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



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

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July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>Brooks Glover</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Ian &amp; Heidi Goebel Walker</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Lois Graff</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Lauren Gray</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Dee Dee Grimes Winston</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Mark &amp; Patricia Grimes Joseph</i>
<b>7</b> <i>8am Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 9:45 Summer Sunday School 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 6-8pm Sr Youth Meeting</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Mitch Grimes</i>	<b>9</b> <i>4-6pm Jr Youth Bowling  Robin Grubis</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Jack &amp; Debbie Gulden</i>	<b>11</b> <i>NO Council Meeting  Bob &amp; Audrey Gustafson</i>	<b>12</b> <i>7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall  Kirk &amp; Lisa Hamlet</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Monte Sano Hike  Matt &amp; Penny Hamm</i>
<b>14</b> <i>8:30am Worship: Bread of Life w/LS Donut Sunday Celebration 9:45 Summer Sunday School 10am Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am Worship: Bread of Life w/LS 12:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	<b>15</b> <i>John &amp; Amanda Hampel John II, Jacob</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Peggy Hanna</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Mark &amp; Dottie Hanson</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Tina Hanson</i>	<b>19</b> <i>John &amp; Donna Helinski</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Doug Hendrick &amp; Gloria Zalatan James, Madison</i>
<b>Evening VBS for Everyone! ATHENS 5-8pm</b>						
<b>21</b> <i>8am Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 Summer Sunday School 11am Worship: Contemporary Service 6-8pm Sr. Youth Meeting</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Esta Hodnett</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Jim &amp; Sue Hofer</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Jennifer Holden Kathryn, Mitchell, Stephanie</i>	<b>25</b> <i>8:30am Morning Bible Study on John  Daniel &amp; Diedra Hopkin</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Sr. Youth and Young Adult Coffeeshouse  Eleanor Hulebak</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Dublin Park Swim  Joe &amp; Bobbey Huwaldt Jonathan, Jacob</i>
<b>28</b> <i>8:30am Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 9:45 Open Meeting on Pastor Amanda Fund 9:45 Summer Sunday School 10am Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Jeanine &amp; Jay Jamison Ally Pesto, Danielle Pesto, Stephanie Pesto</i>	<b>30</b> <i>6-8pm Sr. Youth Bowling  Derelene Jeter</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Roger &amp; Annette Joens</i>			

Looking ahead...

- August 17<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Theatre



## Pastor's Page

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

*In Christian love you have presented these children for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithful bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith...*  
Order for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, p. 121, *LBW*

Dear Disciples of the Living Messiah,

**A FLOOD OF BAPTISMS is washing over MLC!** This past January 13, on our annual celebration of *The Baptism of Our Lord*, I said in the sermon, “Last year we had just two (2) Baptisms at MLC. I believe God has plans for more Baptisms here in 2013.” When I said that...

**I HAD NO IDEA what the Holy Spirit had in mind.** Just half way through the year we have had NINE Baptisms already in 2013. Two more Baptisms are planned for July. And, from every indication more Baptisms will come in the months ahead. *What does this mean?* (That's a frequent question in Luther's *Small Catechism*.) Clearly it means...

**GOD IS AT WORK at MLC:** *How exciting!* It would be sad and scary if we could not find any stirring of God's activity among us. Thank God, the Spirit is on the move in our community of faith. So, we might just sit back to ‘ride the wave’ passively watching what God might do next. But, if we turn into mere spectators of what God is doing, I would expect that the Holy Spirit will find another place to blow. MLC will be on its way to *drying up*. So...

**WHAT SHALL WE DO** *with these beautiful children that are Baptized?* **ANSWER: KEEP THE PROMISES** we make to children when they are Baptized. Bring them to church. Teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Commandments. Provide for their instruction in the Christian faith. **Most of this should happen at home**, but the church exists to support and assist parents and God-parents. And, the church exists to give God's gifts that we receive when we gather as a community to hear God's Word and receive the Sacraments. To help...

