



## PASTOR'S PAGE

by Pastor Scott Peterson  
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*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.*

--St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 1:3-5

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

**FOOD FROM GOD: IT IS MORE THAN JUST FUEL.** Can you imagine celebrating Thanksgiving without food? It wouldn't be Thanksgiving for me without a roast turkey dinner with dressing, gravy, mashed and sweet potatoes, cranberries, etc. No other holiday is more connected to food for us than Thanksgiving. What I like so much about Thanksgiving is that it points us to our Lord, the Source of all our blessings, and it reminds us of the rich heritage of the Christian Faith in our nation.

**FOOD FROM GOD: IT IS WHAT MLC SHARES WITH OTHERS.** Last month, I journeyed to Honduras to witness the joy surrounding every meal at the two schools we sponsor through the *Lunches for Learning* mission. At Benito Montoya School, the mothers are still thrilled with the school kitchen MLC funded last year. That kitchen enables the women of the community to prepare meals in a new room designed for feeding 60+ children each school day. Closer to home, we are feeding school children through the *Weekend Food Program*. Many more in our area are fed through our partnership with the *House of the Harvest* mission and the *Food Pantry* collections in the narthex. Sharing food with others is one way we can imitate something Jesus did during His earthly ministry. Doing this is an expression of thanksgiving to God for the gifts entrusted to our management/stewardship.

**FOOD FROM GOD: IT DRAWS US TOGETHER.** Looking for opportunities to share a meal with other disciples? Wednesday Nite Cafe during the school year brings together all generations for "*the mutual conversation and consolation of the Saints*." And MLC's "*Foodies*" group brings small groups of members together to enjoy building friendships as they gather to enjoy good food and good fellowship.

**FOOD FROM GOD: JESUS IS THE HOST of the most memorable, most celebrated meal of all.** In the liturgy, we sing of the "*foretaste of the heavenly feast to come*," which goes by several names. The name Holy Communion reminds us that this meal literally brings us "together with" our Lord as we receive Jesus' body and blood together with bread and wine. We also are brought together with each other and all Christians in every time and place. Another name: *Eucharist* is the Greek word for *thanksgiving*. (This is our greatest thanksgiving meal.) Perhaps the best name, though, is The Lord's Supper. That tells us our Lord is our Host in this meal which creates and nurtures saving faith.

**AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WE HAVE SO MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL!** Let's keep counting our blessings. And let's not only "*name them one-by-one*," let's joyfully share them with our neighbors. When I count my blessings, you are always right near the top of my list. Thank you for your "*sharing in the gospel*". See you in church.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Scott Peterson*

### Advent Mid-Week Services

Advent services of worship with *Holden Evening Prayer* will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 13 & 20.

### Christmas Eve Services of Worship

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Candlelight services with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This is in addition to the services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. that morning.

**Advent mid-week offerings will support replacing the roof at the Jesus Tadeo Flores School and Kids to Love.**

## NOVEMBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

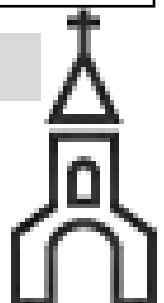
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship | WOV = With One Voice  
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship | LS = Lord's Supper

### Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Nov 5	Now the Feast w/LS
Nov 12	WOV Service of Word & Prayer
Nov 19	Bread of Life w/LS
Nov 26	LBW Setting 2 w/LS

### Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Nov 5	LBW Setting 1 w/LS
Nov 12	Chicago Folk w/LS
Nov 19	Contemporary Service
Nov 26	Now the Feast w/LS





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**Contact Claire Strand** if you would like to announce significant transitions in the life of our community of faith, including birth, death, Baptism, graduation, Confirmation, job change, relocation, engagement, marriage, or any other life passage!

### THIS MONTH

**PANTRY ITEM**  
**Macaroni and Cheese**

**KIT MINISTRY**  
**Toothbrushes**

# OUTREACH

## LIFE PASSAGES



### Marriage

† Trista Irvin and Mike Kuske were married

### Deaths

† Douglas Warren Sr., father of DJ Warren, passed away  
 † Bob McMillin's mother, Alma DiPietro, passed away  
 † Steve Leeper's father, Richard Leeper, passed away

### Births

† Bruce Peter and Yong Mi announce the birth of their great-niece,  
 † Tim and Marsha Wade announce the birth of their granddaughter

### Baptism

† Arjen Jonah van der Meer

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Angel Tree Program

by Claire Strand

Friends and families have lost jobs, homes, money, and fallen on hard times due to economic circumstances. These same families who are struggling to meet the financial demands of day-to-day life question how they might provide gifts for their children on Christmas Day.



Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program ensures children in our community will have that joy this year.

Messiah will be receiving 30 "angels" for adoption this year. Look for them in the Narthex on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Be sure to sign your name next to the angel you've adopted. Two families adopting an angel together is encouraged. Please follow the directions included with your angel's information.

*If someone you know a household that could benefit from the Angel Tree program OR needs a Thanksgiving food bag, please contact Claire Strand.*

**The next New Member Sunday is December 3rd!**

If you are interested in taking this step in discipleship, please talk to Pastor Scott or Claire Strand.

# MUSIC NOTES



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Director of Music  
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## Music at Messiah

The Samford String Quarter will perform on November 5 at 4 p.m. This group was organized in 2011 and features Jeffrey Flaniken, Caroline Nordlund, Angela Flaniken, and Samuel Nordlund.

These talented and versatile performers have held positions in major symphony orchestras and are professors at Samford University. The concert will include works by Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Davis.



To learn and hear more, visit [www.samfordquartet.com](http://www.samfordquartet.com) or click the photo above if viewing the digital edition.

## Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series 2017-2018 Season

Sunday, November 5, 2017  
Sunday, May 20, 2018

4 p.m. Samford String Quartet  
4 p.m. Adam Cobb, pipe organ

The Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series is only possible through your donations. Sponsorship forms are available online at [www.musicatmessiah.org](http://www.musicatmessiah.org).

## Ring and Sing

On Sunday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m., the MLC sanctuary will be filled with sounds of hand bells, hand chimes, "Tinkerbells," instruments, and voices. The Ring and Sing Concert, now in its 19th year, promises an evening of Christmas joy and fun, including the ever-popular "Hand Chime Audience Participation" time. Reception following. Free will offering supports the Madison Public Library.

## Talent Show Date Set for January 27

A Talent Show is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th! Start preparing your acts! Contact Lois Graff for more information or to sign up. MLC's Senior Youth will be serving a Spaghetti Supper preceding the show as a fundraiser.

## Hymn of the Month:

### "Who Is This Host Arrayed in White"

In 1760, Hans A. Brorson wrote the lyrics of this hymn with text and imagery of Revelation 7:13-17. The tune is a 17<sup>th</sup> century folk tune, later beautifully arranged by another Norwegian, Edvard Grieg.

*Who is this host arrayed in white  
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright.....  
They sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring when they all sing  
With angels shining bright.*



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**Senior Youth  
 Meet Every  
 Sunday from  
 6-7:30 pm unless  
 otherwise an-**

# MLC YOUTH

## & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

The **Senior Youth** (grades 9-12) would like to thank the congregation for their support of the Christmas Wreath and Wednesday evening supper fundraisers this month! The Wreaths should be ready to take home on December 3—just in time for the Advent Breakfast!

The Senior Youth have been working their way through the *Getting Ready* curriculum provided by the ELCA for the National Gathering in June, 2018.

We currently have 16 youth signed up for this trip, and we are super excited for this awesome event that awaits us this summer.

- On **November 5, November 19** Senior Youth will have a bonfire at the Larry and Christine Ryan home from 6-8 p.m. Contact Sara for more info.
- On November 25, the Senior and Junior Youth will be going ice skating together! We will meet at the Huntsville Ice Complex for the public skate time from 2-4 p.m. The cost will be approximately \$10. If you plan to join this outing, please let Sara know.

On September 30, the **Junior Youth** (grades 6-8) lived out our calling as Christians to care for others and our earth by serving at the CASA Community Garden in Huntsville. They turned over the compost heap, picked tomatoes, and pulled weeds. They also received a garden tour and got to eat some yummy produce right out of the garden. Afterward they shared a meal together at Panera.



### JR. YOUTH MEETING TIMES

**November 12: Jr. Youth meet 5-6:30 p.m.**

**November 25: Ice Skating w/ Sr. Youth 2-4 p.m.**

**November 26: Jr. Youth meet 5-6:30 p.m.**

## MLC YOUTH 'CTD ...

The **MOEs** (Messiah Older Elementary) served at House of the Harvest mission on October 21 from 8-10. We had a great time serving others in our community. Next month, the MOEs will meet at the Madison Bowling Center on Saturday, November 11th at 12 p.m. for bowling and pizza. The cost is \$15, and please let Sara know if you plan on attending. Parents are welcome to hang out, too!



