



# THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

## **The Plot Against Jesus**

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

2 “As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,

4 and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him.

5 “But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

## **Jesus Anointed at Bethany**

6 While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper,

7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked.

9 “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

11 The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.

12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

Matthew 26:1-13 NIV



**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**



# MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Whether you are visiting the area, looking for a church home, exploring the Christian faith or worshipping as a part of our church family, we are glad that you are here!  
We also welcome those who are joining us online.*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
His greatness no one can fathom.  
Psalm 145:1-3 NIV*

**Missions Moment: Stephen Anderson**

### MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

**SERMON SERIES: JOURNEY TO THE CROSS**

**"Preparing for the Cross"**

**Matthew 26:1-13**

**Pastor Dominic Broda**

After the Worship Service, there are people available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you for any needs you may have.

### NURSERY (0 to 3 yrs.)

Childcare is available for children **up to 3 years old** in the nursery. It is located in the upper west side of the building across from the gym.

	<b>This Week:</b>	<b>Next Week (3/7)</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Ray McCoy Bobbi McCoy	Leesa Anderson Brittany Haislet
<b>10:15 AM Worship Service</b>	Ray McCoy Bobbi McCoy Keagan K.	Leesa Anderson Brittany Haislet Bethany A.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINISTRY (Pre-K- 3-5 yrs.)

**Children's Church** is available for children ages 3 through 5. They will be dismissed during the Worship Service for a special time of instruction. We ask that one parent accompany their children to Children's Church to check them in. They can be picked up by parents after the service in the same room.

	<b>This Week:</b>	<b>Next Week (3/7)</b>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Gayle Sjoberg	Roger & Donna Stundahl

### K4J CHILDREN'S CHURCH (K-Grade 4):

**February 28:** Mandy Broda, Alexis Eidum & Allison Steinke  
**March 7:** Linda Beam

## MPCC CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK:

**SUNDAY, February 28**

9:00 AM Education Hour  
10:15 AM Worship Service  
7:00 PM Young Adult Group

**TUESDAY, March 2**

7:00 PM Elder Meeting  
7:30 PM Women's Online Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, March 3**

6:30 PM Roots Kids Club  
6:00-9:00 PM Summit

**THURSDAY, March 4**

10:00 AM Women's Missionary Prayer Band

### NEXT WEEK:

**SUNDAY, March 7**

9:00 AM Education Hour  
10:15 AM Worship Service

**TUESDAY, March 9**

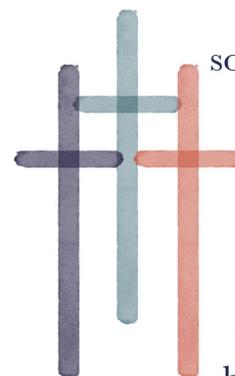
7:00 PM Elder & Trustee Meetings  
7:30 PM Women's Online Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, March 10**

6:30 PM Roots Kids Club  
7:15 PM Summit

**FRIDAY, March 12**

7:00-10:00 PM Summit  
Movie and Game Night



*For God  
so loved the world,  
that he gave  
his only son,  
that whoever  
believes in him  
should not perish  
but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

## I WILL BE JOYFUL

### VERSE 1

When all trees in sight have lost their life  
And the joy it fall down again  
With the doors all shut I'm stuck in a rut  
Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord.

### CHORUS

I will be joyful to Him who is faithful.  
I will be joyful in Him.  
I will be joyful in Him who is faithful.  
I will be joyful in Him.

### VERSE 2

When the sun is bright, not a cloud in the sky  
And the joy it rises again  
With all hopes in sight I can feel the light  
Yet, I will rejoice in the Lord.

### VERSE 3

When the day has passed, with the Lord at last  
And that joy shall never end.  
Though the seasons come, I will rest in the One  
And I will rejoice in the Lord.

*Lyrics: Christopher Steinke, Music: Christopher Steinke, Allison Steinke*

## JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

### VERSE 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

### VERSE 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

### VERSE 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

### VERSE 4

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother-love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

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## ONLY A HOLY GOD

### VERSE 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

### VERSE 2

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

### CHORUS

Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy,  
Forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.

### VERSE 3

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God.

