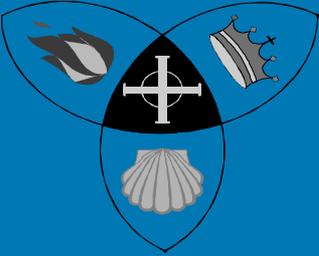


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*The newsletter and calendar for Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) Madison, Alabama*

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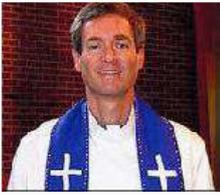
September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Labor Day  <i>Owen &amp; Songae Wasmoen Chad, Cory, Chris</i>	<b>2</b>  10am Comforters  <i>Bill &amp; Paula Weaver</i>	<b>3</b>  5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 7:30pm Adult Choir  <i>Richard &amp; Bonnie Webb</i>	<b>4</b>  <i>Scot &amp; Sharon West Jacob, Jordon, Kyle</i>	<b>5</b>  <b>Jr. Youth</b>  7pm Jr. Youth Parent's Meeting  <i>Sam &amp; Ginny Whitaker</i>	<b>6</b>  <b>Lock-In</b>  <i>Don &amp; Karen Williams Alie, Bryan, Kain Blankenship</i>
<b>7</b> God's Work, Our Hands 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 11am Worship: WOV Svc Word/Prayer  5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High with Parents Meeting	<b>8</b>  9:30am Mom's Bible Study  <i>George Williams</i>	<b>9</b>  10am Comforters  <i>Pete &amp; Devonnee Woods Abby, Aaron</i>	<b>10</b>  5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class – E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir  <i>Angela Yoo</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>Mark &amp; Janell Zesinger Merritt, Jamie, Natalie</i>	<b>12</b>  7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall  <i>Paul &amp; Linda Zutter</i>	<b>13</b>  Walk to End Alzheimer's  <i>Gabino &amp; Janice Aldaco</i>
<b>14</b> 8:30am Worship: WOV Svc Word/Prayer 11am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 12:15 Instrumental Ensemble  6pm Sr. High Meeting	<b>15</b>  9:30am Mom's Bible Study  <i>Rebecca Alferink Michael, Matthew</i>	<b>16</b>  10am Comforters  <i>Tracy &amp; Staci Armstrong William, Zachary</i>	<b>17</b>  5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class – E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Dick &amp; Barbara Azzam Benjamin, Katelan</i>	<b>18</b>  <i>Rick &amp; LeeLinda Baggett</i>	<b>19</b>  <i>Michael &amp; Michelle Balazsy</i>	<b>20</b>  Sr.Youth Camping/CanoeiTrip  <i>Christopher &amp; Jessica Baldridge Rowan</i>
<b>21</b> 8:30am Worship: Bread of Life w/LS Donut Sunday 11am Worship: Contemporary Service  4pm Music @ Messiah Concert: Solar Winds 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	<b>22</b>  9:30am Mom's Bible Study  <i>Timothy &amp; Tracy Bare Jeremy</i>	<b>23</b>  10am Comforters  <i>Mark &amp; Lisa Bartel Alison, William</i>	<b>24</b>  5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class – E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir  <i>Bill &amp; Sue Bathgate</i>	<b>25</b> <b>26</b> <b>27</b>  <b>Council Retreat to Lutheranch</b>		<i>Greg &amp; Jeanette Beamer</i>  <i>Crystal Beard</i>  <i>Christine Berry</i>
<b>28</b> 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 1 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 12:15 Instrumental Ensemble 12:30pm OWLS Pack & Potluck  6pm Sr. High Meeting	<b>29</b>  <i>Corwin &amp; Barbara Bishop</i>	<b>30</b>  10am Comforters  <i>Chuck &amp; Lynn Blevins</i>				

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

Looking ahead...

- October 18<sup>th</sup> - Handmade Market
- October 25<sup>th</sup> - Chili Cook-off and Halloween Costume Party
- October 26<sup>th</sup> - 3pm - Reformation Sunday Celebration with Organ Dedication



## Pastor's Page

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

*If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;  
if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.  
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.  
--1 Corinthians 12:26-27*

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

### **MLC IS A 'HAPPENING PLACE' THESE DAYS!**

#### **RECENT NEWS:**

+**We Celebrated the Baptisms** of Austin and Kiersten Carter and Logan Roberts on the same day we celebrated 25 years of Sunday School at MLC. God keeps sending us beautiful children who are gifts to cherish and wonderful responsibilities. The infusion of children and young adults the last few years is such a blessing. Our Lord must have future plans for us.

+**Quilts and Kits** (school, hygiene, and layette) were blessed and sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to help people in need around the world. Did you know that MLC sends the most to LWR each year of the 161 congregations in the SE Synod of the ELCA (GA, TN, MS, and AL)? I am so proud of you.

