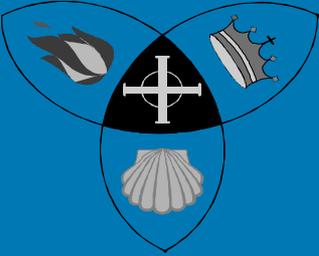


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August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 8:30am Bible Study on Disciple Peter  <i>Larry &amp; Judy Johnston</i>	<b>2</b>  <i>Mike &amp; Judy Kidd</i>	<b>3</b>  2pm Tweens Movie  <i>Greg &amp; Meredith Kilby</i>
<b>4</b> 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 9:45 Summer Sunday School 10am Fellowship Mtg 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 4pm Jr Youth meet	<b>5</b>  <i>John &amp; Nancy Knox Kenneth</i>	<b>6</b>  <i>Russell &amp; Helen Kollman</i>	<b>7</b>  <i>John &amp; June Labansky Marc</i>	<b>8</b>  2-8pm Family Event @ Point Mallard Water Park  Church Council 7pm <i>Erik &amp; Victoria Lakso Emma, Sophie</i>	<b>9</b>  7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall  <i>Scott &amp; Robin Lakso</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>Eric &amp; Autumn Lange Michael, Cara, Quinn</i>
<b>11</b> 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 1 Donut Sunday Celebration 10:00am Adult Choir 11am Worship: Bread of Life w/LS Foodies Potluck Lunch Jr & Sr Youth Practice for Dinner Theatre	<b>12</b>  <i>Gary &amp; Juli Langford</i>	<b>13</b>  Thrivent Workshop, "Retire with Confidence"  <i>Vernon &amp; Janice Larson</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>Tien &amp; Joy Le Adam, Alexs</i>	<b>15</b>  8:30am Bible Study on Disciple Peter  <i>Gary &amp; Karin Lindsay Athena, Andrea</i>	<b>16</b>  <i>Phil &amp; Judy Lindsey</i>	<b>17</b> 8:30am Comforters Meet  Sr. Youth to Six Flags  Dinner Theatre "The Unexpected Visitors"  <i>Brian &amp; Carola Long Vanessa, Alexander</i>
<b>18</b> 8:00am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 Rally Day 11am Worship: Contemporary Service 12:00 pm Picnic	<b>19</b>  <i>Terri Long Rachel</i>	<b>20</b>  10am Comforters Pack Quilts  <i>Bob Loshuertos</i>	<b>21</b>  5:00pm Confirmation starts  6:30pm Bible Study w/Pastor Scott 7:30pm Adult Choir  <i>Bruce &amp; Karen Machamer</i>	<b>22</b>  <i>Carol Madden</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Sherry Mahafza Zachary, Joseph, Jacob, Jordan</i>	<b>24</b>  Walk to Defeat ALS  10am Kitchen Cleanup and Reset  <i>Cory &amp; Lori Mahanna Michael</i>
<b>25</b> 8:30am Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS New Member Reception	<b>26</b>  9:30am Moms Bible Study  <i>Tim &amp; Sherry Mansfield Alexander</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>Steve &amp; Patrice Marotta Paisley, Basia</i>	<b>28</b>  5:00pm Confirmation  6:30pm Bible Study w/Pastor Scott  7:30pm Adult Choir  <i>Jack &amp; Mary Mast Rebecca, Mikayla</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Amy McCarthy Charles, Chelsea</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>Lloyd &amp; Deb McDaniels Erin, Morgan</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>Timothy &amp; Nicole McKnelly Libby, Madelyn</i>

Looking ahead...

- September 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> - Council Retreat @ Lutheranch
- October 26<sup>th</sup> - Handmade Market



## Pastor's Page

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

Dear Disciples of the Messiah,

**WE HAVE WORK TO DO!** Our Lord has blessed Messiah Lutheran with 11 Baptisms already in 2013 (ages ranging from 14 years-old to newborn). That is in addition to all the other children we have been given to raise in this faith that gives abundant life now and the promise of eternal life.

