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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.



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Comforters <i>Joe Paxton Nathan</i>	2 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Paul & Julie Pedersen Lorelie, Leah, Christopher</i>	3 8:30a.m Morning Study Group <i>Phil & Sonja Pedersen Heidi, Heather</i>	4 <i>Steve & Linda Peirce</i>	5 IPM – Blessing of the Animals <i>Jay & Gretchen Perry Jayson, Ashlyn</i>
6 8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 10am Fellowship Mtg 11am Worship: ELW Setting 8* Parents of Jr. Youth & Tweens Mtg *New Liturgy	7 9:30am Moms Bible Study <i>Kevin & Debi Peterson Shane, Amanda</i>	8 10am Comforters <i>Laura Peterson</i>	9 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Scott & Bonnie Jane Peterson Paul</i>	10 <i>Church Council 7pm Tim & Kari Pitchko</i>	11 7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall <i>Doris Reynolds</i>	12 <i>Jonianne Ridzelski-McCombs & Mark Brooke, Sebastian</i>
13 8:30am Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS	14 <i>Art Rockett</i>	15 10am Comforters <i>Betty Roenfeldt</i>	16 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella NO Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Dale & Tammy Rohe</i>	17 <i>Bob & Peggie Rowell</i>	18 <i>Linda Ruhl</i>	19 <i>Eric & Sharon Rutherford Katrina Messinger</i>
20 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 1 w/LS Donut Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: Contemporary Service	21 9:30am Moms Bible Study <i>Larry & Christine Ryan Bailey, Bridie, Brendan</i>	22 10am Comforters <i>Heidi Sage</i>	23 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Jennifer Scheurich</i>	24 <i>Norm & Sheila Scheurich Shaun</i>	25 <i>Dan & Carolyn Scroggins Chase, Lydia</i>	26 Handmade Market <i>Lee & Dorothy Seitz Walter, Andrew, Hannah, Thomas</i>
27 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS Chili Cookoff & Halloween Celebration	28 <i>Dan & Michelle Shaffer</i>	29 10am Comforters <i>Rex & Fran Shaffer</i>	30 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Josh & Debbie Shipman William, JJ</i>	31 Halloween MLC Internet Password Change <i>John & Elaine Shriver Iain, Christopher</i>		

October 2013

Looking ahead...

- November 3rd - German Reformation Festival, Youth Christmas Workshop
- November 10th - 9:45 Congregation Meeting; 5pm Brass Quintet
- December 8th - International Fellowship Lunch, 15th - Charity Drive & Advent Appetizers



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”
... So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.
--Jesus, John 8:34-36*

October Services of Worship

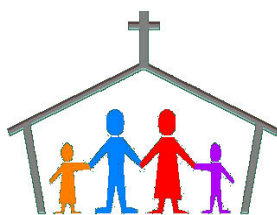
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship WOV = With One Voice
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship LS = Lord's Supper

Sundays at 8:30 am

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

Sundays at 11:00 am

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

BAPTISM: Dock Daniel Hopkin, son of Daniel & Diedre was Baptized on Sept. 29th. Dock's sponsors are Neil & Rebecca Emmons.

MARRIAGE: Taylor Lee (son of Brian and Teresa Lee) and Katie Cromie were married on September 8th in Georgia.

DEATHS: Michele Regis, the sister of Dan Byers, passed away on September 9th.
Gloria Reed, Laura Peterson's mother, passed away on August 30th.

Fellowship Committee News

By Greg Kilby and Hillary Warren



Wednesday Night Café is off to a great start! Come by for a meal and fellowship. Does your Messiah group need a **Fundraising** opportunity? Please consider a Wednesday Night Dinner Fundraiser. These will be both fun for your group and you'll raise some funds for your cause. Please contact Dorothy Seitz to sign up.

Be on the lookout for details for the next **OWLs (Older, Wiser Lutherans)** event.

October 20th is **Donut Sunday!** We will be serving Donuts, milk, and coffee between services in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us for some fellowship time or grab a donut before Sunday school.

Bridge Club will be held Friday October 11th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Please come for the fellowship. Experienced and novice players welcome! Contact Mary Ann or Ed Stasiak.

Sunday Oct 27 is the **Annual Chili Cook-Off and Halloween Celebration.** The Chili cook-off is scheduled to begin at 5 PM. Put the date on your calendar and look for additional details in mid October!

We will have a **German Reformation Fellowship** after church on Nov 3. Get your favorite German dishes ready! Please look for a sign-up form at the Welcome center.

The **Fall Men's Retreat** at Lutheranch is rapidly approaching. The dates are October 24-26 and all men are welcome! We will depart after work on Thursday and return Saturday afternoon. The plan includes devotions, fellowship, work and (of course) fishing! There will be a variety of work tasks available to suit all exertion levels. Be looking for the detailed itinerary in your Sunday bulletin. In the meantime, please sign up at the Welcome Center!