**THIS SUMMER BRING CHILDREN and NEIGHBORS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Summer Sunday School meets in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:45 a.m. *Children and adults of all ages are together* to enjoy learning God's story for us. At Sunday School there will be drama, teaching, crafts, song, and discussion.

**THANKFULLY GOD IS NOT ON VACATION this summer.** We need God's gifts and guidance every moment, and God provides those for us. This summer let's keep worshipping our Lord and growing in God's Word. As we do, we are keeping promises we have made to God and to others.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Scott Peterson*

## July Services of Worship

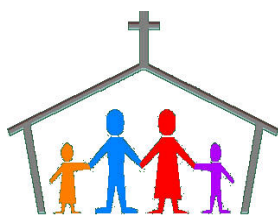
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship    WOV = With One Voice  
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship    LS = Lord's Supper

### Sundays at 8:30 am

July 7	LBW Setting 2
July 14	Bread of Life w/Lord's Supper
July 21	Now the Feast w/ Lord's Supper
July 28	WOV Service of Word/Prayer

### Sundays at 11:00 am

July 7	LBW Setting 2
July 14	Bread of Life w/ Lord's Supper
July 21	Contemporary Service
July 28	LBW Setting 2 w/ Lord's Supper



## 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.

**BIRTHS:** Joe and Kristin Mendiola announce the birth of their son Louis James Mendiola on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He was just over 6 lbs. Deidre and Daniel Hopkin announce the birth of their son Dock Daniel Hopkin June 10<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 9 lbs. 11 oz.

**BAPTISMS:** Abby Elizabeth Tucker, daughter of Allen and Amy Tucker was baptized on May 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Mika Elizabeth Burke, daughter of Paul and Micaela and granddaughter of John and Mary was baptized June 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Apollonia Latillia Baroness von Ledersteger Falkenegg, daughter of Rainer and Latillia von Ledersteger was baptized on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Fellowship Committee News

by Greg Kilby and Hillary Warren



**Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> is the inaugural Donut Sunday!** What's better than Donuts, milk and coffee to celebrate a Sunday? Donut Sunday will generally be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. We have appointed a very select team of folks to evaluate local donuterias to identify the best local donut source. Recommendations are welcome. Expect life-changing donuts, coffee and milk during the fellowship hour! Please come and celebrate Sunday on Donut Sunday between services in the fellowship hall.

**Have you always wanted to play Bridge?** Bridge Club will be held Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for both new and experienced bridge players. Please bring a friend and a snack to share and come for fellowship and fun. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

**Get involved with Fellowship!** Fellowship is all about connecting Messiah church members with one another through planned activities and ongoing events. There will be a Fellowship Committee meeting to plan Fall events in late July or early August between services. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Kilby or Hillary Warren.

### Deadline Approaching: Holy Land Trip in Nov. with Pastor Scott

Pastor Scott will lead a tour to the Holy Land November 11-22. This 'Journey Through the Bible' tour will include seeing not only where Jesus was born, lived, worked, died, and rose, but also many other sites that are significant in the Bible. Lodging will be in Bethlehem, then by the Sea of Galilee, and finally in Jerusalem. A brochure with the full itinerary is at the Welcome Center in the narthex, or to request an electronic version email [speterson@knology.net](mailto:speterson@knology.net) The deadline for the first payment is July 29.

**Outreach News** *from Janell Zesinger*

**What is justice and how does it relate to your faith?**

Faith is active in love. Love calls for justice in society. Justice is love applied to many neighbors. It means more than acting out of a sense of charity, or making a donation or volunteering our time.

"Doing justice" means addressing inequities in political, economic and social systems. It works to restore relations among people and with the earth to the way God intended them to be. It means challenging ourselves to step outside our comfort zones.

Through programs, ministries, and in our daily lives, ELCA members are dedicated to understanding God's work for justice in the world. We advocate dignity and justice for all people and stand with people in poverty and who are powerless. We lift our voice from an ethic of discipleship and willingness to speak for others as a matter of faith. We participate in activities that relieve misery and result in peace and reconciliation in local communities and among nations.

