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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.org](http://www.mlutheran.org). 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](mailto:info@mlutheran.org). Newsletter submissions may be sent to Beth Gloe.



# MESSIAH LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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

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January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day  Rick & LeeLinda Baggett	<b>2</b>  Dick & Barbara Azzam Benjamin, Katelan	<b>3</b>  Michael & Patricia Balazy	<b>4</b>  Christopher & Jessica Baldrige Rowan
<b>5</b> 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: ELW Setting 8	<b>6</b>  Timothy & Tracy Bare Jeremy	<b>7</b> 10am Comforters  Mark & Lisa Bartel Alison, William	<b>8</b> 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth & Notabella Choir 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir  Bill & Sue Bathgate	<b>9</b>  7pm Council Meeting  Greg & Jeanette Beamer	<b>10</b>  7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall  Crystal Beard	<b>11</b>  David Beier Brittany
<b>12</b> 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Fellowship Planning Committee 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS	<b>13</b>  9:30am Mom's Bible Study  Christine Berry	<b>14</b> 10am Comforters  Corwin & Barbara Bishop	<b>15</b> 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth & Notabella Choir 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir  Chuck & Lyn Blevins	<b>16</b>  Craig & Linda Boehme	<b>17</b>  Matthew & Kelli Boehme Gwen, Julian	<b>18</b>  Steve & Debbie Bono Taylor, Michelle
<b>19</b> 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS Donut Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: Contemporary Service	<b>20</b>  Raymond & Eunyoung Bordenski	<b>21</b> 10am Comforters  Danny Boxx & Christina Coraccio Amanda	<b>22</b> 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth & Notabella Choir 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir  Mike & Linda Boyer	<b>23</b>  8:30 a.m. Morning Study Group  Scott Bridge	<b>24</b>  Ricky & Rosemary Brooks Jeni	<b>25</b>  Mary Brown Grace, Madeleine, Byron/Xander
<b>26</b> 8:30am Worship: WOV Svc Word/Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS  12 pm Foodies Kickoff Potluck	<b>27</b>  9:30am Mom's Bible Study  Greg & Kerri Brown Alexandra, Savannah	<b>28</b> 10am Comforters  James & Bettie Brumley	<b>29</b> 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth & Notabella Choir 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir  John & Mary Burke	<b>30</b>  Virgil & Susan Burrer	<b>31</b>	

Looking ahead...

- February 16th @ 4pm - Music at Messiah: The Oboe Music of Michael Head



## Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson    [scott@mlutheran.com](mailto:scott@mlutheran.com)

Dear Friends of the Messiah,

**HERE IT IS! MY BEST EVER NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION** (except for "Come to worship" and "Read the Bible"): Here it is: **SING! SING! SING!!!**

**SINGING HELPS YOUR HEART, Lowers Stress, and Effectively Treats Depression.** (I am not just making this up.) According to a report in *Time* magazine: "When you sing, musical vibrations move through you, altering your physical and emotional landscape. Group singing, for those who have done it, is the most exhilarating and transformative of all. It takes something incredibly intimate, a sound that begins inside you, shares it with a roomful of people and it comes back as something even more thrilling: harmony."  
(How impressive is that?! Yet...)

**There is more.** "...science has been hard at work trying to explain why singing has such a calming yet energizing effect on people. What researchers are beginning to discover is that singing is like an infusion of the perfect tranquilizer, the kind that both soothes your nerves and elevates your spirits." (Wait! There is more...)

**"...studies have found that singing lessens feelings of depression and loneliness."**

(Wait, wait! There is **even more...**)

"A very preliminary investigation suggesting that **our heart rates may sync up during group singing** could also explain why singing together sometimes feels like a guided group meditation. Study after study has found that **singing relieves anxiety and contributes to quality of life.**" O.K. O.K...

**WHAT WOULD YOU PAY FOR THIS PANACEA?** (Panacea means 'a remedy for all diseases and ills', or 'a cure all'.) It is **FREE, FREE, FREE!** at Messiah Lutheran Church every Sunday morning and also on Wednesday nights. On Wednesdays Adult therapy (a.k.a. Choir Practice) begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Those who have children and care about them being healthy now and throughout their lives have options for ages pre-school to high school beginning at 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.  
(Want further convincing? Did you know...?)

**OUR GOD IS A SINGER** according to the prophet Zephaniah.

*The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in his love; He will exult over you with **loud singing** as on a day of festival.* (Zephaniah 3:17-18a).

**Think of that: God loudly sings over you as one of His chosen!** (Well...)

**IF, if our Lord has chosen to give you gifts other than singing:** You can further bless those of us who are called to sing by giving us the gift of being a listener. We hope listening to us sing is not a hard burden for you to bear. But know this, all listeners: Those of us in singing therapy need you listeners to get optimal healing. We only hope that our singing is soothing, uplifting, and healing for you too. Come to church in 2014. It's good for you.

