mrs. Aoshima and her friend, Mrs. Okuyama. The latter knows almost nothing about the God of the Bible, but she wants to learn how she can die peacefully. She is 81 and has ovarian cancer.

As always, we are very grateful for your prayers!

Jonathan & Chieko

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### Supplies Needed

400 pens w/blue ink

Hot Wheel vehicles (new)

300 AAA batteries (good quality)

100 Colorful Girls underwear size 4T

80 Boys Boxers/Briefs size Large 10/12

(prefer loose cotton boxers for hot weather)