



PASTOR'S PAGE

by Pastor Scott Peterson
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*Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.--Psalm 106.1*

Beloved Disciples of the Messiah,

10 REASONS TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE DURING JUNE:

God's Word which our Lord uses to deliver to us His saving Grace.

Jesus said, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"--Matthew 4.4

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away".--Mark 13:31

Warmth of the Sun and the Cool of the Evening: *Yours is the day, yours also the night; you established the luminaries and the sun.*--Psalm 74:16

The Friendship of our Lord and All our Friends:

Jesus said to His disciples: *I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.*--John 15.15

Fresh Peaches and Blueberries:

God said, *Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.*" And it was so.--Genesis 1:11.

Beautiful Music in Worship and in Concerts: *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.*--Psalm 149:1

Erin McDaniels Vocal Recital: Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m.

Piano Dedication and Concert June 10, at 4 p.m.

Easy to Find a Seat in Worship:

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.--Psalm 29.2

Different Schedules: *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*--Ecclesiastes 3:1

The Majesty of God's Creation in This Land: *God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.*--Genesis 1:31

Water to Drink, to Behold, and to Play In:

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.--Psalm 63:1

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; --Psalm 23.2

Abiding Hope from Our Lord:

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.--Romans 5:5-6

WHAT ELSE WILL YOU ADD to your prayers of thanks and praise? Have a joyous, safe June.

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 a.m.

June 3 Now the Feast w/LS
June 10 LBW Setting 1
June 17 Bread of Life w/LS
June 24 LBW Setting 2

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

June 3 LBW Setting 1
June 10 Chicago Folk w/LS
June 17 Contemporary Service w/LS
June 24 LBW Setting 2





Claire Strand

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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!

Claire Strand also leads Messiah's Prayer Ministry

THIS MONTH

PANTRY ITEM

Rice & Rice

Mixes

KIT MINISTRY

4 oz bars of soap

OUTREACH

LIFE PASSAGES



Baptisms

- † Adalynn and Torben Jaegerson, the twin children of Jon-Erik and Lauren, were Baptized May 6 at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- † Emma James Gipner, daughter of Kristen and Andrew, was Baptized at the 11:00 a.m. service on May 20.

Marriage

- † Jacob Mahafza and Katherine (Kate) Cherry were united as one in marriage on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Graduations

- † 2018 High School Graduates are Bridie Ryan and Michelle Strand from Sparkman High School; Patrick Jobman from Elkmont High School; Matthew Joens, Shane Peterson, Madeline Sutko, and Abby Woods from James Clemens High School; Natalie Tidwell from Bob Jones High School; Jordan Mahafza from Westminster Christian Academy; and Alie Williams from homeschool.
- † Ben Stanger graduated from JSU on May 4th with a BS in Criminal Justice. The day before, Ben was commissioned in the US Army as a 2nd Lt. and will serve in the Ordinance Corps at Ft. Lee, Virginia.

Confirmation

- † Alex Almanza, Jonathan Byers, Jacob Huwaldt, CJ Kane, Rebecca Meyer, Amanda Peterson, Maddie Sutko, Meghan Thompson, and Ryan West were confirmed on May 20th.

Deaths

- † Helen Kollman passed away April 30th. She was 89.
- † David Spence, father of Tim Spence passed away May 27th. He was 88.
- † Edie Frye passed away May 27, she was 72.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: LEAP Academy Book Drive

By Claire Strand

Next year's LEAP Academy students will begin to discover their leadership gifts at a two-week session running June 18 - June 29 at Horizon Elementary School in Madison.

MLC is holding a book drive to collect 50 books so that each LEAP Academy student can receive a book as a gift. Do-

nated books should be reading level 3rd-6th grade, fiction or nonfiction, soft or hardcover. Suggested books can be found at <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/> Newbery Award books make nice gifts, as would any book in these popular series: Encyclopedia Brown, Ramona, Cam Jansen, Big Nate, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Amelia Bedelia, Boxcar Children, Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew, Goosebumps, and Warriors.

Please place your book donations in the basket in the narthex of Messiah Lutheran Church by June 15.

