

Messiah Lutheran Church  
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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 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>  <i>Scott &amp; Bonnie Jane Peterson</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>Tim &amp; Kari Pitchko</i>	<b>3</b>  8:30am Morning Study Group  <i>Kert &amp; DeeAnn Reedstrom</i>	<b>4</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of July  <i>Art Rockett</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>Betty Roenfeldt</i>
<b>6</b> 8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 11am Worship: ELW Setting 8 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	<b>7</b>  <i>Dale &amp; Tammy Rohe</i>	<b>8</b>  <i>Bob &amp; Peggie Rowell</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>Jay &amp; Amy Ruff Holden, Bayard</i>	<b>10</b>  7:00pm Church Council meets  <i>Linda Ruhl</i>	<b>11</b>  7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall  <i>Eric &amp; Sharon Rutherford Katrina Messinger</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>Larry &amp; Christine Ryan Bailey, Bridie, Brendan</i>
<b>13</b> 8:30am Worship: WOV Service Word/Prayer 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 6pm Sr. High Meeting	<b>14</b>  <i>Heidi Sage</i>	<b>15</b>  <i>Gina Saladino</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>Jennifer Scheurich</i>	<b>17</b>  8:30am Morning Study Group  <i>Norm &amp; Sheilah Scheurich Shaun</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>Dan &amp; Carolyn Scroggins Chase, Lydia</i>	<b>19</b>  <i>Lee &amp; Dorothy Seitz Walter, Andrew, Hannah, Thomas</i>
<b>20</b> 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS Donut Sunday 11am Worship: Contemporary Service 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	<b>21</b>  <i>Dan &amp; Michelle Shaffer</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>Rex &amp; Fran Shaffer</i>	<b>VBS: Trees of Faith</b> 5:30pm-7pm		<b>25</b>  6:30 p.m. Youth Coffeehouse  <i>Aleksey Smith</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>Lee &amp; Janet Smith</i>
<b>27</b> 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 1 11am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 6pm Sr. High Meeting	<b>28</b>  <i>Robert Smith</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Steve &amp; Jacqueline Smith Natasha</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>Todd Smith</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>Pamela Sparks</i>		

\*\*Member names listed each day of the month denote prayer families

**Looking ahead...**

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fellowship Committee Planning Meeting (between services)
- August 9<sup>th</sup> - Downtown Rescue Mission 5K
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Walk to Defeat ALS, Talent Show
- September 13<sup>th</sup> - Walk to End Alzheimer's
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Handmade Market



## Pastor's Page

by Pastor Scott Peterson  
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*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*  
--Isaiah 55:10-11

Dear Children of the Living Messiah,

**WHAT DO YOU AND I DO AT 25 YEARS OF AGE?** People in the sciences would reply, “*That is when we are moving from adolescence into adulthood.*” But, if **we** are a 25 year-old CONGREGATION...

**WHAT DO WE DO AT 25 YEARS OF AGE? CELEBRATE!** God has pushed, pulled, prodded, directed and re-directed to get MLC through our adolescent years. Celebration is fitting as we look back with ‘20/20’ vision. Clearly we see God has been at work in big and small ways to make MLC into “**God’s People**,” who are called to be “**Reaching Out**” to share God’s greatest gifts. So...

**WHAT WILL MLC DO AT 25 YEARS OF AGE?** As an ‘adult’ congregation we would be wise to cling to what got us here. What foundation was MLC built upon? What did God use to grow MLC? What do we wish to hand on to others today and to future generations? Hmm? Worship, outreach, missions, learning, fellowship, music, and more come to mind. Yet, ***at the root of all those is God’s Word.*** *Jesus, our Messiah, is the Word who became flesh.* A familiar hymn proclaims:

**GOD’S WORD is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last your Church may hold it fast  
throughout all generations.**

--words by Nikolai Grundvig; tune by Martin Luther; LBW #239

**‘GOD’S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE’** will be ***the theme*** of MLC’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On **Sunday School Rally Day August 10<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sunday School at MLC. My efforts in the next year will be focused on leading us deeper into God’s Word for us. As our Lord promises, “*...my word...shall not return to me empty, but it shall...succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*”

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Scott Peterson*

*P.S. - LAST CALL if you are interested in joining a fun group on a highlights of Italy tour Oct. 31 to Nov. 10. We will see Florence, Rome, Venice, Pisa, the Amalfi Coast, and more. Contact me.*

## 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 6	Chicago Folk w/LS
July 13	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
July 20	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
July 27	LBW Setting 1

### Sundays at 11:00 am

July 6	ELW Setting 8
July 13	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
July 20	Contemporary Service
July 27	Now the Feast 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.

**MARRIAGE:** Iain Shriver and Candace Duffelle were married on June 28th.

**DEATHS:** Bob Voegele, father of Terri Voegele, passed away on May 25th.  
Joe Bono, father of Steve Bono, passed away on June 10th.

## Fellowship Committee

By Greg Kilby



The fellowship committee will hold its **semi-annual planning meeting** between services on **August 3** in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining the fellowship committee and attend the meeting. We need your ideas, energy and help as we plan the Fall calendar of Fellowship events!