+**A New Carpet** in the narthex greeted worshipers on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This was an Outreach project led by Claire Strand and paid for by the generosity of MLC's Thrivent members. The three-color design was developed by Meredith Kilby and the carpet was installed by a crack crew of MLC members. See the explanation of the rich symbolism in the design in this newsletter. Pictures are on the [www.mlutheran.com](http://www.mlutheran.com) website.

+Those are just three of many highlights in the last month. Looking ahead...

#### **COMING SOON:**

+**A Pipe Organ at MLC:** Installation is scheduled to begin September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Six of us traveled to Buford, GA, to hear the organ in the shop where it has been constructed. We all agreed: *It sounds great!* Installation will take about three weeks and then there will be a period of tweaking to make sure all is right. If you like pipe organ music in worship, I think you will really like this organ. Thanks to all the generous donors.

+**Reformation Sunday Celebration with Organ Dedication:** At 3:00 p.m. on October 26<sup>th</sup>, area Lutherans and everyone will be invited to MLC for a festive service celebrating our rich Lutheran musical heritage. (*Save the date!*) This musical service will include dedicating the new pipe organ and hearing some classic pieces on the organ. Watch for more details next month.

+**The Next 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Opening of the Membership Charter.** On Sunday, December 14, we will celebrate that on Dec. 17, 1989, MLC opened its Membership Charter. That day 113 people signed the charter. Those are just three of many highlights in the coming months. Read about more in this newsletter.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, and CO-WORKERS** (especially those who are 'church homeless' people). What God is doing at and through MLC is too good to keep a secret. When we gather around God's Word we are God's Church.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Scott Peterson*

## September 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**

Sept 7	Now the Feast w/LS
Sept 14	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
Sept 21	Bread of Life w/LS
Sept 28	LBW Setting 1

### **Sundays at 11:00 am**

Sept 7	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
Sept 14	Chicago Folk w/LS
Sept 21	Contemporary Service
Sept 28	LBW Setting 2 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.*

**BIRTH:** Bill and Jan Murphy announce the birth of their first great grandchild, Taryn Elisabeth McAbee, born on August 9th. She weighed 9 lbs and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Ryan and Lisa McAbee of Wisconsin.

**GRADUATION:** Matthew DeMarsh Jr. graduated from the University of Alabama on August 2nd.

**NEW MEMBERS:** With joy we received into membership David and Stephanie Wallace on August 17th.



### **BAPTISMS:**

Logan Daniel Roberts, son of Adam and Erica Roberts, was Baptized on August 10th.

Austin Will Carter and Kiersten Beth Carter, children of Kenny and Carolyn Carter, were Baptized on August 10th.

## My Favorite Bible Verse

By Trudy Clare

### **Psalms 27:14**

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He Shall strengthen thy heart: wait I say on the Lord."

Each year I read the Psalms through at least twice. Many of my "favorites" come from the Psalms. They speak so well of things we encounter daily. Since I had the shock of having a heart attack, I'm choosing a verse that has to do with strength for my heart - not only the physical organ, but the very innermost of my being. That is where we desperately need strength. This is the strength that gives us enduring power through grief, pain, illness or deep need. He is and always will be my inner strength.

## FALL STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

September is stewardship emphasis month at MLC. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary this year, we give thanks for the blessings God has given to MLC. And we emphasize how God's Word speaks to us in all aspects of our lives, giving us spiritual nourishment and direction. On Commitment Sunday, October 5th, we will celebrate our blessings by responding to our generous Lord.

## Fellowship Committee

By Greg Kilby & Christine Ryan



**Are you missing your favorite dish?** We have collected a number of serving trays, baskets, and other containers from recent events. Please check on top of the microwave oven in the Parish Hall kitchen if you are missing something.

**Wednesday Night Café** has started! Please consider signing up to part of the Wednesday Night Café team. People are needed to prepare desserts, meals or to help clean up after dinner. Please contact Dorothy Seitz if you have questions.

**Bridge Club** will be held Friday September 12th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. 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 PACK AND POTLUCK!** Can you help pack food for the children at Liberty Middle School? After visiting and traveling for the summer, please join us on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 12:30 PM, in the Parish Hall to pack food for the weekend food program. Bring a casserole, salad or dessert to enjoy. After lunch, we will fill food bags for the children to use on the weekends. For more information call Jan Murphy.

September 21st is **Donut Sunday!** Please come and enjoy Donuts, milk, coffee and fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall. Both regular and diet (half) donuts will be available.

**Foodies Fall 2014** is off and running! We have four dinner groups this fall that will gather regularly and rotate the hosting duties. Calling all Messiah Families! Let's get a fifth "family foodie" group together. The format would run like the other groups except the kids would also be involved. The host family would set up the fun and those host duties rotate. This could be a casual game day barbeque at home, a picnic outing to the botanical garden or gathering at a putt-putt golf course. You decide. If you'd like to get to know other Messiah Lutheran families this is a great way. The small group format enhances conversation and play for all ages. Please let Meredith Kilby know.

