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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.



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

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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Dorothy Corron</i>
2 <i>8am Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2</i>	3 <i>Linda Cox</i>	4 <i>Jim & Toni Daniel Christina, Allison</i>	5 <i>Lisa D'Antonio Mary Grace</i>	6 <i>Bob & Diane Davis Claire</i>	7 <i>Terry De La Paz & Bob Smith Olivia, Aleksey Smith</i>	8 <i>Gerard & Anita DeJong Meggy</i>
God Goes Fishing: The Story of Jonah Music Camp 9 am-4 pm						
9 <i>8:30am Worship: Music Camp "God Goes Fishing" 9-11am Pancake Breakfast 11am Worship: Music Camp "God Goes Fishing" w/LS</i>	10 <i>Matthew & Jutta Demarsh Daisy, Sandra, Matthew Jr.</i>	11 <i>Mike & Sue Doubleday</i>	12 <i>Nick Ellis</i>	13 <i>8:30am Morning Study Group on Gospel of John 7:00pm Council Bill & Marcie Emerson</i>	14 <i>7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall Rebecca Englert</i>	15 <i>Father's Day Lunch at the Botanical Gardens Bailey Erickson Alexis, Christian</i>
16 <i>8am Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship: Contemporary Service</i>	17 <i>Dave & Judee Erwin</i>	18 <i>Ronald & Patricia Estepe Kaitlyn</i>	19 <i>Randall Fields</i>	20 <i>Bonnie & Jeff Flowers Anna</i>	21 <i>William & Shirley Forbes</i>	22 <i>Larry & Terry Frakes</i>
Jr & Sr Youth AFFIRM						
23 <i>8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 1 9:45am Sunday School 10am Adult Choir Rehearsal 11am Worship: LBW Setting 1 w/LS</i>	24 <i>Dennis & Jacquie Fry Rachel, Dona Lynch</i>	25 <i>Eugene & Edith Frye</i>	26 <i>Gary Garrison</i>	27 <i>Jay Gibson</i>	28 <i>Pat Gilliland</i>	29 <i>Chris & Beth Gloe Samantha, Amalia</i>
30 <i>8am Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS</i>	Looking ahead... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 15-19 Evening Family VBS • July 26 - Youth Coffeehouse • August 17 - Dinner Theatre 					



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. --Romans 15:7*

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

WHAT IF YOU STARTED A BUSINESS WITH THE BEST PRODUCT EVER—Everyone (yes, everyone) needed it? How would you convince people, ***“THIS is exactly what you need”***? That may sound totally ***hypothetical***, but it is very real for you and me.

WE DO HAVE EXACTLY WHAT EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD NEEDS MOST. God has called us to share the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus. Part of what makes this hard to sell is it sounds too good to be true. And, IT IS ***FREE!*** God gives away what we could never deserve or earn. So, how can we *‘sell that’* to the masses? You might say...

“IT’S YOUR JOB to do that, Pastor.” Yes, it is my job to deliver the gifts of God. I have been trained, called, and ordained to do that. So, it may surprise you to hear...

YOU ARE BEST EQUIPPED TO MAKE THIS ‘SALE’. Indeed, I am anxious to tell guests, neighbors, visitors, newcomers, and strangers, *“Come to MLC. It’s the best church around and the gifts of God are freely given as we gather around God’s Word and Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.”* I might say the right words, but the listener is likely to be thinking, *“Sure he’s saying that. It’s his job to ‘sell’ MLC to people like me.”* That is why YOU are BEST at welcoming new people to MLC.

YOU ARE A ‘SATISFIED CUSTOMER’ (not a paid representative). When you say to a guest on Sunday or to a neighbor, *“I like this church because...”* That is the **most effective** invitation to searching people. It leads to them receiving, along with us, God’s most precious, abiding, life giving, eternal gifts.

DOES THIS SOUND DIFFICULT? It shouldn’t. Just be honest with the person you are welcoming to Messiah Lutheran. There **MUST BE SOMETHING** you like about MLC or you would not be reading this. (I have a LONG list of what I like about MLC. At the top of the list is *‘the grace of God’*. Immediately below that is YOU: *God’s People, Reaching Out.*)

THIS MESSAGE IS TIMELY! Typically, MLC has the MOST GUESTS/VISITORS from June to September. Also, these months have many people moving into our area. Those in the midst of transitions, including terribly painful losses, are most likely to show up on a Sunday morning in these summer months hoping to be welcomed. Let’s follow St. Paul’s directions: *“Welcome them, just as Christ has welcomed you.”* (see above, Romans 15:7).

