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Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) is located at 7740 Highway 72 West, just east of Hughes Road. Sunday Services of Worship are at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Sunday School is at 9:45 am. A nursery attendant is provided. All are welcome. Our website is www.mlutheran.com. Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, staffed by our Office Managers. The Pastor is Rev. Scott Peterson. The Church telephone is (256) 721-0041. Email: info@mlutheran.org. Newsletter submissions may be sent to Beth Gloe.



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The newsletter and calendar for Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) Madison, Alabama

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February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Keith & Jessica Bux Evan</i>
2 <i>8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 12:15 First Communion Instruction 12:15 Instrumental Ens SOUPER Bowl of Caring 6-7:30pm Sr. Youth</i>	3 9:30am Mom's Bible Study <i>Dan & Cheryl Byers Justin, Joshua, Jonathan</i>	4 10am Comforters <i>Martin & Laurie Campbell Connor</i>	5 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Dan & Jill Casey Daniel, Calliope</i>	6 8:30am – Morning Study Group on Disciple Thomas <i>Ben & Leigh Cella Ryker, Adelyn</i>	7 <i>Terrence & Amy Chance Lauren, Terrence III</i>	8 9am-noon Estate Planning Workshop <i>Doris Chojnowski Tara</i>
9 <i>8:30am Worship: ELW Setting 8 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 12:15 First Communion Instruction 6-7:30pm Sr. Youth</i>	10 <i>Trudy Clare</i>	11 10am Comforters <i>Joy Clavin</i>	12 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Diane Cline</i>	13 8:30am – Morning Study Group 7pm Church Council <i>Deborah Coates Savannah, Keenan Brodeur</i>	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall <i>David & Camille Cobb</i>	15 <i>Jr Youth Meeting @ 5:00 PM</i> <i>Dorothy Corron</i>
16 <i>8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 Sunday School Donut Sunday! 11am Worship: Contemporary Service 12:15 First Communion Instruction 4pm Music @ Messiah: Oboe Music of Michael Head</i>	17 <i>President's Day</i> 9:30am Mom's Bible Study <i>Jim & Toni Daniel Christina, Allison</i>	18 10am Comforters <i>Lisa D'Antonio Mary Grace</i>	19 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Bob & Diane Davis Claire</i>	20 <i>Terry De La Paz & Bob Smith Olivia, Aleksey Smith</i>	21 6pm Messiah Movie Night <i>Gerard & Anita DeJong Meggy</i>	22 6:30pm OWLS at The Stasiak's for Game Night <i>Matthew & Jutta DeMarsh Daisy,, Sandra, Matthew Jr.</i>
23 <i>8:30am Worship: WOV Svc Word/Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: LBW Setting 6-7:30pm Sr. Youth</i>	24 <i>Mike & Sue Doubleday</i>	25 10am Comforters <i>Bill & Marcie Emerson</i>	26 5:00pm 1 st Yr. Confirmation, NO 2 nd year Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Rebecca Englert</i>	27 <i>Bailey Erickson Alexis, Christian</i>	28 <i>Dave & Judee Erwin</i>	

Looking ahead...

- April 27 @ 4pm - Music at Messiah: Phil Weaver, Rosa Vidro Richardson
- June 2-6 - Music Camp 2014



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

*We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
–Romans 8:28*

Dearly Beloved of the Messiah,

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD! Many, many people who are dear to me are in the midst of painfully difficult times now. If you are like me, the weight of that tends to blind us to all the good around us. ***Here are some good things for us as Christians to keep remembering...***

YOU ARE NOT ALONE: YOU HAVE FRIENDS. God cares for us by putting us into relationships with others. Lean on friends and family in tough times. Is there someone who you depend upon during difficulties? When is the last time you did something nice to show that person your appreciation? And, never forget...

'WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS, *all our sins and griefs to bear!*' (LBW #439). He will always listen. He knows all about pain, rejection, mental and physical anguish. As the hymn says, *'Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.'* Do not just look at present troubles, remember this big picture...

THE FUTURE IS IN GOD'S HANDS AND GOD LOVES YOU. As God's beloved children, all our problems are temporary. In the end our good and gracious God wins. Every person, power, and principality opposing God loses. Knowing our future is securely in God's hand gives strength for this day and tomorrow. Darkness gives way to light. Bleak winter days lead to the warm new life of Spring.

HERE IS A PROMISE FROM GOD'S WORD for us: ***"NOTHING*** *(nothing!)* *in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Romans 8:39). That is good news. And, that is good news God gives us to share with the lives we touch.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott

P.S. – Find something good to do from what is in this newsletter. Then do it. You will feel better, and God's work will be getting done through you.

February Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship WOV = With One Voice
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship LS = Lord's Supper

Sundays at 8:30 am

Feb 2	Now the Feast w/LS
Feb 9	ELW Setting 8
Feb 16	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
Feb 23	WOV Service of Word/Prayer

Sundays at 11:00 am

Feb 2	LBW Setting 2
Feb 9	Now the Feast w/LS
Feb 16	Contemporary Service
Feb 23	LBW Setting 2



Life Passages

By Claire Strand claire@mlutheran.com

This newsletter feature announces significant transitions in the life of our community of faith. Birth, Death, Baptism, Graduation, Confirmation, Job Change Relocation, Engagement, Marriage, or any other life passage you would like announced will be included, contact Claire Strand at 256 721 0041.

BIRTHS:

Liz and Alex Vaughn announce the birth of their first child, Magnus Ellis Vaughn, on January 15. Proud grandparents are Scott and Robin Lakso.

Dave and Camille Cobb announce the birth of their 20th great grandchild, Lark Hope Walden, on December 31st. Proud parents are Jason and Briann Walden.

GRADUATION:

Christina Daniel graduated from UAB on December 14th with a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

DEATHS:

Pat Bonaker passed away on January 17th.

Dean Erdmann passed away on January 17th.

Lisa Whaley passed away January 24th.

Fellowship Committee

By Greg Kilby and Hillary Warren



Wednesday Night Café has started for spring term. Please come and enjoy a meal and great fellowship. Volunteers to make desert and prepare meals are always welcome! Please contact Dorothy Seitz for more info.

Bridge Club will be held **February 14th at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. Experienced and novice players welcome! Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

The next **Donut Sunday** is February 16th! Rumor has it that Donuts at church are calorie free! Come and enjoy fellowship and these healthy nuggets.

Messiah Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, February 21st. Please come for pizza, ice cream floats, popcorn, movies and fellowship! More information will come out in the bulletin before the event. Consider it a great night out with the Church family!

OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Game Night is planned for Saturday, February 22, 2014. It is game night at Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak's home beginning at 6:30 pm. If you have a set of twelve Dominos bring them along. Please bring a casserole, dessert or salad or whatever you think we would enjoy together. Please call Jan Murphy if you plan to attend.

See the announcements for **Lenten Soup Suppers** in the newsletter! Suppers will start Wednesday March 5. If your ministry group is interested in hosting for one of the Wednesday nights, please contact Kay Spence.

The Fellowship committee is looking for help! If you have an interest in helping with events, please contact Greg Kilby or Hillary Warren.

Youth News



Senior Youth Group

Sunday Nights 6-7:30pm

Susan Doubleday

Kari Pitchko



World Vision's

30
HOUR
FAMINE



Off To A Great Start!

The Messiah Youth Groups are starting back this 2014 in full force. We have a pretty full calendar planned out for the spring, while preparing for the Senior Youth summer mission trip to Knoxville, TN. Please contact Sue or Kari if you have questions, would like to join the youth group, would like to help with an event, or have any other great ideas!



Jr Youth

Claire Strand -

Kert Reedstrom -

Calendar

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| SESLYO | Feb 21-23
Cartersville Ga
8-12 th graders
Youth gathering for ELCA business and service project. |
| ALASSIPPI | March 1-2
Birmingham Al
8-12 th graders
Youth gathering for Alabama and Mississippi. |
| 30 Hour Famine | March 14-15
M L Church
Jr and Sr Youth
Service weekend for World Vision Hunger Campaign |
| Easter Breakfast | April 20
M L Church
Enjoy youth provided breakfast on Easter Sunday |
| Relay 4 Life | May 9
Madison Stadium 6p
Youth and adult team from Messiah. |

JR YOUTH FEBRUARY EVENTS

- SOUPer Bowl of Caring - Sun Feb 2 – to benefit HEALS – Health Establishments at Local Schools
- Valentine’s Day Carnation Sale Fundraiser: Feb 2 & 9 ~ \$1/Stem. Flowers will be delivered Feb 16th.
- JR Youth MEETING Saturday Feb 15th, 5:00 PM

Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Music at Messiah

The next Music at Messiah concert will be Sunday, February 16th at 4 p.m. The concert will feature "The Oboe Music of Michael Head" performed by Gary Parks, oboe, and Ingrid von Spakovsky, piano. Michael Head was a 20th century British composer who was well known as a singer and pianist who composed many art songs and pieces of choral literature. Head's music, written for both oboe and piano, is delightfully pleasant and lyrical. Also featured on the program will be several piano pieces of Claude Debussy, beautifully transcribed for oboe and piano by the oboist, Humbert Lucarelli.

UPCOMING MUSIC at MESSIAH CONCERTS

February 16: Gary Parks, Ingrid von Spakovsky

Journey into the Romantic, Lyrical Music of British Composer Michael Head

April 27: Phil Weaver, Rosa Vidro Richardson

Sponsorships available. Contact Church Office.

Music Opportunities for You!

Musical groups for all ages are happening at Messiah. Times and dates are printed in the bulletin, watch your e-news or contact Lois Graff. Remember your New Year's resolution to "Sing, Sing, Sing!!!"

