

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

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Lois Graff.....Director of Music Ministries  
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July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2	<b>2</b> 7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  John & Tammy Stender John, Jessica, Jacqueline, Jennifer, Jacob, Jaxon	<b>3</b>   David Stradley	<b>4</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of July  No Adult Class  Stephen & Claire Strand William, Katrina, Michelle	<b>5</b>   Joe & Jean Stuart	<b>6</b>   Kay Swanson	<b>7</b>   Judy Sylvester
<b>8</b> 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 1 10am Adult Choir 11am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS	<b>9</b> 7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  Margarete Taylor	<b>10</b>   Cornelia Tegtmeier J. Konrad, Harriet, Arvid	<b>11</b> 7pm Pastor Ruth's class on the Christian Faith  7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  Mark & Beth Thompson Kyle, Meghan	<b>12</b>  7pm Church Council  Brad & Stacy Tidwell Natalie, Canon	<b>13</b>  7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall  John & Jennifer Tresnan Trey	<b>14</b>   Ed & Georgann Trexler
<b>15</b> 8am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 11am Worship: Contemporary Service	<b>16</b> 7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  Joshua & Alicia Trexler	<b>17</b>   Charles & Lana Underwood	<b>18</b> 7pm Pastor Ruth's class on the Christian Faith  7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  Alex & Liz Vaughn	<b>ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans</b>		<b>21</b>   Ron & Carol Wagner
<b>22</b> 8:30am Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 10am Adult Choir 11am Worship: WOV Bread of Life w/LS	<b>23</b> 7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  Brian & Sarah Walker Justin, Evelyn	<b>24</b>   DJ & Hillary Warren Abigail, Gina Saladino	<b>25</b> 7pm Pastor Ruth's class on the Christian Faith  7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  Owen & Songae Wasmoen Chad, Cory, Chris	<b>26</b>  8:30am Morning Study Group  Bill & Paula Weaver	<b>27</b>  Youth Coffeeshouse  Richard & Bonnie Webb	<b>28</b>  Movie Night for Kids & Adults  Richard & Tammy Weber Michael Ward, Scott Ward, David, James, Laura
<b>29</b> 8am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 11am Worship: LBW Setting 1 w/LS 12pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 7-9pm Dinner Theatre Rehearsal  Scot & Sharon West Jacob, Jordan, Kyle	<b>31</b>   Lisa Whaley Miranda Mumaw				

Looking ahead...

- August 4 at 2pm Memorial Service for Anneliese Lange
- August 5 at 3pm Charlie Underwood's Ordination
- August 25 Walk to Defeat ALS
- August 25 & 26 Dinner Theatre



## Pastor's Page

By Pastor Ruth Hamilton [Ruth.Hamilton@elca.org](mailto:Ruth.Hamilton@elca.org)

*"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."*  
(Ephesians 3:16-17)

Summer in the Church is sometimes known as Ordinary Time. We have been celebrating the Festival season since late last fall. That time begins with Advent, builds to Christmas and Epiphany, moves into Lent, and finally arrives at the joyous Easter season, which ends with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, followed by the Sunday set aside to praise the Trinity. One special day follows another so closely in the Festival season that there is hardly time to catch our breath.

But now it is the Sundays after Pentecost, Ordinary Time, when the Church (that's us) spends time figuring out what to do with that new life made possible by Jesus' death and resurrection. We hear stories from Scripture that teach us how to be disciples and what it means to live in God's kingdom. We watch what Jesus does and listen to what he says so that we can learn how to follow him, love our neighbor, and live the way God is calling us to live.

So take a deep breath, settle in, open your eyes and ears and hearts, and as we go about our ordinary activities, be ready for the Spirit to enter into us this summer and possibly move us to a new place in our faith.

Speaking of new places, I want to thank all of you for making me feel so welcome as I serve with you this summer while Pastor Scott is away on sabbatical. The fruit basket and the pancake breakfast made me sure that hospitality is one of Messiah's greatest gifts.

I am delighted to be here, doing some of my favorite things: preaching, leading worship, teaching, visiting, and getting to know you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you while I am here. And I always enjoy opportunities to get to know people.

May God grant you space and time this summer to enjoy ordinary time, to rest and relax, but most of all to grow in faith.

*Pastor Ruth*

## July 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

**July 1** Chicago Folk w/LS  
**July 8** LBW Setting 1  
**July 15** LBW Setting 2 w/LS  
**July 22** WOV Service of Word/Prayer  
**July 29** Now the Feast w/LS

### Sundays at 11:00 am

**July 1** LBW Setting 2  
**July 8** Now the Feast w/LS  
**July 15** Contemporary Service  
**July 22** WOV Bread of Life w/LS  
**July 29** LBW Setting 1 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:** Anneleise Lange, widow of Ernst and charter member of Messiah, passed away peacefully on June 10th. She was 96.