Grace and peace for 2014,

*Pastor Scott Peterson*

## January Services of Worship

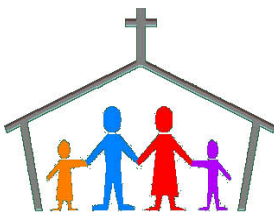
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship WOV = With One Voice  
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship LS = Lord's Supper

### **Sundays at 8:30 am**

Jan 5	LBW Setting 2
Jan 12	Now the Feast w/LS
Jan 19	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
Jan 26	WOV Service of Word/Prayer

### **Sundays at 11:00 am**

Jan 5	ELW Setting 8
Jan 12	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
Jan 19	Contemporary Service
Jan 26	Chicago Folk w/LS



## Life Passages

By Claire Strand [claire@mlutheran.com](mailto: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.

**DEATHS:** Cheryl Byers' uncle, Al Herbold, passed away November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**NEW MEMBERS:** On December 8th, we joyfully received into membership:  
 Jeff and Jeanna Johnson, and Brandt  
 David Kuykendall and Brandi Miller and children Adriana, Christina, and Ben Zarazua  
 Gary and Linda Heideman  
 Gabino and Janice Aldaco  
 Jay and Amy Ruff, Holden and Bayard

## Fellowship Committee News

By Greg Kilby and Hillary Warren



Do you have ideas for Messiah Fellowship events? Please consider joining us for a **Fellowship Committee Planning Meeting** between services on Sunday, January 12. We would love to hear your ideas and we can certainly use your help! Many hands make light work and this work is fun! We are appropriately (and tentatively) planning to meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Please plan to come by the **Wednesday Night Café** for dinner served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the meal and great fellowship. We also have **Fundraising** opportunities if your group would like to prepare one of the meals. If interested, please contact Dorothy Seitz to sign up.

During Lent we will put Wednesday Night Café on hold **for Lenten Soup Suppers**. We really need additional help to coordinate these evening events. Please contact Greg Kilby or Hillary Warren if you are interested or have questions.

The next **Donut Sunday** is January 19th. Come early to get your glazed donuts!!

**Bridge Club** will meet on **January 10th at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. Experienced and novice players welcome! Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

**Foodies** will be kicking off its third rotation on Sunday, January 26 after the 11:00 service with a potluck dinner. Please see the Foodies description on the following page for all the details. There's a place for you at the Foodies table! Come join in the fun!

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### **IF YOU MISSED "LUNCHES FOR LEARNING SUNDAY" on Dec. 29...**

Please see 'REFLECTIONS' from **Bob Loshuertos** written after his recent trip along with Gerard deJong for graduation at our Benito Montoya School in El Barrial, Honduras. Pick up a copy of 'REFLECTIONS' at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Your gifts are changing lives by feeding hungry children which enables them to stay in school.

**The Mom's Bible Study will resume on January 13 at 9:30. We will be studying the book, "Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them," by Liz Curtis Higgs. We are always happy to have new members, so please join us! Childcare is provided. Please contact Janell Zesinger with questions.**

## Outreach News

By *Jacquie Fry*

Thank you to all who adopted children from the Christmas Angel Tree this year! Your care and willingness to provide Christmas toys and clothing for children who might otherwise have nothing is a reflection of your love of Christ. A special thank you to the Comforters, who once again made personalized blankets for each child! There were over 3000 children signed up with the Salvation Army this year, and this was only one of the Christmas drives. Please remember these children and their families in prayers. The needs are great in our community this year.

Seven quilts were delivered to CASA for the aging and homebound of Madison County. They were beautiful, and were sewed with love in every seam and knot. The quilts were received with joy by CASA and will be given out for Christmas. Thank you!

## Foodies!



**FOODIES KICKOFF POTLUCK ON JANUARY 26  
FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE  
LET'S GET FOODIES FOR FAMILIES STARTED!  
INFORMATION & SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER**

**Messiah Lutheran "Foodies" is kicking off its SECOND YEAR!!**

**WHAT IS FOODIES?** Foodies is a rotating adult dinner club for "home cooked food enthusiasts" taking place in Messiah members' homes over the course of a few months (This next session runs Feb – May). **The goal of Foodies is to help Messiah couples and adults get to better know one another through the simple act of sharing a few evenings together of food, fellowship and faith.**

We will be having a kickoff / organizational meeting and potluck lunch on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will present the Foodies format during the potluck and any interested couples or individuals can sign up at the potluck or in advance on a form on the Welcome Center desk.