"Orange you glad you came?" youth at House of Harvest service day on October 21st.

MOEs is open to all kiddos in 3rd through 5th grades. Join us! Meetings are as scheduled.

## MONTH IN PICTURES

View pictures online!



(Above left) Pete and Aaron Woods mount a hallway sign. **Thank you, Devonee and Pete Woods for designing and building permanent wood room signs for Messiah's education wing!** (Center) **Thank you, Jim Hofer,** for tidying up and pressure washing the courtyard garden! (Above right) On Sep 30, MLC Mission Crafters gathered to tie quilts and work on crafts in support of Messiah's Outreach and Mission groups. (Below left) Welcome to God's family, Arjen Jonah van der Meer! Arjen is the grandson of Pastor Scott and Bonnie Jane Peterson. (Below right) 23 members, family and friends of MLC followed the "Footsteps of Paul and John" in Greece Oct 10 - 20. It was a wonderful trip! View more pictures from October by clicking the camera icon above.



Greece Pictures..



# NEWS FLASHES

## HAPC School of Applied Ministry -- Free for Members of MLC --

The HAPC School of Applied Ministry presents "**The Spiritual Care of Families Dealing with Addiction**" on **Tuesday, Nov. 7** from 6:00-8:30 p.m. (supper and registration at 5:30) at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 600 Governor's Dr. (Entrance 7 on the North side).

Presenters include the Rev. Jim Norris from The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center and Lucy Douglas from Wellstone Behavioral Health.

CEUs are available for nurses and social workers. Messiah members attend free since we are a sponsoring congregation. To register, contact Claire Strand (Director of Outreach Ministries) at **256-721-0041** or contact Carl Malm at **malm-carl@hotmail.com** or **(256) 883-6539**.

## COMFORTERS

*Please support the  
Quilt Auction in November!*

The Comforters will meet every Tuesday in November at 9:00 a.m. We will hold our annual quilt auction the month of November. The proceeds help the Comforters purchase the materials for making our quilts, prayer shawls, and lap robes.

**Thank you to everyone for donations for the health kits for the hurricane victims.** Over 100 health kits were assembled and shipped. Your support is much appreciated.

Questions? Contact Annette Joens

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Save the Date! Messiah's Sunday School classes will present their Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 17th at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** Rehearsals for the pageant will start November 19th and will be held during the Sunday School hour.

A brief, **Town Hall meeting will take place Nov 5 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to answer questions about the proposed 2018 Budget.**

ALSO during this hour, **Phil Dodson will answer questions and speak about the Lunches for Learning program we support in Honduras.**

**Congregational Meeting - Nov 12 @ Noon**

## LWR Kit Ministry Bake Sale on Nov 12

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, make sure to stop by the LWR Kit Ministry Bake Sale in the Narthex before and after services. Contact Rhonda Gaede for information.



**YALL** will be having a volunteer day at House of the Harvest on November 4th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. They need a head count ahead of time, so please let us know if you plan to attend. Contact Taylor Burton to sign

up. YALL is a fellowship group for adults ages 25 to 40 (ish). Newcomers are welcome!

## MLC's Women's Book Club

Monday, Nov 13 at 7:00 p.m. (Location TBA)  
This month's book for discussion is

*The Faith Club: A Muslim, a Christian, a Jew ---  
Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby

The December social is December 11, no location has been set yet, but will be announced.

## OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans)

November Meeting

**Potluck & Game Night at the Stasiaks'**

**Sat Nov 11, 2017 @ 6:00 PM**

Please bring a casserole, salad, dessert, or whatever you think we would enjoy together. If you have 12 ct. dominos, please bring them!

Please call Jan Murphy if you plan to attend. Find the address and phone number in the E-News and invites in Member mailboxes.