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson*

June Services of Worship

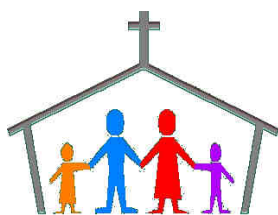
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship WOV = With One Voice
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship LS = Lord’s Supper

Sundays at 8:30 am

June 2	Now the Feast w/LS
June 9	Music Camp “God Goes Fishing”
June 16	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
June 23	LBW Setting 1
June 30	Chicago Folk w/LS

Sundays at 11:00 am

June 2	LBW Setting 2
June 9	Music Camp “God Goes Fishing” w/LS
June 16	Contemporary Service
June 23	LBW Setting 1 w/LS
June 30	Now the Feast w/LS



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.

BIRTHS: Mika Elizabeth Burke was born to Paul and Micaela Burke on May 2nd. She weighed 9lbs 3oz and was 22 inches long.

BAPTISMS: William Kain Blankenship was baptized on April 28th.
Adelyn Rae Cella was baptized on May 5th.

CONFIRMATION: Connor Campbell, Madison Hendrick, Walter Seitz, Justin Walker, and Kyle West were confirmed on May 19th.



Fellowship Committee News

By Greg Kilby and Hillary Warren



Celebrate Fathers' Day with a Huntsville Botanical Garden visit, lunch, and tour on Saturday June 15th! The garden has many activities for all ages. Current special exhibits include the "Giant Garden, Little Me" area as well as "Wings, Warts and Wonder" at the Butterfly house. We will meet at the Garden for lunch and a docent-led tour. Cost is \$20 for adult non-members, \$11 for adult members and \$6 for kids. Look for the sign-up at the Welcome Center or in the Narthex. For questions and further details, please contact Judy Starkloff. For information about the garden visit www.hsvbg.org.

Wednesday Night Café is over until school starts in August. Many, many thanks to Dorothy Seitz for leading this important ministry and to the wonderful volunteers who made this a great event for Messiah all year through.

We also would like to thank Elaine Shriver for leading Craft Day on Fridays throughout the school year. Please look for special crafting event announcements over the summer.

Bridge Club will be held Friday June 14th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. New and experienced bridge players are welcome! If you've started learning bridge a little, want to learn more, need a refresher, or just need some practice before you start to play again, this was meant for you!! Bring a friend and a snack to share! Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

OWLS: Watch for more details on upcoming OWLS events!

Can you help with an upcoming event?
Contact Greg Kilby or Hillary Warren.

Outreach News

Thank you, Messiah, for your continued support of the Lunches for Learning program at Benito Montoya School in El Barrial, Honduras! Without your continued support, many of the children we feed would not be able to complete their education through the sixth grade.

If you're wondering what the impact we are having on the lives of these children, especially the girls in our school, tune in to CNN on June 16th for an airing of the remarkable documentary, "Girl Rising."



Visit <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/world/girl-rising> or <http://10x10act.org/> for more information.

Habitat for Humanity – Global Village

By Susan Burrer

Partners in Faith project: A BIG thank you to the anonymous donor of \$500 designated to rebuild Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, Santa Ana, El Salvador! All those funds will get directly to Cristo Rey.

Joplin, Missouri: Tim & Marsha Wade and Virgil & Susan Burrer were part of the *Thrivent Builds with Habitat* Joplin team, April 29–May 4; Thrivent's 5th house and Habitat's 71st house in the past two years as part of rebuilding the tornado-damaged city.



Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Music Camp June 3 - 7

Music Camp 2013 begins next week! Presentations will be part of worship on June 9. This year's original musical is "God Goes Fishing: the Story of Jonah" which emphasizes that God wants all people to be His children. The camp lasts from 9 am - 4 pm each day. Campers will participate in music, drama, arts & crafts, recreation and a snack in the morning. After lunch, they enjoy an activity (roller skating, bowling, swimming, etc.) The cost is \$75 per child for the whole week. Invite your friends! Please contact Lois Graff if you have any questions.

Youth Coffeehouse

Sr. Youth (including upcoming 9th graders), recent graduates and college students: Enjoy food, fellowship, and music at the 4th annual Youth Coffeehouse on Friday, July 26. Share your talents and just have fun being together. Contact Lois Graff for more information.

Adult Choir

The MLC Choir is on summer schedule now, rehearsing on Sunday mornings. If you have any interest in singing to the glory of God as part of the choir, please come! Your presence would be very welcome. Come for one, several, or all rehearsals. Here is the June schedule:

June 2	8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 a.m. worship
June 9	NO REHEARSAL
June 16	8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 a.m. worship
June 23	10:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 11:00 a.m. worship
June 30	8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 a.m. worship

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 search committee shows up to hear Pastor Peterson preach. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Council Highlights

Discussed at the May Council Meeting:

1. Sunday, June 9, 9-11am, Pancake Breakfast to support Lutheran World Relief Kit Ministry.
2. MLC will be offering Sunday School during the summer months.
3. Saturday, June 15 - Father's Day Event at Botanical Gardens. Judy Starkloff is the point of contact.
4. **The 2013-14 MLC Council**
Officers: Rev. Scott Peterson, Joe Stuart, Toni Daniel, Devonee Woods

Committee Representatives: Lee Smith, Greg Kilby, Allen Tucker, Janell Zesinger, Dick Azzam, Gerard deJong, Mike Boyer

Youth Representative: Meggy deJong

Stewardship Thought

*The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.*
Psalm 145:15-16



The beauty of summer is all around us. The vibrant green of trees and grass, the brilliant colors of the rainbow alive in the blooms of many flowers, the refreshing and life-giving rains astound us and delight our senses. We enjoy the bounty of fruits and vegetables on our tables, ever reminded of the many ways God, our Creator sustains and cares for us.