Music Camp 2014

The week of Music Camp 2014 is June 2 - 6, with presentations on June 8. Mark your calendars now for a week of music, learning, and fun!

Council Notes

1. The Council would like to thank Marc Neely for accepting the invitation to continue as MLC's Financial Secretary for 2014.
2. Church committees are encouraged to look at their individual Dedicated Accounts to plan ahead for 2014. Please contact Lee Smith or Devonee Woods for more information.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

First Communion instruction will be Sundays February 2, 9, and 16 beginning at 12:15pm. All parents who wish to their have children ten years old (or close) or older who have not had this instruction are asked to call the MLC Office (256-721-0041) to register. First Communion will be celebrated on Transfiguration Sunday, March 2, at the 11:00am service. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Scott at 256 721 0041

Month in Pictures - January



On December 22nd the Sunday School classes celebrated Jesus' birthday with a birthday cake and a reading by Kert Reedstrom from Jesus' birth from the book of Luke.



Elaine Shriver teaches a few young girls how to knit in her Beginning Knitter Class that meets on Saturdays.



Michael Kilby and his friends in Afghanistan received cookies from the Jr. Youth.



What Peace on Earth Means to Me by Brandt Johnson

Peace on earth, to me, means helping out or cooperating. To me, peace on earth also means expressing your anger in words and not violence. It means to accept others in what they think and what they do. It also means following directions and doing what you are told. To promote peace, you should not ignore people, especially your parents and teachers.

What peace on earth does not look like is fighting or arguing. Peace does not look like war, nor is it war. We should not discriminate against others because of their religion or beliefs. Making fun of others because of how they look or the way they dress is not a good way to promote peace. Making fun of people because of how they act is also not promoting peace.

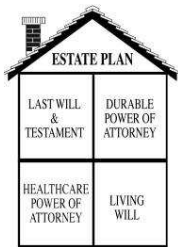
Someone I know who promotes peace is my pastor. His name is Scott Peterson. He promotes peace by talking about it each Sunday morning. His sermons teach us why peace is important in life. Peace is important in our heart and in our mind.

Something else that promotes peace is volunteering to help. You could teach someone to read. You could also teach someone to write. Also, you could give to people who are not as lucky. Everything counts. Everything matters.

To obtain world peace, I think you should volunteer to help out. You should understand that we need peace in our lives. You should follow directions. You should not fight. Is world peace important? You bet.

News Flashes!

COMFORTERS will meet every Tuesday in February at 10 am. Thank you to everyone who participated in the quilt auction for their support. A Big Thank You to the ladies who make the quilts for the auction, for Lutheran World Relief, and for many people locally who benefit from these quilts. Questions call Annette Joens.



Estate Planning Workshop

Sat., February 8th- 9AM-
Noon
FREE

This workshop will prepare you to plan for your estate or make sure that yours is up-to-date. Topics covered are Advanced Directives, Wills, and Powers of Attorney.

Attorney Peggie Hulebak Rowell will lead the workshop and conduct a Q&A.

Pre-registration is requested (for supplies and refreshments), but not required. If you would like to register or have questions, please contact Messiah Lutheran Church at 256-721-0041 or office@mlutheran.com

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NOW, THAT'S ITALIAN! (Tour of Italy - This Fall)

I am going to host a tour to Italy this coming fall: Departing October 31 and returning November 10. Places we will visit include Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Pompeii, Sorrento, and the Amalfi Coastline. A brochure with all the details will be available by mid-February. In the last three years hosting tours to the Holy Land and Germany has been very enjoyable for me; largely because everyone said at the end of each tour, "I am glad I went." I have been to Italy five times, including twice as a tour host. I am anxious to go back for another taste of 'La dolce vita'. CIAO!
--Pastor Scott

OWLS

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Please bring a casserole, dessert or salad or whatever you think we would enjoy together. Please call Jan Murphy if you plan to attend.

Lenten Soup Suppers



THE SEASON OF LENT calls us to fast and pray. One way of doing this as a community, is to gather during the Wednesdays of Lent for a simple soup supper consisting of soups and bread.

(PB & J will be provided for children who don't eat soup).

Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30 pm and finish at 6:30 pm to allow for cleanup before the Lenten Church service at 7:00pm. There are six Soup Suppers beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5. If your ministry group is interested in hosting one of the Wednesday nights, please contact Kay Spence. A schedule is at the Welcome Center along with a sign-up sheet. If you are not in one of the hosting groups, this is a great opportunity to help!

The following are the dates:

- March 5th (Ash Wednesday-this is typically our largest Soup Supper attendance so we can use lots of soups and sides),
- March 12th, 19th, 26th,
- April 2nd, 9th
- None during Holy Week, April 16th.

Consider saving paper...if you'd prefer to receive an electric copy of this monthly newsletter, email info@mlutheran.org



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