For more information about LEAP Academy see page 7, or visit their website at www.leap-academy.org. You can also follow them on the LEAP Academy Facebook page.

Thank you for supporting this book drive! If you prefer, individuals may also make a financial offering to the LEAP Book Drive. Please designate "LEAP Book Drive" on the offering envelope as well as on the check's memo line.



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Hymn of the Month

"This Is My Father's World"

The text to this hymn was originally a sixteen-stanza poem written by Malthie Babcock (1858-1901). As a pastor serving in Lockport, New York (between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, not far from Niagara Falls), Babcock enjoyed hiking and running in the beautiful region. After his untimely death, Babcock's wife compiled his writings, and close friend Franklin Sheppard (1852-1930) used this text to compose the hymn we know today. The tune is *Terra Beata* (Blessed Earth) and may have ties to a traditional English melody.

MUSIC NOTES

Sanctuary Piano Dedication June 10th

A piano dedication and concert celebration is scheduled for Sunday, June 10 at 4 p.m. After a service of worship dedicating the sanctuary piano, five local professional pianists (Ingrid von Spakovsky, Frank Contreras, Debra Saylor, Ron Guthrie, and Lois Graff) will present a short concert featuring a favorite piece from their piano repertoire, including music from Beethoven, Granados, Ginastera, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff, and Debussy. The sanctuary will be alive with the beautiful sounds of our new Steinway. Thank you for your gifts and support.



*Piano Dedication
June 10, 2018 - 4 p.m.*

Voice Recital June 3: Erin McDaniels, Soprano

Erin McDaniels, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church and a former featured artist in the Music at Messiah concert series, is performing a vocal recital on Sunday, June 3 at 4 p.m. All are invited. Erin received her bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from Middle Tennessee State University and performed with the Nashville Opera for several years. She is currently pursuing a double major in Voice Performance and Pedagogy from Penn State. Erin will be singing "a few of my favorite things... Puccini, Bernstein, Rogers and Hammerstein, and more!"

Summer Choir Schedule

We need you! During the summer months, choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings immediately preceding the service of worship at which the choir will sing. Singing and fellowship! Questions? Contact Lois Graff.

June 3	rehearse at 8 a.m.
June 10	rehearse at 10 a.m.
June 17	rehearse at 8 a.m.
June 24	rehearse at 10 a.m.

2018-2019 Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series

Thank you for your support of this Messiah music outreach initiative. The program for 2018-2019 is exciting! Coming up this year:

August 26	Andrew Nalley, baritone
October 14	Yakov and Dina Kasman, piano
February 10	Maeve and Linnaea Brophy, piano and violin

Our sponsors make this series possible. Please consider becoming a sponsor of *Music at Messiah*. **Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$25 and include a one line dedication in each of this season's programs.** For more information visit www.musicatmessiah.org or visit the Welcome Center desk.



Sara Galyon

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Meetings this month

ALL: 6/3 Messy Games!
6/10 IHOP Fundraiser

Sr. Youth (gr. 9-12)

6/3 Messy Games
6/10 1-3 Car Wash/IHOP
& 5:30 Parent Mtg
6/17 6-7:30 p.m.
6/24 6-7:30 p.m.

Jr. Youth (gr. 6-8)

6/3 Messy Games
6/10 1-3 Car Wash/IHOP
& 5:30 Parent Mtg
6/13 Pt. Mallard
6/24 5 - 6:30 p.m.

MOEs (gr. 3 - 5)

6/3 Messy Games

MLC YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Family Messy Game Night

June 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the Huwaldt Home home ([REDACTED]). We will celebrate the promotion of children and youth moving into **MOEs, Junior Youth, and Senior Youth**. Bring a dish to share (picnic style) and clothes that can get messy. **This event includes all rising 3rd-12th graders and their families. Email youth@mlutheran.org for more information.**



Junior and Senior Youth News

Sunday, June 10 is Messiah Youth "Spirit Day" at IHOP. Come out for one last chance to support the youth trip to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer by eating at IHOP (8622 US Hwy 72 W Madison) on June 10th. **Grab a flyer at church to get 10% off your bill, and Messiah Youth will receive 10% as well!** There will also be a car wash on site from 1-3 p.m., so come on out and support Messiah Youth.