**GRADUATE:** Michael Kilby, son of Greg and Meredith Kilby, graduated from West Point Military Academy in May.

**MARRIAGE:** Whitney Rohe, daughter of Dale and Tammy Rohe, and Caleb Morse were married May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meals on Wheels, a program that provides one nutritious meal to homebound seniors each week, is desperate for summer substitute drivers. Regular volunteers are often away during the summer months; the need is critical during June, July, and August. A meal is picked up at the senior center on Drake Avenue between 10:45 and 11:10 and delivery is completed by noon. Please contact Claire Strand if you want a client or more info. Long-term volunteers are also needed for a time commitment as little as once a month for 1.5 hours.



THANK YOU to Barbara Azzam for her years of service to Messiah as the acolyte coordinator! Much Appreciated!  
WELCOME to Staci Armstrong as she begins her service to Messiah as the new coordinator.

## Music Notes

By Lois Graff



### Youth Coffeehouse - July 27

Sr. Youth (including upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders), recent graduates and college students ... enjoy food, fellowship and music at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Youth Coffeehouse on Friday, July 27. Share your talents and just have fun being together. Contact Lois Graff for more information.

### Youth Praise Band

Still looking for more Sr. Youth instrumentalists and vocalists! The next rehearsal will be July 29 at noon.

### Summer Choir Schedule

Summer is a good time to sing with the Adult Choir. Try it. Come and lift your voices to the Lord! Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 8 am

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 10 am

## Outreach News

ATTENTION ALL SALE SHOPPERS! It's almost time to finish up the **LWR School Supply Kits**, and for the annual school supply collection for needy students in the Madison and Madison County area. Needed supplies include notebooks, pencils, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, and backpacks. A complete list will be posted as soon as it is available. Look for the school bus to come out shortly!!

**Walk to Defeat ALS** is Saturday, August 25 at ADTRAN, 901 Explorer Blvd. Check-in is at 10am; the walk begins at 11am. Sign-up for Messiah's team on the Outreach bulletin board or talk to Mary Mast. This year several are walking in memory of Deanna Glover, a Messiah charter member who died from ALS in March.

## Council Highlights

Discussed at the June Council Meeting:

1. Charlie Underwood will be ordained by Bishop Gordy at Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 5 at 3pm. A reception will follow.
2. The Council Retreat will be at Lutheranch September 20 - 22, 2012. Please sign the Release Form and turn it in to the church office as soon as possible.
3. Fresh-baked, unleavened bread is being used for communion during the next few months. This is a trial to see if the congregation likes using bread instead of wafers.

## Stewardship Thought

*O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24*

During the summer months, begin or continue recycling. More tips:

- Bring your own bags to the grocery store.
- Use paper products instead of plastic and avoid Styrofoam.
- Bring a lunch box or reusable bag to school or work.
- Recycle newspapers.
- Recycle glass bottles and jars.
- Consider drinking tap water or recycle plastic bottles.
- Recycle your old eyeglasses by donating to a charity.

***Please use recycling receptacles at the church:***

- Large Blue Bins in Kitchen - plastic bottles, cans***
- Small Blue Bins in Kitchen - cardboard, glass, paper***
- Box in Copy Room - paper***



## Fellowship Committee News

By Mary Ann Stasiak

**Movie Night** will be this month on Saturday, July 28. There will be a movie for kids and a movie for the adults! It might even be in 3-D! Watch for further details in the weekly bulletin and eNews. **OWLs** and **Wednesday Night Café** will be taking a break until September.



**Bridge Club** is on the second Friday of every month starting at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall, this month on July 13th. New and experienced bridge players welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share - Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

Can you help with an upcoming event? Contact Mary Ann Stasiak.

## Messiah's Kitchen Cooks

New Oven, New Rules

Messiah is purchasing a new convection oven for the Parish Hall kitchen to make the food we serve to the congregation even better. Along with this improvement comes the responsibility of providing a safe kitchen environment. Messiah has wonderful spaces for our little ones, but the kitchen is not a child friendly place while preparing a meal for many. The ovens are very HOT, we carry large quantities of food, and we're trying to keep germs to a minimum. Messiah's Kitchen Cooks request that parents please keep young children out of the kitchen areas while meal preparation is on-going. We're hoping the new convection oven takes us to a new level of nutritious and delicious meals for Wednesday Night Café and special occasions. Thanks very much for your cooperation!

## News Flashes!



Comforters will *not* meet in July. Questions? Call Annette Joens

### DINNER THEATER IN REHEARSALS

We have a great cast for the 2012 show, A Wing and a Prayer, and rehearsals are fun and exciting. Posters and tickets will show up in July, with performances on Saturday night, August 25, and Sunday afternoon, August 26.