You are invited to a Blessing and Celebration in honor of the marriage of Ali Karlin and Andrew Davis. Join us Saturday, October 19, 2 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church.
Casual attire. -- Bob and Diane Davis

Outreach News

By Janell Zesinger



Handmade Market will be on Saturday, October 26th. It will support the **Lunches for Learning** mission at our school, Benito Montoya in El Barrial, Honduras. We are also looking for more helpers. Please talk to Janell Zesinger or Claire Strand.

Habitat for Humanity – Global Village

By Susan Burrer

Partners in Faith project (building 15 houses and Cristo Rey Lutheran Church)

As of the end of July, 13 of the 15 houses have been built for church members and \$270,354 has been raised to meet the \$275,000 goal! Getting permits to build the Church is in progress!

Totals of relief sent by
Messiah Lutheran Church
to Lutheran World Relief:

2010- 2,599 pounds!
2011- 3,139 pounds!!
2012- 3,450 pounds!!!
2013- 4,084 pounds!!!!

Another Successful Ramp Build



On September 7th, the Carpentry Team of Messiah Lutheran Church built another wheelchair ramp in partnership with CASA of Madison County. It was their biggest wheelchair ramp to date. The ramp was 62 feet long. It was also their biggest build in terms of attendance.

Thankfully, they had a crew of 18 carpenters on the job!

The ramp took a bit longer than normal because of the size of the project. The build lasted 7 1/2 hours including load-up time. Many thanks to everyone who participated - the family was very grateful!

Warm Clothing Needed!

By Jacquie Fry

Thank you to all who contributed school supplies for local needy students this summer.

Even though it is still warm, cooler weather is coming. When you go through your closets this fall, please remember that the homeless in our community can use the coats and blankets that you may be replacing. Hats, gloves, long underwear, sweaters, sleeping bags, pillows--anything to make the homeless more comfortable in the cold--will be appreciated. Please place donations in the blue box in the Narthex. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus in our world.

Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Music Groups at Messiah

CherubChoir (K-1st)
 Seraph Choir (2nd-6th)
 Youth Choir (7th-12th)
 Adult Choir
 Notabella (Handbells)
 Instrumental Ensemble (Grade 7-Adult)
 Youth Praise Band (Sr. High)

Contact Lois Graff for more information.

New Liturgy

We will begin using a new non-communion liturgy on October 6th. It is Setting 8 from the hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The music is approachable, has a good flow, and should be relatively easy to learn.

Needed

The Adult Choir needs you! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm, following dinner and Bible class. Enjoy singing and using your voice to praise God. On December 15th, the choir is planning to present the *Magnificat* by Pergolesi during worship accompanied by a string ensemble.

Handbell ringers for Notabella. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm following dinner. If you always wanted to try a musical instrument or if you already play music, this is the group for you!

Council Notes

1. Pastor Scott and Claire Strand to meet with parents to plan for Junior Youth and Tweens October 6, 12:15pm.
2. Chili Cook-off and Halloween Party, 5:00pm, October 27.
3. Congregation meeting for 2014 Budget, 9:45am, Sunday November 10th.
4. Brass Quintet to perform at MLC, 5pm, Sunday November 10th.

YOUTH NEWS

Sue Doubleday & Kari Pitchko

SR YOUTH MEETING TIME CHANGE: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM SUNDAYS!

For Middle & High School Kids...

Christmas Workshop

Sunday November 3, 2013
3:30 – 7:00 PM

Sponsored by the Youth of...
Grace Lutheran Church
Huntsville, AL

Also sponsored by the NW & N Alabama
Thrivent Financial Chapters.

Workshop activities include:

- Making tray favors for Meals-On-Wheels clients
- Making Christmas cards for Nursing Home residents
- Filling and wrapping shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Purchasing Christmas gifts for foster children under the direction of FOCAL.



Christmas Wreath Garland Swags & Specialty Items for Sale

The Sr High Youth will be selling Christmas greenery to raise money for their summer mission trip. Sales will run through October with delivery planned for the first part of December.

Thank you for your support!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse Ministry

Save your shoe boxes!!

The youth of Messiah will be participating in this global mission assembling shoeboxes with various items to help kids in need have a brighter Christmas.

Items needed:

- TOYS!
- Toiletries
- Candy
- School supplies
- T-shirt, socks
- Hair accessories
- \$7 for shipping

TWEENS & JR YOUTH

- Meeting Sunday, October 6 @ 12:15pm in the Parish Hall for Parents (& interested adults!) to plan youth events.
- Pizza for all.
- Kids meet in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Offering

Each week the children's offerings will be collected as part of "Gifts For God's People". At the end of the year, the children will choose "gifts" from the LWR Alternative Giving Catalog <http://lwrgifts.org>. Will they choose a duck, or goat, or perhaps they will choose to educate another child overseas...?

In the past, the Tweens have participated in the Samaritan's Purse / Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry by assembling and wrapping shoeboxes for kids in need. We hope to help again this year! Watch for more information!

"Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child."
- Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

THIS MONTH @ MESSIAH...

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY REFRESHER!!