Jr/Sr Youth & Parent Meeting: Sunday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m. This important parent and youth meeting is for all parents of Junior and Senior Youth will center on how we communicate throughout the year, sign up to help with the ministry, and finally discuss the details for the Houston trip. Those not going to Houston will be able to leave the meeting early.



Jr. Youth - Point Mallard Water Park "Bring a Friend Day" June 13: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost for the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Parents welcome too! The plan is to meet at Point Mallard Water Park (Decatur, AL) at 10 a.m. If your youth needs a ride, just let Sara know at youth@mlutheran.org and she will find you one.

Bible Story Teller Training:

Any youth who are interested in learning how to be a Bible story teller for VBS (July 9-13) (See Page 4) please let Sara know ASAP! Youth from St. Matthew will be attending as well. **Training will be held:**

- June 20th 6-7
- June 24th 12:30-2
- July 6th 5-6

NEWS FLASHES



Disney Movie and Ice Cream Extravaganza

June 16, 2:00 p.m.

MLC Fellowship Hall

This month's Young Adult Lutheran League (YALL) event is a combined party with the St. John's Young Singles Ministry group! Join us for a Disney movie, DIY Sundaes, and fun fellowship. Visit the YALL Facebook page at Young Adult Lutheran League to vote for your favorite Disney movie or contact this month's YALL Host, Heather Neely at 256-417-9528

Please share VBS details with families you know!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

July 9-13 for Pre-K to Gr. 5
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Dinner provided.

This year we will be combining with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church to put on what we know will be an awesome week for all the children. If you are interested in serving on the VBS leadership team or assisting as a volunteer, please contact Sara Galyon.

For details and the link to register, please visit:
www.mlutheran.org/education



You can now request name badges online! Visit <http://mlutheran.org/name-badges/>

The cost is \$8.00 each. Once enough badges are requested, Bruce Peter will place the order. Payment is due after the nametags come in.

Messiah Lutheran Church Carwash & Spirit Day/Night



8622 US Highway 72 West NW, Madison, AL
(256) 722-8991

Sunday, June 10, 2018
Spirit Day 7 AM – 11 PM
Carwash starts at 1 PM



You will get 10% on your check and another 10% (pre-tax) will go to Messiah Senior Youth when you donate your receipt at the register. Please spread the word and bring your family and friends to support the Senior Youth!

Not valid with other coupons.

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. 7740 HWY 72 W, Madison, AL | mlutheran.org

Members Bring the Sunday 6/3 Bulletin Insert Flyer with you to Ihop!

JOIN THE FLOWER GUILD!

If you enjoy flower arranging or would like to learn, the Flower Guild is for you! Training is provided. Contact either Linda Heideman at [REDACTED] OR Judi McMillin at [REDACTED]

COMFORTERS

Messiah's Comforters sewing & quilting group will take a break from their regular Tuesday morning schedule for June, July, and August.

Quilt & Kit Dedication is Sunday, August 19

Regular meetings will resume Tuesday, September 4th at 9 a.m.

We joyfully received the following new members into Messiah's church family on May 6, 2018.

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Colleen Morgan is originally from Michigan. She is active in youth soccer and the Huntsville business community.



Chris and Amy Drucker and their children, **Madeline** and **Cecile**, are from Chicago. Madeline is a sophomore. Cecile is in 8th grade. They enjoy horses, cooking, and travel.



Nick and Sonja Van de Griend and their children, **Isaiah**, **Elijah**, and **Jacob**, are originally from Northwest Iowa, but they call Washington State home. They moved to Madison for Nick's job on the Arsenal. They enjoy kayaking, hiking, and camping.



Ron and Norma Freymuth joined earlier this year, but were introduced on May 6th! Married 51 years, Ron enjoys aviation. Norma enjoys birdwatching.