**JUST A YEAR AGO**, during a Sabbatical, I became convinced God was calling Messiah Lutheran to focus on **Bible study** and **worship renewal** in order to be faithful to God's mission for us. I was also convinced that MLC was poised for growth. Worship and Bible study are tools our Lord uses to grow His Church. Now, a year later, I would say that more Bible study and improved worship are still works in progress, but...

**IF GROWTH IS A MEASURE** of faithfulness, **we are on the right road**. Clearly, the Holy Spirit is at work. The Lord keeps sending us new people. Some of these new people come through the doors mature in the faith, others arrive primed to enter our Lord's Church through Baptism, and most are somewhere in-between mature and new-born. **This is very exciting!** That's because this is not merely OUR WORK--Making and growing disciples is GOD'S WORK. Yet, WE have been HONORED to be invited by the LORD of heaven and earth to share in HIS WORK.

**EXCITING NEW and RENEWED EVENTS** for our community of faith are highlighted in this newsletter. Look for ways to engage more deeply in the joys and responsibilities our Lord gives for us to celebrate and grow. New ideas are in the works to keep enhancing worship. Below is a list of Bible studies to grow us as disciples of the living Messiah Jesus. I love being the pastor of a congregation committed to working in God's mission field that extends around the world, yet is rooted right here where we live.

**WHAT WILL WE SAY A YEAR FROM NOW?** I do not know, but I am confident that we will look back and say, "See how our Lord was at work among us this past year!"

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Scott Peterson*

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### **BIBLE STUDIES at MLC**

Sunday School for children and adults at 9:45 a.m. - Rally Sunday is August 18<sup>th</sup>.

\*Children's classes from two-year old through Sr. High

\*Adult study on the *Book of Acts* led by Dottie Hanson (Room 11)

\*Adult Study on the *Bible readings for the coming Sunday* with Pastor Scott

\*Mom's Bible Study on '*The Book of Faith*' (that's the Bible) Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

\**The Gospel of Matthew* Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor: Starts August 21<sup>st</sup>.

\***NEW!** **PARENTING CLASS** for parents with children of all ages: Watch for details.

\**Thursday Morning Class* begins study of the First 12 Disciples on August 1 at 8:30 a.m.

\**How Lutherans Interpret the Bible* study for the Council Retreat, September 12-14.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN AUGUST**

*Pastor Scott will start Second Year Class on Wednesday, August 21, at 5:00 p.m.*

*Lauren Gray will teach the First Year Class (Grade 8 and older) beginning August 28, at 5:00 p.m.*

## August 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**

Aug 4	Chicago Folk w/Lord's Supper
Aug 11	LBW Setting 1
Aug 18	Now the Feast w/Lord's Supper
Aug 25	WOV Service of Word/Prayer

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

Aug 4	LBW Setting 2
Aug 11	Bread of Life w/Lord's Supper
Aug 18	Contemporary Service
Aug 25	LBW Setting 2 w/Lord's Supper



## 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.

### **BAPTISMS:** "All who believe and are Baptized will be saved." Mark 16:16

- +Hannah Christine Christensen was baptized on July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- +Louis James Mendiola was baptized on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **DEATHS:** Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25

- +Peggy Hanna's father passed away June 6th.
- +Jim Nelson's sister, Lois Oelslager, passed away June 30<sup>th</sup>
- +Dan Scroggins' mother, Lois Scroggins, passed away July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Fellowship Committee News

By Greg Kilby and Hillary Warren



**Rally Day** will kick off the new Sunday School year on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>, along with a Noon picnic to celebrate. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs; help with side dishes, salads, and desserts would be much appreciated. Please watch at the Welcome Center for the sign-up sheet.

**Wednesday Night Café** will be starting again after Labor Day! Please be looking for details on how to get involved in this important ministry.

To get ready for the coming season of cooking, we will be doing a **Kitchen Clean-up and Reset** in both the Parish Hall and Fellowship Hall kitchens on Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 AM. If you have a stake in keeping the kitchens organized and ready for use, please come to help us get it ready.

August 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Bridge Club** will be held Friday August 9th 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.