Snapshots available
Reformation Sunday - Oct 27
After each service
No Appointment Necessary
Parish Hall - Stage



Messiah Lutheran Church invites you to the Blessing of the Animals!
Saturday October 5, 2013 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (rain or shine)

Free and open to the public! All animals are welcome, people, too!
Blessing is for animals of any size - birds, dogs, cats, gerbils, fish, horses - anything!



5th Annual Handmade Market
Saturday, Oct 26 - 9AM - 4PM
& Sunday, Oct 27 - 8:30 am - 12PM

This unique showcase of over 1,000 handcrafted gifts and baked goods created by LOCAL artisans is part of Messiah’s global outreach ministry. 100% of the proceeds are used to feed the children of the Benito Montoya School in Nacaome, Honduras through the Lunches for Learning ministry.

For more information on this outreach, please visit their web site at www.lunchesforlearning.org

If you are interested in donating items or helping with the market, please contact Janell Zesinger or Claire Strand.

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial

News Flashes!

Thank you to all our friends at Messiah for your prayers for Dan's sister, Michele Regis, during her illness and for your cards and gestures of sympathy with her recent passing. ~ The Byers Family

Thank you for all the cards, kind words of comfort, memorials, and acts of kindness shown us after the recent passing of my dear mother. ~Susan Burrer & Family



Comforter's will meet every Tuesday in October @ 10:00. New members welcome. Questions Annette Joens.

The Council has approved a computer and Internet policy for everyone who uses the church's computers or logs in using MLC's internet and wireless systems. To implement this policy, MLC's wireless password will be changed on October 31. Prior to receiving the new password, all users will need to sign the *User's Agreement* located on MLC's web site or available in the office. Questions? Contact Lee Smith or Joe Stuart.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PASTOR AMANDA'S SALARY FUND

When our missionary Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo and family moved from Guatemala to the U.S. the SE Synod and the St. Paul Area Synod were no longer responsible for paying her salary. MLC members have generously supported Pastor Amanda through the year. Over \$8,500 remains in that fund.

An Open Forum to discuss what to do with this money was held on July 28. The Church Council took into consideration what was expressed at that Forum and decided on this course of action. *One-half of Pastor Amanda's Salary Fund to go to the Castillo's to assist with Horacio's expenses as he attends Luther Seminary, and, *One-half of Pastor Amanda's Salary Fund to be sent to ILAG (the Lutheran Church in Guatemala) designated for *Leadership Development/Training* of indigenous leaders in the church.

Both of these uses seem consistent with the purpose of gifts to Pastor Amanda's Salary Fund. That is supporting church leadership to help them in the work of making disciples of our Lord.

If you have given gifts to Pastor Amanda's Salary Fund in the last year and wish those gifts be used in another way, please inform Financial Secretary Marc Neely no later than October 31. Thank you for your commitment to our missions of the wider Church.

Some of our families may have received recent letters from Novus Way indicating that a payment was due on their pledge for Lutheranch. The problem was not with Novus Way. The problem resided internal to the church and a check was not cut to Novus Way for pledges that were made in the May - July timeframe. This matter is corrected and you should have received a thank you note from Novus Way for your donation. If there are any other problems with donations to Lutheranch, please see Glen Long.

Featured Member – The Doubleday Family



Howdy from the Doubledays!

Mike, Sue, & Adam moved to Huntsville in 1987 from Orlando, Florida and a year later along came Kari... They became members of Messiah Lutheran Church in 1992. Yep we remember the good ole Union Hall.

Mike & Sue are both from Southgate, Michigan, just south of Detroit, where they met in the 7th grade - no, not high school sweet hearts, but close. They have been married for 30 years and have 2 children. Adam (28) is a Paramedic with Athens EMS and married Aimee Agee in November 2012. Kari (25) is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Tullahoma Pediatrics. She married Tim Pitchko in December 2010.

Mike graduated from Michigan Technological University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and has evolved into the proud enga-geek he is today. He started Excelerate, Inc. in 2004 primarily, as he says, to wear shorts to the office in the summer. His “hobbies” are business, the outdoors and basically anything that looks interesting, adventurous, shiny, expensive, or noisy. Skydiving was his 50th birthday present from the kids and, surprisingly, he hasn’t procured a parachute or airplane - yet.

Sue considers herself a retired stay at home mom, with a part time job working with Mike at Excelerate. Sue would rather be outdoors than inside any day. She enjoys camping, hiking and collecting dirt from her travels. Over the past 21 years at Messiah she has taught Sunday School, VBS, Music Camp, Sr. Youth leader, Basically anything the kids were involved in so was Sue..... She has gone to the NWT of Canada eight years with On Eagle’s Wings to teach Summer Bible School, she has been on many mission trips with the Youth group. Last fall she had the honor to represent MLC while traveling to Honduras with Lunches for Learning. Sue is a member of the Altar Guild and has recently been given the opportunity to work with the Sr. Youth as their “fearless leader”, this time with her daughter Kari. They are both looking forward to being part of the youth group once again!

We are blessed being part of the growth of Messiah Lutheran Church, and look forward to what life has to offer.... Enjoy !!!

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