Find out more at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice.aspx>



**ADVOCACY**  
Speak with and on behalf of others in need



**CARING FOR CREATION**  
Help care for God's creation



**CONGREGATION-BASED ORGANIZING**  
Seek justice through your congregation



**HIV and AIDS**  
Respond faithfully and effectively to this pandemic



**HUNGER**  
Address the root causes of hunger and poverty



**JUSTICE FOR WOMEN**  
Change society and church in a patriarchal culture



**NONVIOLENCE**  
Build a culture of peace and nonviolence



**PEACE NOT WALLS**  
Learn, pray, and act for peace with justice in the Holy Land



**POVERTY MINISTRIES**  
Walk with people who are poor and oppressed

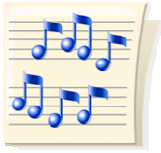
**Items Needed For "The School Bus"**

*from Jacquie Fry*

Summer is going quickly, and soon it will be time for school sales in the stores! The "School Bus" container will be coming out ready to be filled with school supplies for needy students in our area. Among the supplies needed are pencils, pens, erasers, crayons (24 count), 70 page notebooks (wide and narrow-ruled), rulers, loose-leaf paper, and colored pencils. Go forth and Shop!

## Music Notes

By Lois Graff



### Thank You

Thank you to all who helped before and during the week of Music Camp. A total of 49 children participated during the week, 27 of them from the local community, United States, and Korea! We are blessed at MLC with abundant and diverse talents and generosity of serving from our youth and adults. Thank you for being *God's People, Reaching Out!*

### Coffeehouse for Sr. Youth, Recent Graduates & College Students

Come to Messiah on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> for food, fellowship and music at the Youth Coffeehouse. Share your talents and/or just have fun being together. The evening is a good opportunity to reconnect with each other before beginning another school year. Contact Lois Graff for more information.

### The MLC Choir Needs You

Sing with the MLC Choir on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are held before the service when the choir sings. This is a great chance to 'try out' the choir. Your presence is needed and appreciated! Here is the July schedule:

July 7	8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 worship
July 14	10:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 11:00 worship
July 21	8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 worship
July 28	10:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 11:00 worship

## Council Highlights

Discussed at the June Council Meeting:

1. An open meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am to ask MLC members how funds given for Pastor Amanda's salary support should be dispersed. (*For more info, see bottom of this page.*)
2. A "Music at Messiah" committee has been created to explore the possibility of creating a concert series based at Messiah Lutheran Church. The hope would be to hold 4-6 musical events during the year in the sanctuary. The focus would be on classical music performed by professional or semi-professional musicians, including collegiate performers, with an emphasis on organ, choral, vocal soloists, instrumental soloists and ensembles.
3. The MLC Church Council Retreat is scheduled for September 12-14 at Lutheranch. Council will be studying *How Lutherans Interpret the Bible*, a seven-session video series by new Testament Professor Mark Allen Powell of Trinity Theological seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

### **\*MEETING to DISCUSS PASTOR AMANDA'S SALARY FUND**

**Sunday, July 28 at 9:45 a.m.**

Since Pastors Amanda and Horacio Castillo moved from Guatemala to the U.S. in May, our SE Synod is no longer responsible for her ongoing salary. MLC has over \$8K in the fund designated as salary support for her as our missionary. A meeting will be held on Sunday, July 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss what to do with these funds. *We especially want to hear from those who have so generously given to this mission fund.* Pastor Scott will lead the meeting and will bring up-to-date information. If you cannot attend, but wish to be heard, please get your thoughts and/or suggestions *in print* to Pastor Scott before the meeting so they can be shared.