MONTH IN PICTURES

E-EDITION / ONLINE NEWSLETTER READERS! CLICK CAMERA ICON FOR MAY MONTH IN PICTURES.

If you snap photos during Messiah ministry events, please feel free to share them! Email them to communications@mlutheran.org or contact Meredith at (256) 617-8530

PHOTO DIRECTORY PROJECT NEEDS YOU

Do you have a nice picture of you or your family? Please take a minute or two to upload it to the online form. The link is below.

Upload your family portrait today!

You can even use the form on your phone if that's where you have your picture.

COUNCIL NOTES

Jeanette Beamer, Church Council Secretary
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- The oboe stop was installed in the pipe organ the week of April 16th and is working great!
- We would like to welcome these new members to the Church Council: Lisa Tracy as Secretary, Taylor Burton as the Worship and Music Representative, and Zach Armstrong as Youth Representative. They join incumbents Mark Thompson, Vice President; Greg Kilby, Treasurer; Pete Woods, Property; Janell Zesinger, Education and Youth; and Dan Byers, Finance, who were re-elected.
- John Shriver has installed a Damp Chaser Piano Life Saver System on the sanctuary piano. In addition, he installed a Piano Life Saver Cover under the piano to enclose the humidity unit and provide a more controlled environment. The humidity in the piano is holding at 46% with this system. The Council would like to thank John for his work.

All members of Messiah Lutheran Church are welcome to attend the Council meetings. Our next meeting will be June 14, 2018 at 7 p.m.

LEAP Academy Update

The LEAP Academy received its 501c3 status on May 4th, classifying it as a public charity. LEAP Academy will kick off in a few weeks at Horizon Elementary in Madison. Messiah Lutheran Church will be there serving breakfast and lunch on June 18 and 19, the first two days of the two-week summer session. This is our chance to meet the children participating in the program and to put a face on Messiah and our efforts to "Reach Out." **Please contact Claire Strand or John Shriver if you would like to help serve breakfast and/or lunch on June 18 and 19.** This year, each child will receive a book as a gift. Please see the Mission Spotlight (page 2) for more information on the book drive.

Visit the LEAP Facebook Page

The LEAP Academy Website

HOLY LAND TOUR

NOV. 6-17, 2018

You are invited to join a tour Pastor Scott is hosting to Biblical sites in Israel and Jordan this fall. Bring the stories of the Bible to life by experiencing the places where Jesus, Mary, Moses, John the Baptist, and all the disciples lived and worked. A detailed printed brochure is available at the narthex Welcome Center. Here is a link to a 3 minute video introducing this tour:

<https://vimeo.com/242754077>

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Come to "3M" this Summer & "Meet Marvelous Ministries"

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

June 3 - Fellowship Ministries

June 10 - Outreach / LEAP Academy

June 17 - United Way Madison County

June 24 - TBD

July 8 - Youth & Education
Ministries

July 15 - TBD

July 22 - All About Kit Ministry

July 29 - Music Ministries

*Come learn more all about Messiah's many ministries and missions, and meet the members who lead and guide them. **All Members are encouraged to attend, though the information is particularly helpful for those who have joined in the past few years.** These meet ups will take place in either the Parish Hall or the Fellowship Hall starting at around 9:45 a.m. POC Meredith Kilby - communications@mlutheran.org*

NEW STUDY BEGINS AUGUST 5TH!

The Conversation Café Adult Sunday School group will begin a new study this fall centered on the book, ***Jesus Among Secular Gods: The Questions of Culture and the Invitation of Christ*** by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale. As the back cover says...

"(The authors) challenge the popular "isms" of the day, skillfully pointing out the fallacies in their claims and presenting compelling evidence for absolute truth as found in Jesus."

If you are one of the many who enjoyed the RZIM "Everyday Questions" videos and material, please put this book on your summer reading list and plan to join the study this fall. There is a video component to the study, though reading the book is encouraged. The book is widely available in a variety of formats.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Newsletter submissions may be sent to Rebecca Mast at newsletter@mlutheran.org

Submissions are typically due the 3rd Sunday of every month! **Submit photos to communications@mlutheran.org**



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