## COUNCIL NOTES

Greg Kilby, Church Council Secretary  
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The Church Council met on October 5, 2017. Here are a couple of highlights from the meeting:

- **The LEAP academy is officially a non-profit organization in the state of Alabama thanks to work from John Shriver and Paul Zomkowski.** By achieving non-profit status, LEAP Academy is a much more attractive organization for corporate sponsors and other donations.
- **Advent offerings for this year will be designated for the Lunches for Learning mission to replace the roof on the Jesus Tadeo Flores school and for the local Davidson Farm's charity.** You can anticipate a Temple Talk in the near future to learn more about the Davidson Farm charity!
- **The Church Council will host an open meeting on November 5, 2017 for members of the congregation to raise concerns or ask questions about the 2018 budget recommendation from the council.** The meeting is scheduled from 0945-1015 in the Fellowship Hall. It will be followed by a presentation from the Lunches for Learning Director Phil Dodson, on other ways MLC may be able to assist our L4L schools.
- **Nov 12 is MLC's Congregational Meeting** to set the 2018 church budget. It will be after the late service.

**The next regular council meeting is Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 PM.** If you wish to attend, please do! Council meetings are open to all and you are always welcome!

## Cookie and Ornament Exchange Dec 2!

Save the date! The Fellowship Committee is planning a Cookie and Ornament Exchange for Saturday, December 2nd! All cookie bakers welcome with more details to come as details are set. Please bake extra cookies so we can box them up for MLC's college freshmen to have in time for finals. Thank you! Sonja Pedersen  
MLC Council Representative - Fellowship

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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Executive Committee

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**Did we miss something?** Please call the office at 256-721-0041. Thank you!

*A Special Request for Those in Need.*

## Cool weather clothing requested!

The weather is cooling down, and it's time to start looking for blankets, jackets, hats, and gloves—items that the homeless in our community will need this winter. The blue box is in the Narthex, waiting for your donations. *If it's not there, it's in the hallway outside the office.* A list of items suitable for donation are found on the box and [here](#).



## Donations for Hurricane Victims

Hurricane Maria has caused suffering for many of the US citizens who call Puerto Rico home.

**Lutheran World Relief is collecting aid kits and needs donations of 100' lengths of clothesline weight rope.** If you cannot find rope in 100' lengths, two 50' shanks will work. Please place the rope in the blue disaster buckets in the Narthex.

Thank you for your care for those in need near and far.

*-Jacquie Fry*

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## col·um·bar·i·um

**Columbarium**, *noun*: a room or building with niches for funeral urns to be stored. Messiah's Columbarium is situated on the western wall of the Sanctuary. If you have questions or are interested in purchasing a niche, please contact Karl Starkloff or Pastor Scott Peterson.

**Information is also at [mlutheran.org/columbarium](http://mlutheran.org/columbarium)**

## PRAYER FAMILIES

Please lift these MLC households in your daily prayers this month. On Sundays, pray for the group or organization listed. Contact Claire Strand to learn more about Messiah's Prayer Ministry.

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# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Looking Ahead...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2 - Cookie &amp; Ornament Exchange</li> <li>December 6- Start Advent Mid-Week serv.</li> <li>December 10 - Annual Ring and Sing</li> <li>December 17 - Children's Christmas Pageant</li> <li>January 27 - Talent Show</li> </ul>			<b>1</b> 5:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Wed Night Café 6:00 pm Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Seraph Choir 6:30 pm Guitar w/ Ric 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Starbucks Study 6:30 pm Notabella 6:30 pm Instr. Ens. 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm <i>I Used to Play</i> Instrumental Workshop	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30 am YALL serve at House of the Harvest
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<b>26</b> 8:30 am Worship: <i>LBW Setting 2 w/LS</i> 9:45 a.m. No Sunday School for Pre-K - 12. 11:00 am Worship: <i>Now the Feast w/LS</i> 12:15 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble  5:00 - 6:30 pm Jr. Youth 6:00 - 7:30 pm Sr. Youth	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Comforters  5:30 pm Men of Messiah Meet <i>(Details to be announced via e-news)</i>	<b>30</b> 5:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Wed Night Café 6:00 pm Cherub Choir 6:00 pm Seraph Choir 6:30 pm Guitar w/ Ric 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Starbucks Study 6:30 pm Notabella 6:30 pm Instr. Ens. 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Rejoice always,                      Pray without ceasing,                      give thanks in all circumstances.</i>                      1 Thessalonians 5:16-18                 </p>		

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Submissions are typically due the 3rd Sunday of every month! **Submit photos to [communications@mlutheran.org](mailto:communications@mlutheran.org)**



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