Do you enjoy getting to know other Messiah members? If so, **Foodies** is for you! **Foodies** will kick off the fall season on Aug 11th with a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. At the potluck, Foodies groups of 6-8 people will be drawn. These small groups will meet 3-4 times over the fall for dinner with a Foodies member hosting the meal. If you cannot make the potluck, please ensure you sign up (complete and turn in a Foodies flyer) before the 11<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please contact Meredith or Greg Kilby.

**Get involved with Fellowship!** Fellowship is all about connecting Messiah church members with one another through planned activities and on-going events. There will be a Fellowship Committee meeting August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Fellowship Hall to plan the fall events. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Kilby or Hillary Warren.

## Outreach News

*By Janell Zesinger*

Calling all Crafters!! It's time to get working on items for the Handmade Market to support **Lunches for Learning** for our school, Benito Montoya in El Barrial, Honduras. **Handmade Market** will be on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the planning and coordination of this year's market.

Would you like to travel to Honduras at the end of November to attend our school's 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation? This is an incredible opportunity to see first-hand the impact Messiah has on the lives of these school children. Please let Janell Zesinger or Claire Strand know if you would like more information!



## Kit Ministry

*By Rhonda Gaede*

We have been working all year towards these goals for the kit ministry: 1) 400 baby care kits, 2) 725 school kits, and 3) 200 personal care kits. All of the items are available year round but back to school presents an opportunity to buy certain supplies at prices not found at other times of year. So, we are requesting help in buying:

- 70-count spiral notebooks (4 are required for each kit), available at Target and WalMart for \$0.17
- Pens (5 are required for each kit), available at Target for \$1.00 for a pack of 20
- Pencils (5 are required for each kit)
- Blunt tip scissors (1 for each kit)

There are other ways to help all year long:

- Shop at thrift stores and consignment sales for baby items.
- Donate unwanted fabric; it will either be used for school bags or quilts. Fabric can be new or we can use old curtains, tablecloths, shower curtains, etc. as well.
- Buy soap for the baby care and personal care kits.
- Come to help assemble kits with us, usually on Thursday night.
- Put strings in school bags at home.
- Sew school bags
- Help with kit ministry fundraisers.
- Make a cash donation with the notation Kit Ministry on your check or envelope.

To get involved, or for questions, contact Rhonda Gaede.

## Thrivent Financial – Let's Thrive!

### We Want Your Vote!

We are participating in Share the Vote for TN/AL, sponsored by Thrivent Financial and we want your vote! The Alzheimer's Association: we were selected by Thrivent Financial Representative Craig Satterfeal, who has supported us with his generous personal donation.

The Share the Vote event allows community members to vote on where Thrivent Financial distributes \$20,000 of its grant funds among five organizations in the area. We may receive a portion of that \$20,000, based on the percentage of votes we receive. Go to [www.Thrivent.com/sharethevotetn-al](http://www.Thrivent.com/sharethevotetn-al) to participate. Then make sure to share with others in our community via the links online to rally others to vote for us.

Everyone in the community aged 16 or older can vote to support the work of one of these local organizations. As a benefit of membership, votes cast by Thrivent Financial members will be weighted twice! Act quickly – voting begins on August 12 and ends August 31.

You can also show your support by joining the Thrivent Team in the "2013 Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Saturday, September 14, at the Botanical Gardens, located at 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue SW Huntsville, AL 35805. Check-in/Registration is scheduled from 7:30 - 8:30 am, while the walk is to begin at 8:30 am. For more information, such as maps/directions to the Botanical Gardens, event details, and registration information, please visit [http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/TN-MidSouth?fr\\_id=3697&pg=entry](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/TN-MidSouth?fr_id=3697&pg=entry) or call the local Thrivent office at **256-883-5509**.