### VERSE 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God.  
Only my Holy God.

*Dustin Smith | Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson  
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## EVENTS & MINISTRIES

### 9:00 AM SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR 2020-2021

	Class Name	Age	Teacher	Classroom
<b>Student Classes D6</b>	Nursery	Infant - Age 2	Variety	Nursery
	Round 2	Ages 3-5	Steph Klaers	W103
	Adventure Kids	K - 2nd Grade	Linda Beam Mona Bergstrom Kaeden Metz	W107
	Explorers	3rd -6th Grade	Ron & Mary Jo Steffenhagen	W105
	Forward	Junior & Senior High	Jeremy Kurth	Sr High Rm W102
<b>Adult Classes</b>	The Brink	Young Adult	Phil Eidum	Game Room
	Fusion D6	Parents of students in D6 Classes	Greg & Kellee Metz	Fellowship Hall Area
	Large Group Session	Adults	Mark Johnson	Fellowship Hall



### Wednesday Night

#### Kids Club

**6:30-7:30 PM**  
**Pre K—6th grade**

1. Teaching students how to actively seek God
2. Memorize verses & study Scripture
3. Enjoy time in community with others through games & learning
4. Learn how Scripture applies to their lives through understanding the meaning and personal impact.



**Kids for Jesus is Children's Church for children in Kindergarten through 4th Grade. They will be dismissed during the Worship Service to a classroom downstairs.**



The newest edition (Mar., April, May) of the free devotional, **OUR DAILY BREAD** is available in the lobby.

The newest **LARGE PRINT** (April, May June) edition will be available in late March.

If you are not able to come on Sundays, feel free to stop by the church during the week and pick up a copy.

*The **WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER BAND** meets each month for fellowship, work projects and to pray for our missionaries. All women are welcome to join us. We will meet for prayer **Thursday March 4 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.***



**We exist to CONNECT students to Christ, to CULTIVATE growth through discipleship, and to HONOR God with our lives.**  
**Grades 7-12**

#### SUMMIT SCHEDULE

**WED., March 3, 7:15 PM**  
Summit

**WED., March 10, 7:15 PM**  
Summit

**FRI., March 12, 7:00-10:00 PM**  
**Movie/Game Night at MPCC (Free)**

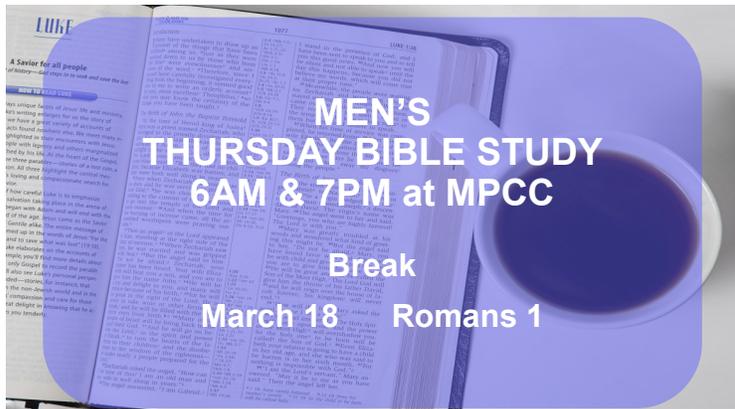
**WED., March 17, 5:15-8:45 PM**  
**Meet at MPCC (Free, donations welcome)**

**WED., March 24—No Summit—Spring Break**

**WED., March 31, 7:15 PM**

#### **2021 YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

Sign-up is currently open for the 2021 Youth Mission Trip (June 25-July 2) to Denver, CO. Talk to Pastor Phil for details!



**MEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
6AM & 7PM at MPCC

Break

March 18 Romans 1



## ONLINE EDUCATION HOUR BIBLE STUDY

Adults are invited to join Donna Stundahl online each week. The class is available for viewing at your convenience on the church website:

[www.mpcommunitychurch.org](http://www.mpcommunitychurch.org)

**What's on Your Mind?** by Dr. John Getsch



**A Women's online Bible study (via Zoom)**  
Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

MPCC Women's Online Bible Study will be **starting Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 PM.**

We will be studying the Gospel of John. It will go through April with 1-2 breaks throughout the 12-week study. Please contact Mandy Broda at 763-291-3612 if you are interested in attending.



### MPCC YOUNG ADULTS

College-age, 20s, 30s  
Prayer Group  
meeting bi-weekly  
7:00 pm on Sundays  
at the West Parsonage!

February 28, March 14, March 28



*"You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

### Mission Not Impossible

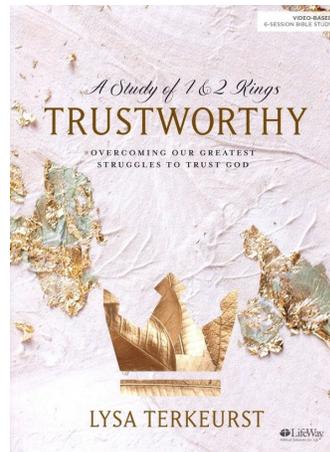
If any place can be called the end of the earth it's Wotje—a tiny atoll that is part of the Marshall Islands in the North Pacific. This summer, 340 children—most of them orphans—attended a festive Operation Christmas Child outreach event and received gift-filled shoeboxes. Many of them didn't know what a gift was until they lifted the lid of their box. "Through the gifts you can see the brightness in their eyes and the excitement they see when they discover that someone really loves them," one ministry partner said. "It's the love of God in a tangible way. You feel it right there in front of them in their hands. They are overwhelmed."