**Get involved with Fellowship!** Fellowship is all about connecting Messiah church members with one another through planned activities and on-going events. The committee could really use your help! If you are interested, please contact Greg Kilby or Christine Ryan.

Save the date! It's time to crank up the Chili pot and get ready for the annual **Chili cook-off and Halloween costume party**. The event will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Start practicing your chili!

## The Story and Symbolism of the New Narthex Carpet

By Meredith Kilby & Pastor Scott

Over the past months, a team of MLC members looked at the creative possibilities of using commercial grade carpet tiles in our hard working narthex space. It was decided that 24 x 24 inch carpet tiles would be used, not only for their practicality (individual tiles can be relatively easily replaced if stained, damaged, or worn) but also for the visual interest they could create.

Since the narthex carpet is essentially an enormous *'Welcome!'* mat, the team yearned for a design that would visually communicate what Messiah Lutheran Church is all about. Meredith Kilby created the design in coordination with the rest of the team.

The design installed on August 16 by MLC volunteers, features a center motif that resembles both the empty tomb (Christ's resurrection) as well as the outline of a church structure. Upon entry into the church, repeated elements intentionally guide the eye (and hopefully feet), toward the center: That is our Sanctuary where we worship. To the left (toward the Fellowship Hall) a colored pathway points guests and members toward a space of fellowship, community, and service at Messiah. To the right a similar pathway leads to nursery first and then the classrooms of the education wing. This includes a hopscotch pattern to beckon young and old toward growing in God's Word and maturing in faith.

Three color tones in the carpet design echo Messiah Lutheran's logo which has the radiating symbols of crown, shell, and flame. *'Messiah'* literally means *'the anointed one'*.

+In Old Testament times the coronation of the king of Israel was sealed by **anointing with oil**—thus the crown of the anointed king in MLC's logo is reflected in the gold carpet tiles.

+The blue tiles represent the **anointing of Jesus as Messiah in the waters of Baptism**. Since we enter God's Church through Baptism our first step into the narthex is on blue. And, just as Baptism frames our whole lives as God's children, the blue carpet borders and provides the backdrop for the floor.

+The first disciples were **anointed with the Holy Spirit** and tongues of fire on Pentecost Day which is depicted by the flame in MLC's logo. The Holy Spirit is *'God in the present tense'*. So, just inside the door is the 'keystone' red carpet tile. Standing on it the Holy Spirit especially draws us ahead into worship, but to our right we are led to education: Learning God's Word for us. And, to our left we are led to fellowship and mission as *God's People, Reaching Out*.

OK, that is one interpretation of the carpet tile design. What do you see? Don't be surprised if you see a cross. That is the center of MLC's logo. Perhaps a *"bigger picture"* message for us is: Look for God in the patterns of your life.

## Outreach News

*UAH Students Elizabeth Villanueva, Ryan Gott and Taylor Bono (taking the photo) gave a Temple Talk about the on-campus food pantry that Messiah is supporting.*



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**ELCA “God’s work. Our hands.”** Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people.

Here at Messiah we will be collecting food and donations for UAH’s Food Pantry.

“Studies have shown that across the country 39% of college students do not receive the needed amounts of food each day. This can be due to rising costs of tuition, housing, books, and daily living costs. Many have little to no income, and nearly 25% can barely afford 1 meal a day. At UAH, there is a clear need for some additional food sources. Our Dean of Students has had numerous students come to her asking for food supplies, and up to this point all she has been able to do is refer them to off campus sites. Many of the students who cannot afford food also struggle to find the transportation needed to reach these off campus sites. With an on campus pantry, we can provide food immediately to the students who need it.

It has been shown that students who are malnourished have higher rates of depression and anxiety, as well as poorer performance in school. Having a resource on campus that can reduce the amount of hunger present at UAH can help us improve the lives of a large number of students.”

Grocery Bags were passed out on August 24th and 31st for donated items such as meals in a can or box (Ravioli, Hamburger Helper), cereal, chips, granola bars, and canned meats. Please bring your filled bag back on Sunday, September 7th so we can gather items to be given to the food pantry! Donations are also greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran and indicate they are to go to the UAH Food Pantry.

## Messiah’s Team for A Walk to End Alzheimer’s

Alzheimer’s is the 6th leading cause of death in the US. 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer’s or another dementia. Messiah Lutheran is Walking to End Alzheimer’s on September 13th at Huntsville Botanical Gardens. Registration is free and includes entrance to the gardens. Our team leader is Janice Aldaco. Join the team at [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org) and search Team Aldaco. Thanks for your support!