The show is a comedy, and a mystery, with audience participation. As the fund raising committee is having its first meeting, a pot luck dinner (they're Lutheran "if you feed them, they will come"), valuable items disappear from a purse in the cloakroom. It takes the combined talents of the cast and audience to ferret out the culprit.

More about the cast and show next month! Seating will be reserved by tables, so order early to get the best seats. Tickets will go on sale starting July 22, available through the office.

## **SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 5, at 3:00 PM** **CHARLIE UNDERWOOD'S ORDINATION**

Charlie Underwood will be ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at MLC on Sunday, August 5. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. Charlie will be the Pastor at Elizabeth Lutheran Church in Caldwell, TX.

## Youth Zone

By Lauren Gray     [youth\\_director@mlutheran.org](mailto:youth_director@mlutheran.org)

If the youth raised \$1000 for the 30 Hour Famine Car Wash, they could dye Lauren's hair!



## + Youth Zone+ by Lauren Gray

### Vacation Bible School

VBS was a great day filled with learning, music, crafts, games, and food all focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit! We had 26 kids attend VBS and they all enjoyed being a part of an awesome VBS day!

### Affirm

I attended Affirm from June 16-22 as a staff member helping to lead a unit group. Affirm was an exciting, moving, and life-changing event that I will never forget. As a staff member I learned so much and felt the love of God so strongly that I can't imagine how the youth felt experiencing this event! One thing I will never forget is having to carry around my brick! Everyone in our unit had to carry bricks around to represent our burdens that we carry. If we lost or forgot our brick, we had to sing the "I'm a little teapot" song at breakfast, lunch, or dinner. It was wonderful to see how the youth reacted to carrying these burdens and how much they really cared about it. If you'd like to see my brick, it is currently my new book end sitting in my office!

### National Youth Gathering

The NYG is coming up fast: July 17-22! We have 11 youth and 4 chaperones attending. Information is being sent out within the next week to finalize any payments and other details.

## Help for the Hungry....

With the warmer months, we have had a few more visitors stopping by requesting our help. Messiah has a very small food pantry that we offer to these people as most of our larger donations go to food pantries that are more equipped to fulfill their needs. Items are always needed for a quick, easy meal for the homeless. They often do not have resources to prepare the food, let alone a can opener. So, if you would like to contribute food it would be greatly appreciated. Items needed include the following:

- Pop-top cans
  - Ready meals
  - Soups & stews
  - Fruit
  - Vegetables
  - Juices
- Peanut butter, jelly, tuna
- Individual servings with long shelf life

Gas cards, from a nearby gas station, are also appreciated in \$5 or \$10 values.

## The Month in Pictures – July 2012



*Ribbons of Courage Luncheon*

*Pictured L to R: Bonnie Webb, Mary Burke, Janet Smith, Annette Joens, Barbara Azzam, Linda Boehme*



*Barbara Azzam, a cancer survivor, was honored by having a plaque in 'The Garden of Hope' at the Botanical Garden.*



*On the Saturday before Father's Day, fathers and their children went fishing at Stender's lake. For most it was their first time catching fish!*



*Messiah's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Camp, Oh, Brother! was a great success! After a week of rehearsing, memorizing lines, crafts and recreational activities, the children performed that Sunday.*



*VBS, "Big Heart Farms" was a one-day event, filled with music, crafts and learning. A family dinner was held that evening.*

## Meet The Gloe Family



We are the Gloes: Chris, Beth, Samantha (age 4 ½), Mali (age 21 months), and our two Wheaten Terriers, Darby and Armstrong. We moved to Madison in January 2009, when Chris transferred with his job. We were hoping to find an ELCA Lutheran church and Messiah fit the bill. It was the only church we visited and we quickly became members.

Chris and Beth met in 1996 when Chris' sister (who also happened to be Beth's college roommate) introduced them. We are both originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa but went to rival

high schools. We were engaged after 10 months, but it took three years before we were finally married in December 1999. After spending our first four years as a married couple in Fort Bragg, NC, Chris left the Army and we moved back to Iowa. With all of our family in Iowa, it was a difficult decision to relocate to Alabama when the opportunity presented itself. Although we miss our family and friends (and built-in babysitters!) we have made many new friends and love the area and the temperate winters.

Chris works as a program manager in the defense industry in Huntsville. He enjoys staying fit by biking, running and swimming. He shares his enjoyment of woodworking by making baptismal boxes for each child baptized at Messiah.

Beth works hard as a stay-at-home mom. She loves to take the girls to the various kid-friendly museums, festivals and attractions this area offers. Beth is a co-organizer of a local mom's group and enjoys putting together the church newsletter and singing with the Adult Choir. In her spare time she continues to work a few hours a week for General Mills doing plant newsletters and various HR projects.

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