Please be on the lookout for clearance items for Boys & Girls ages 2-4 & 10-14

If you would prefer to donate toward "Bargains already purchased", we have found 100 new manicure kits for 10-14 age Girls (reduced to \$1 each). Put OCC in the memo of the donation.

Thank you!

*Monetary donations may be put in the offering plate. All other items can be placed in the red bin in the lobby.*



### "Trustworthy"

Women's Monday Night Bible Study of 1 & 2 Kings  
A six-week study beginning Monday, March 22  
6:30 PM at the church.

Contact Mary Jo Steffenhagen for more information and to sign up for the class.  
[mjhome@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjhome@frontiernet.net)



*If you are unable to be here for services, you are welcome to stop in at the church during the week and visit the library.*

- The library jigsaw puzzle giveaway continues. Come and pick one out a puzzle from the table in the library.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, March 28</b>	Palm Sunday
<b>Friday, April 2</b>	Good Friday
<b>Sunday, April 4</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>Sunday, April 25</b>	MPCC 1st Quarterly Business Meeting

More details to follow on all events.

## GLOBAL PRAYER REQUESTS

### Jeff and Mary Ann Anderson serving with ACTION International in the US & Philippines



Currently, Jeff is the East Asia Regional Coordinator and serves on three ACTION Task Forces: Children-in-Crisis; Disaster Response; and, Global Strategic Direction. Also Jeff & Mary Ann share the role as the International Coordinators for Training and Development.

As we write this newsletter we are in Spokane, Washington at our daughter Micah Ann's home. We are grateful our office communications

department is helping us prepare this letter.

We began 2021 diligently praying and preparing for our ACTION Skills Conference. It took place January 25-29 and was a great experience for all. Forty-nine people attended from across the country. Our devotional speaker, Dr. Gary Rieben, flew in from Malawi to be with us. We had sixteen sessions which taught a needed skill for effective cross-cultural missionary service. We met at beautiful Ross Point Camp in Post Falls, Idaho.

Mary Ann and I led sessions on the importance of planning, writing goals, continuing education and training, how to navigate these challenging days and a robust Q&A. Many people affirmed how much the conference meant to them. One person told us it was the highlight of his life and another said it was his highlight of the past year. Another person told us with tears in her eyes that she did not expect to be ministered to so deeply. The comments are a reflection of how much people longed for fellowship.

Since the conference we have been meditating on Psalm 27. It has deeply ministered to us and to many at the ASC. I have meditated on it and prayed through it daily since the conference. Mary Ann memorized it years ago in KJV so she has been reviewing it from that translation. I

This photo of our ACTION Skills Conference is a paradox. The masks hid the joy we felt.



# Yes, Lord,

walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you;  
your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

Isaiah 26:8 (NIV 1984)

encourage you to make time to slowly read and pray through this Psalm. You will be encouraged by its message.

Here are verses 1-3 and 13-14 (KJV):

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be  
afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my  
foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.  
Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall  
not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be  
confident... I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the  
goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.*

*Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and  
he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."*

Children in Crisis FOCUS is about the ministry of Pastor Sharjeel and Sara. We have coached them since May. They want us to visit and minister with them in Karachi when possible. We financially support them monthly.

The money raised during communion was for Pastor Nikhil and Champa Sokar's ministry in Dhaka. We coach them often and also support them monthly. We are invited to visit and minister with them when possible.

Both couples are graduates of the International Graduate School of Leadership in Manila. They are seasoned servants of Christ and need financial support. Prayerfully consider supporting each couple like we do. You can send your gift to the ACTION office nearest you.

Last year was very challenging for all of us. But it was also a year of stretching and growth for us as we looked to the Lord for all our needs. Thank you for walking with us through your faithful prayers and support. Thanks also to those who sent prayer requests so we can pray for you. We ask you to continue sending them so we know how to pray for you. You are very precious to Jesus and us!

## GLOBAL PRAYER REQUEST

### Andy Engebretson, EMI Electrical Engineer & Project Leader - serving in third world countries

*Andy had the unique privilege of growing up on the mission field in Zambia, Africa and attended boarding schools in Zambia and Kenya. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, USA, he spent six years working as a power and controls engineer before joining EMI in 2009 to help start an EMI office in North Africa. Andy met his lovely wife, Megan, are blessed with 4 children. The Engebretsons live in Colorado Springs, where Andy is an Electrical Engineer Project Leader with EMI .*

Dear Family and Friends,

I am over the Atlantic Ocean on my way to Zambia, Africa to a Salvation Army hospital called Chikankata. Chikankata hospital services a catchment population of over 100,000 people living in remote areas of the Southern Province in Zambia.