**Youth News** Kert Reedstrom

**Youth Got Talent**

Ladies from the youth group joined together for the Talent Show and performed a contemporary dance. Way to go ladies!



**SENIOR YOUTH MEETINGS**  
every Sunday night at 6:30 pm

**Save the Date!**

Sept 5-6 - Jr Youth Church Lock-in Fri - 6pm --- Sat - 10am.  
Parent meeting Friday night at 7pm.  
Sept 7 - Sr High Parent Meeting @ 6pm.  
Sept 20-21 - Sr High Canoe Trip @ Doubleday Lake House!  
\$10 to join the trip. Details to come in bulletin!

**Sunday School Spotlight**

By Diane Davis & Sarah Walker ([sunday\\_school\\_supt@mlutheran.org](mailto:sunday_school_supt@mlutheran.org))

Sunday School is off to a great start this year. We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Sunday School on August 10th with a Rally Day Time Capsule Activity. This year our theme will be “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage”. The students ages 2 - Grade 6 began the school year with new curriculum. It has been met with great enthusiasm.

Please see the Sunday School bulletin board or the church website for a full listing of classes including adult and weekday classes and the Sunday School Calendar.



## Music Notes

By Lois Graff



### Talent Show

Thank you to all who shared their talent or who supported the Talent Show and BBQ Dinner on August 23. Besides the phenomenal talent presented and the delicious dinner, proceeds of \$445 will benefit the Lunches for Learning mission!

### Music Opportunities at Messiah

Choirs of all types are beginning in September. Check schedule below for an opening for you!

Cherub Choir (K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade)	Wednesdays 6-6:30 p.m.	Director, Claire Strand
Seraph Choir (2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Wednesdays 6-6:30 p.m.	Director, Beth Gloe
Youth Choir (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Wednesdays 6:30-7 p.m.	Director, Lois Graff
Notabella (7 <sup>th</sup> -Adult)	Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Director, Rhonda Gaede
Adult Choir	Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Director, Randall Fields
Instrumental Ens. (7 <sup>th</sup> grade up)	Sundays 12:15-1:15 p.m.	Director, Lois Graff (bi-weekly)

### Music at Messiah Concert Series

On September 21, Music at Messiah will have the first concert of the 2014-2015 season. Solar Winds, a woodwind quintet of the AMC Band will present *A European Tour*. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. Other concerts being planned for this concert year are Huntsville Collegium Musicum on November 1 and Debra Saylor, piano on January 11. Please consider sponsoring this series....sponsorship forms will be available soon.

## Pipe Organ Update & Dedication

This week our organ builder and his crew will begin installing the long awaited and anticipated pipe organ! Carpentry and electrical work, under the capable direction of Bob Gustafson has enabled a lower cost in the installation process. MLC is blessed with many gifted and skilled members! Within two to three weeks the organ should be fully installed and it is our hope that the pipes will be sounding in worship at the end of September or early October!

### Pipe Organ Dedication October 26

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 26 our pipe organ will be dedicated in a special worship service as part of a recital program. Mark Moorehead, the organist at Trinity United Methodist Church will be our recital organist. Mark has been our organ consultant through the construction process and has been instrumental in MLC finding a quality pipe organ for our space. His knowledge of pipe organs is well known and he has been, and continues to be an outstanding resource. In addition to beautiful recital playing by Mark, choral and instrumental music is being planned for the dedication worship.

## News Flashes!

### E100 BEGINS September 10<sup>th</sup>

'E100' is short for 'The Essential 100 Passages of the Bible'. The first E100 class begins on Wednesday, September 10. Class will be 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and led by Pastor Scott. For those whom that is not a good time, another E100 class will begin in January 2015 during Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). Individual study guides will also be available in January.

*GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE. Let's all raise our Biblical fluency as a way of giving thanks to God and growing in the life-giving faith our Lord bestows.*



*Comforter's will resume meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Questions? call Annette Joens*

### Messiah's ALS Walk

A big "Thank You" goes out to all who supported Messiah's ALS Walk Team this year. Our Pasta dinner raised \$377 toward our team total of our \$877 total to date. The #icebucketchallenge that some of us participated in has really gotten the attention of the country and has helped the ALS Association raise over \$72 Million this year. I can't wait to report on the wonderful work the ALS Association is able to do with this generous giving! You haven't missed your opportunity to learn more or donate.

Visit: [alsa.org](http://alsa.org)

---Mary Mast



### Month in Pictures - August



Team Messiah at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Rescue Mission 5K on August 9<sup>th</sup>.



We celebrated 25 years of Sunday School during Rally Day.



The Comforter's pictured with all of their hard work this past year making quilts for LWR.



New carpet in the narthex was installed all by our talented members. Meredith Kilby did a beautiful job designing the tile pattern.



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