All Messiah adults are welcome to participate in Foodies. All you need is a love of good home cookin' and the willingness to entertain 6 to 7 others in your home one time during that 'Foodies' session. **This past year Foodies has proven itself to be an effective way to make friendships with other members of Messiah. It matters not how old you are, whether you are single or married, been a member for years or someone brand new -- Foodies is an opportunity to connect.**

How it proceeds is fairly straight forward. The Foodie Host (which changes each month) plans and prepares the main dish for the evening while the Foodie Guests will bring the supporting side dishes. Each month, Pastor Peterson prepares a brief devotional relating to hospitality, food and faith for group discussion. Additional activities may also be planned for the evening.

**Foodies for Families.** I'd like to start Foodies with Kids this year, but need to have demonstrated interest from at least four families to get it started! Foodies with Kids will be similar to Foodies, the only difference is that the kids can also attend the gatherings and be part of the fun. The rest of the format of rotating hosting responsibilities will remain the same as the primary Foodies group.

Any questions can be directed to Meredith Kilby. Additional information can be found on the flyer in the Welcome Center.

## Music Notes

By Lois Graff



### Ring & Sing December 8

Thank you to all who attended and supported the Ring & Sing concert on December 8. Donations of \$171 were raised for the Madison Public Library. Special thanks to Rhonda Gaede who coordinates this event.

### Music at Messiah Concert Series

The next Music at Messiah concert will be Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> century British composer who was well known as a singer and pianist. He composed many art songs and pieces of choral literature. Head's music is delightfully pleasant and lyrical, writing for both oboe and piano. Also to be featured on the program will be several piano pieces of Claude Debussy, beautifully transcribed for oboe and piano by oboist Humbert Lucarelli.

### Pipe Organ Fund and Search Update

Thank you for your gifts that will lead to MLC securing an instrument that will resound to the glory of God for many years to come. The right pipe organ will enhance worship and music ministries at MLC. The current amount in the Pipe Organ Fund is over \$46K. We have been actively working and searching to find this instrument. Some variables that have affected the search have been location and condition of instrument, spatial configuration, and capacity. It is hoped that the large number of used pipe organs for sale will enable the proper instrument to be identified, purchased, and installed in 2014.

## Council Notes

1. The Council would like to thank the Committee that wrote the new "Youth and Education Director" job description. Thank you for your time and talents.
2. The Youth and Education Director Job Description is posted on the MLC webpage and can also be accessed at:

[http://www.mlutheran.com/job%20Descriptions/Messiah\\_Madison\\_Youth\\_and\\_Education\\_Director.pdf](http://www.mlutheran.com/job%20Descriptions/Messiah_Madison_Youth_and_Education_Director.pdf)



Here is the QR Code for the job description for iPhones

3. The January Council Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on January 9, 2014.

## Month in Pictures - December



*The Mom's Bible Study group packed up lunches for the Weekend Lunch Food Program for Liberty Middle School.*



*The Cherub Choir was one of the many groups that performed at this year's "Ring & Sing" on December 8<sup>th</sup>.*



*The Sunday School children presented "The Christmas Story" in-between services on December 15<sup>th</sup>.*



*The inaugural Ornament and Tool Exchange was on December 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by The Kilby's. Following a potluck, the ladies exchanged ornaments and the men exchanged tools. Mary Ann Stasiak accompanied carolers on the piano.*



## Welcome New Members!



***Jeff and Jeanna Johnson, Brandt***

Born in Oxford MS and attended Ole Miss.

Married for 12 years.

Jeff is an electrical engineer and Jeanna is an interior designer.

Brandt enjoys gaming.



***David Kuykendall and Brandi Miller  
Adriana, Christina, and Ben Zarazua***

They are originally from Minnesota.

Dave is a game designer and Brandi is a student at UAH.



***Gabino and Janice Aldaco***

Gabino is from Mexico; Janice is from Huntsville.

They have been married 7 years.

Gabino can repair anything and tells great jokes.

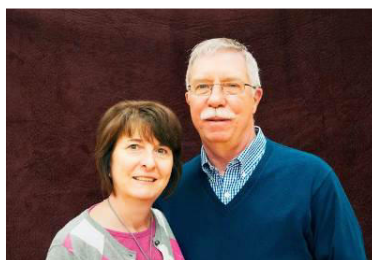
Janice loves gardening and baking.



***Jay and Amy Ruff, Holden, Bayard***

The Ruffs were members a few years earlier and are now back from South Carolina. Jay and Amy are both scientists.

Holden is 8; Bayard is 6.



***Gary and Linda Heideman***

From Roscoe, Illinois.

Gary is a retired science teacher and principal and enjoys woodworking, gardening, traveling, and the Chicago Bears.

Linda is a retired high school French and Special ed teacher and enjoys cooking, traveling, gardening, and singing.

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