The first EMI team visited the property in 2017 to assess the infrastructure and recommend improvements and repairs. One big issue they identified was the hospital's electrical infrastructure which is falling into disrepair. After developing the concept ideas for improving their electrical system, EMI helped Chikankata find Zambian electrical designers and contractors and worked with the contractors to produce detailed electrical designs and material lists. The contractor is now ready to start installation so EMI's South African Electrical Engineer, Wynand, and I are meeting with the Zambian contractor to kick off the construction.

Pray the Lord will be honored and made known in our communication with all the different parties involved. Travel logistics are definitely more challenging in our Covid world, so pray for the Lord's continued favor and protection as I travel.

Pray for protection and peace over Megan and the kids. Thank you for your prayers!

The Engebretsons



## INFORMATION CARD

**February 28, 2021**

**Welcome to MPCC!**

We are glad you joined us in worship today. Please take a moment to fill out this card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or pastor.

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Last Name

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**MAPLE PLAIN  
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CHURCH**

**A PLACE TO CONNECT**

- **CONNECT WITH GOD.**
- **CONNECT WITH OTHERS.**
- **CONNECT OTHERS WITH GOD.**

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Your private prayer requests given to the Elders & Staff are kept confidential. Place in the offering plate or hand to an usher or a pastor. The pastors gather for prayer corporately and privately for your request during the week.

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- Elder/Staff
- Prayer/Chain
- Request Follow Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*“Bring the whole tith into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it”. Malachi 3:10*

**MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Calendar Year Giving Report (giving through Saturday of prior week)  
January 1, 2021 - February 20, 2021

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
Budgeted Income	\$ 61,977	\$ 17,154
Actual Income	\$ 43,060	\$ 17,060
Total Expenses	\$ 53,048	17,128
Net	\$ (9,988)	\$ (68)

**MAPLE PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH Online Giving**

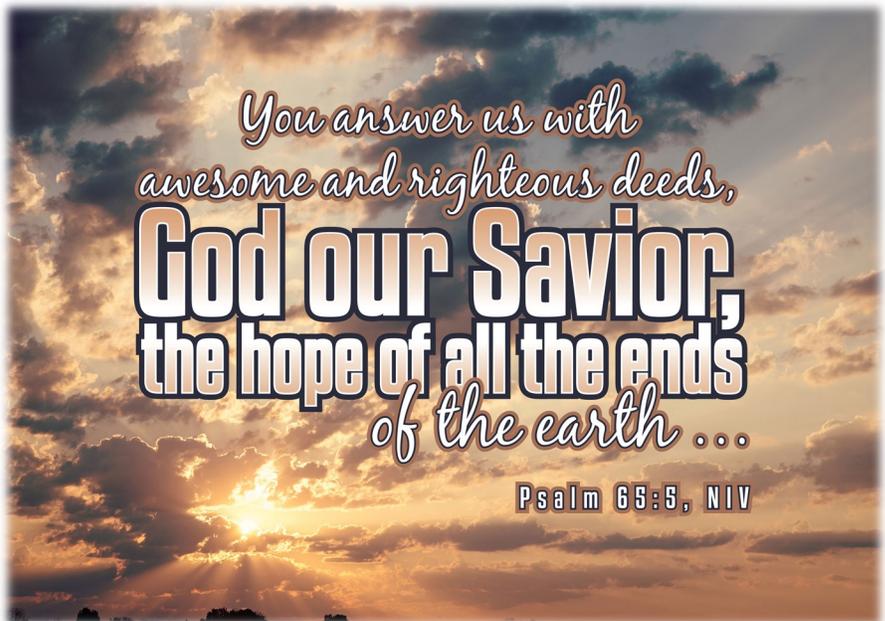
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**BIBLE READING PLAN**

**WEEK 8: FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 6**

— Sunday, February 28	Deuteronomy 13-14	Psalms 57
— Monday, March 1	Deuteronomy 15-16	Psalms 58
— Tuesday, March 2	Deuteronomy 17-20	Psalms 59
— Wednesday, March 3	Deuteronomy 21-23	Psalms 60
— Thursday, March 4	Deuteronomy 24-27	Psalms 61
— Friday, March 5	Deuteronomy 28-29	Psalms 62
— Saturday, March 6	Deuteronomy 30-31	Psalms 63



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