**Bridge Club** will be held July 11th at **7:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. Experienced and novice players welcome! Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

The next **Donut Sunday** is July 20! Please join us for coffee, milk, and donuts between services!

### On Eagle's Wings

#### What is *On Eagle's Wings*?

The OEW Mission Statement: On Eagle's Wings is an ecumenical Christian ministry that proclaims Jesus Christ and serves the Church and individuals in remote and isolated areas of northern Canada.

#### What can I do?

Be a missionary by teaching Bible School in the north. (Summer of 2015)

#### What skills do I need?

Love of God  
Love of children

#### What other qualities should I have?

Cultural sensitivity  
Flexibility  
Patience  
Maturity

Most Bible Schools are the end of June through the middle of August (about the length of summer!). After adding transportation time, plan on a 10-day time commitment for the Bible School and 20+ hours on curriculum preparation beforehand. A priority MLC will strive for in the application process is having you team with at least one seasoned volunteer who has already served in the north. For more information, contact Lois Graff.

## Outreach News

### Downtown Rescue Mission

DRM is currently housing 62 men in their recovery program and also serves an average of 90 men each night at the overnight shelter. Messiah is collecting NEW men's socks and underwear of all sizes to help with their men's ministry needs. A collection bin is in the church narthex.

Food Pantry - Item of the month is dry beans.

### If it's Summer, School Supply Sales are Coming!

Watch for school supply sales in July! Messiah will again be collecting supplies such as notebooks, crayons, pens and pencils, erasers, school scissors, school glue, and washable markers to put in the school bus for needy students in our area. Other school supplies are welcomed as well. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

The build at 1075 Yarbrough Rd in Harvest continues every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning. The bricks have been delivered and painting will begin soon. Hands of all skill levels (must be at least 16 years old) are invited!

### Habitat for Humanity - Global Village

Partners in Faith Project—El Salvador: Due to the incredible generosity of supporters, the original goal of rebuilding the temple for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Santa Ana and constructing 15 homes for congregation members has been expanded to 21 homes! The original fundraising goal was \$275,000 and now \$328,057 has been raised! Construction of the temple is hoped to begin in July and last for 6 months. Sixteen homes have already been built with 220 volunteers, including several of our Thrivent Builds teams!

Susan Burrer

### Walk to Defeat ALS – Thrivent Messiah Lutheran Church

Register for the team at [web.alsa.org](http://web.alsa.org)

Huntsville Walk  
Saturday | August 23, 2014

WALK CHECK-IN: 9:00 AM  
WALK STARTS: 10:00 AM  
LOCATION: HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology  
DISTANCE: To be determined by walker



# Youth News

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## Messiah Youth News



### VBS

Vacation Bible School youth help is needed! Please contact Kert if you're interested. July 22-24 from 5:30-7pm.

### Coffeehouse

Senior Youth and College Student next coffeehouse will be held July 25<sup>th</sup>

### Contacts

Kert Reedstrom  
kreedstrom@yahoo.com

**Please pray for the youth as they embark of various mission trips and camps this summer!**



**Also please say a prayer for our recent graduates as they begin new adventures!**



## Music Notes

By Lois Graff



### Thank You

Thank you to all Music Camp volunteers and campers. You were fun to work with and did an amazing job on Sunday morning! Now *We Have the Mission!*

### Youth Coffeehouse July 25

The coffeehouse is the end of this month. Calling all Sr. Youth (including upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders), recent graduates and college students: Come to enjoy food, fellowship and music at the 4th annual Youth Coffeehouse on Friday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. Share your talents, reconnect with each other before beginning another school year and have fun just being together. Contact Lois Graff for more information.

### The MLC Choir Needs You - *This Summer!*

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. Here is the July schedule:

July 6	8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 worship
July 13	10:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 11:00 worship
July 20	8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 worship
July 27	10:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 11:00 worship

### Talent Show

Interested in performing? Do you have a special talent? We know you are special ....Let's show everybody!! This year, instead of a Dinner Theater on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> the stage will be open for YOU!! If your talent is cooking, this is a dinner show....come out to help. For more information or to add your name to the program, contact Terry Frakes or Lois Graff.

## Pipe Organ Update

During July MLC members will be doing carpentry and electrical work to facilitate the installation of the pipe organ. The chest holding the pipes will be located in the east transept of the chancel (the area above and behind where the choir sits). The surface area of that transept will be slightly enlarged to accommodate the pipe chest and also to enhance the sound heard throughout the Sanctuary. To assist with this work please contact Bob Gustafson.

Miller Pipe Organ Services continues to construct the organ in their workshop in Buford, GA. When that is done installation will be scheduled at MLC.

A dedication recital is anticipated this Fall. Watch for more information this Summer.

## News Flashes!

Handmade Market is coming up on October 18<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to get those sewing machines, glue guns, and knitting needles working!



Downtown Rescue Mission 5K Run to Rescue

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Bob Jones High School beginning at 8:00 a.m. Contact Beth Gloe for further information.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 13, 2014, at the Botanical Gardens, Huntsville. Contact Janice Aldaco for further information.



## Month in Pictures - June



The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Music Camp, *Man with a Mission: The Story of Paul* was presented on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. During the week-long camp, the students learned the story and music and also participated in arts, crafts and recreational activities.

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



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