The psalmist also writes in Psalm 8 *...what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.*

As God gives to us, so are we to share with others. Blessings multiply when they are shared. This month, do some radical sharing. Radical, meaning *Christian*. By remembering where our abundance comes from, we honor our Heavenly Father. By sharing our abundance, we show a family resemblance.

It is such a pleasure to be around my generous church family. Let's have a beautiful, enjoyable, 'radical' summer! Peace and blessings, *Lois Graff*

News Flashes!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

Lutheran World Relief Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, June 9 from 9:00-11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.
This is a perfect chance to enjoy breakfast before/after
worship and support this wonderful ministry! Questions?
Please contact Rhonda Gaede (830-8033).

Comforter's will
meet Tuesday, June
4th @ 10:00.
Questions call
Annette Joens

Summer Sunday School!

Starting on Sunday June 16 through August 4, a new Summer Sunday School class will start. The class is a class for the whole family, mothers, fathers, children, teens, guests, newcomers and old-timers. Each week, we will study an Old Testament story. The lesson will include storytelling, songs, activities, and discussion: Something for everyone. The theme for these lessons will be **Seeking God's Good News in the Old Testament.**

The stories of Noah, Jonah, Joseph, Jacob, Moses, Samuel, Naaman & Ruth will be studied. The class will be led by Lois Graff & Dick Azzam. Please come and learn with us this summer!

Youth Zone

By Lauren Gray youth_director@mlutheran.org

Congratulations Seniors 2013!!!

Rachael Wier, Ally Pesto, Michael Spence, Shaun Scheurich, Adam Neely, Luke Myers, and William Strand

VBS at MLC:

*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.

Lutherock this summer

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

AFFIRM!

The Southeastern Synod's summer event is June 16-21 at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. This event is open to Jr. and Sr. youth! Affirm is a unique camp experience that develops discipleship skills, leadership skills, and teaches Lutheran theology. We follow Christ, we live in a Christian community, and we teach participants how to be God's hands in this world. I promise you you'll have the time of your life at Affirm!!

**If you are interested in attending, talk to Lauren Gray. Registration forms can be found on the youth board next to the library, or you can register online at

<http://www.sesyouth.org/affirm-2013.html>

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

Keep an eye on the youth calendar!
Fun summer activities are being planned!!

Month in Pictures - May



OWLS playing miniature golf on May 18th.



A Mother's Day Brunch on May 12th with fruit crepes and a variety of quiches.



On May 19th the children celebrated the last day of Sunday School and Awards Day with snacks and games. Many thanks to Gary Garrison for organizing the event!

Thriving with Thrivent

Thrivent to Sponsor Special Musical Performance

Thrivent Financial is proud to announce its sponsorship of a special musical performance for our members, in association with The Folk Mission. It will be held at Straight to Ale, on July 12, 2013. The featured performer will be Will Kimbrough. Born and raised on the Alabama Gulf Coast, his music reflects the intricacies of folk, blues, gospel, country, rock'n'roll, punk rock and jazz. With songs recorded by Jimmy Buffett, Little Feat, Jack Ingram, Todd Snider and others, Kimbrough's multidisciplinary approach has led to many desirable collaborations in the studio and on-stage. The Folk Mission was started, by singer-songwriter, and Huntsville native, Steven Jackson, to bring world-class folk / blues / acoustic singer-songwriters to Huntsville in an intimate, smoke-free setting. For more information on The Folk Mission, go to <http://folkmission.org/>.

Thrivent Builds Home Progress

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is nearing completion. Workers are still needed from each Lutheran Congregation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and especially on Saturdays. Work begins at 8 am. Thanks to all who have given of their time to bring to fruition the dream of Teresa Hardy to afford a home for her family!

Introducing Our Newest Members



Rainer, Lattilia, and Polly vonLedersteger

Rainer is from Berlin and enjoys golf.
Lattilia is from Canada and loves music.
Polly is 11 and enjoys golf and horseback riding.



Josh and Debbie Shipman, William and JJ

From Long Island New York
Josh loves sports.
Debbie loves volleyball.
William and JJ love superheroes.



Terri Long and Rachel

Terri is a medical lab technician currently returned to college for an accounting degree. She enjoys refinishing furniture and gardening.
Rachel is in 10th grade and enjoys babysitting and color guard.

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