## Stewardship Thought

By Allen Tucker



*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace"*  
1 Peter 4:10

Since installation as a new council member on May 26, things appear to have kicked into overdrive. Naming just a few things: (1) the Baptism of my youngest daughter Abigail, (2) my oldest daughter Elizabeth attending Affirm at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, and (3) taking the family on a vacation to San Francisco, Yosemite, and Kings Canyon national parks. Wow! What a run! I think I could use a short break, but I don't think God has that in His plan anytime soon. With a flurry of recent Baptisms, summer Sunday school class underway, vacation bible school just around the corner, things are on the move in Messiah Lutheran Church. I am excited to be here, witness the growth and change, and play my role. That is, whatever God has defined as my role. He has indeed truly blessed Messiah Lutheran Church with a vast array of gifted people, each to play his or her role within the body of the church. Have you discovered yours yet?

Praise be to God, Allen Tucker

## News Flashes!

### Dinner Theater August 17

The Messiah Summer Theater "*The Unexpected Visitors*", to be performed on Saturday, August 17, is casting non-singing roles in the show. Several adult males and several adult females are needed for "visitors" and "ushers." The show is a humorous look at our choir's response when a pastoral search committee shows up to hear Pastor Peterson preach.

Tickets are on sale now!



Comforters will  
NOT meet in July

### Summer Sunday School!

Now through August 4, there is a new Summer Sunday School class. This is a class for everyone: singles, mothers, fathers, children, teens, everyone in Messiah, and guests too. Each week, we study a character from the Old Testament. We will have storytelling, songs, activities, and discussion ...something for everyone. The theme for these lessons is **Seeking God's Good News in the Old Testament**. Stories about Noah, Jonah, Joseph, Jacob, Ruth, Moses, Samuel, and Naaman are included. The class is led by Dick Azzam and Lois Graff.

Please come and learn with us this summer!  
**EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING at 9:45 a.m.**

## YOU LIGHT UP OUR CHURCH, DAVID STRADLEY!

**Thank you** to David Stradley for donating 50 LED spotlights to MLC that were installed in the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Parish Hall in mid-June. These bulbs are very energy efficient and are rated to last over 22 years! This gift will save energy and reduce MLC's utility bills for many years to come. It also will eliminate lots of trips up ladders and to the store that sells light bulbs. David's gift is a great, practical example of good stewardship. Thank you!

## Youth Zone

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

### VBS- Athens

Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth

This year's family VBS is July 15-19, and will take place as an evening event. Dinner will be served from 5-6pm and VBS will take place from 6-8pm. If you would like to pre-register, please see Lauren Gray.

### AFFIRM!

Affirm was a great success! We had 3 girls from Messiah attend, one Sr. youth and two Jr. youth! The girls had a lot of fun and experienced some great things!!

### Lutherock this summer

For all Jr. and Sr. youth: please check your emails! I recently sent out information about attending Lutherock this summer. If you are interested in attending, please see Lauren Gray.

### Tweens, Jr. Youth, Sr. Youth and Young Adults:

Keep an eye on the youth calendar! Fun summer activities are being planned!! There is also a copy of the summer schedule on the youth bulletin board next to the Library.

### July Summer Youth & Family Events

- Sun. July 7<sup>th</sup>- Sr. youth are meeting, 6-8pm
- Tues. July 9<sup>th</sup>- Jr. youth are going bowling, 4-6pm
- Sat. July 13<sup>th</sup>- Hiking @ Monte Sano- event open to everyone
- July 15-19<sup>th</sup>- Vacation Bible School, 5-8:00pm
- Sun. July 21<sup>st</sup>- Sr. youth are meeting, 6-8pm
- Fri. July 26<sup>th</sup>- Youth Coffeehouse
- Sat. July 27<sup>th</sup>- Swimming at Dublin Park- event open to everyone
- Tues. July 30<sup>th</sup>- Sr. youth are going bowling, 6-8pm



## Month in Pictures - June

*The following pictures are from this year's 20<sup>th</sup> music camp: God Goes Fishing: The Story of Jonah, performed on June 9<sup>th</sup>.*



## Habitat for Humanity Build



“God’s People Reaching Out”



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