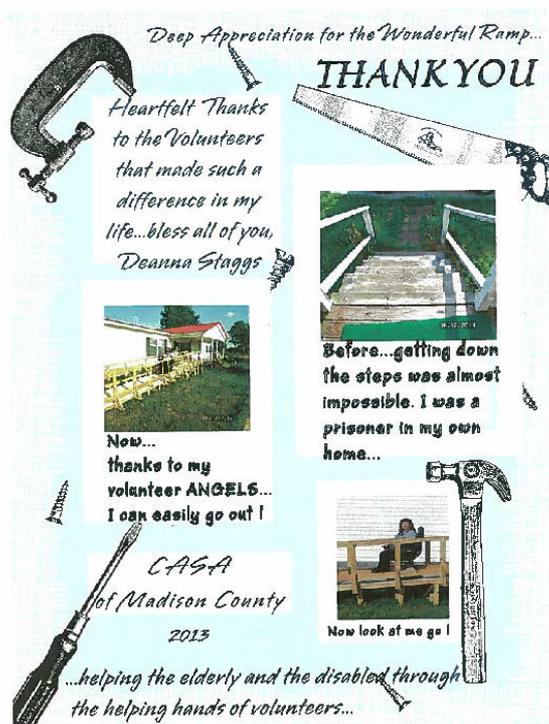
Here are instructions for registering for the Thrivent Team online:

1. Go to the website: [http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/TN-MidSouth?fr\\_id=3697&pg=entry](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/TN-MidSouth?fr_id=3697&pg=entry).
2. Click on the "Register" button.
3. Click on the "Join a Team" button.
4. Under the "Team Company" heading, click on the "down" arrow and scroll until the name "Thrivent Financial" appears in the box. Highlight "Thrivent Financial" and click the "Search for a Team" button. The following results will appear:  

Thrivent Financial	
Team Captain:	Company:
Craig Satterfeal	Thrivent Financial
5. Click on the "Join" button. Congratulations! You are now a member of Thrivent's team. The remaining screens are standard registration-type screens, which are self-explanatory. If you need any help with them, call the local Thrivent office at 256-883-5509 for assistance.

## CASA Appreciation

Here is a thank you from a CASA client, Deanna Staggs. Deanna was a recipient of a CASA wheelchair ramp that the MLC Carpentry Team built.



## Stewardship Thought – Ministry and Outreach Spotlight

By Allen Tucker

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”*

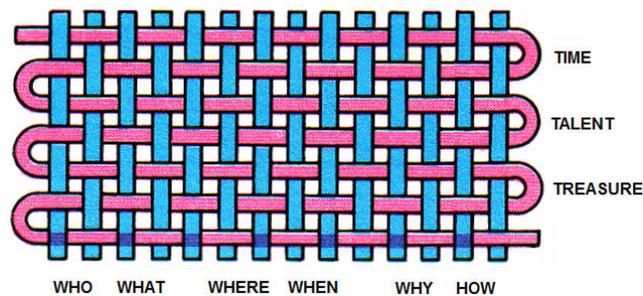
1 Peter 4:10

Chick Lane, the Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at the Luther Seminary recently conducted two stewardship workshops in the ELCA’s Northern Great Lakes Synod in which he presented seven ideas “in hopes that two or three of them could be implemented within other congregations.” The title of one of the ideas is “Plan to Tell Your Congregation’s Story (to your congregation)”. The basic intent behind the idea is to decrease the knowledge gap that may exist between the leaders of the congregation and the regular worshipers with respect to the specifics of the congregation’s ministries. The leaders usually have good knowledge of the congregation’s ministry, both within the congregation and outside the congregation’s walls. However, many regular worshipers are in the dark about these specifics. Obviously, infrequent worshipers know even less. So, I thought why not, after all that seems to be both logical and reasonable. The plan would not have to be elaborate; a spotlight if you will, could be focused on one of our congregation’s ministry or outreach groups each month, and maybe by using a diverse set of communication opportunities the number of people that receive the information can be maximized. Simple enough, but I wanted to add one more facet to the plan. That is, how does this relate to each one of Messiah’s ministry or outreach group’s stewardship needs? What are the specifics? How can someone get “plugged-in”, and what difference would it make?

I find myself quite often either using a metaphor or referencing some other type of physical object in order to both visualize and describe what can be abstract concepts. This past week while volunteering at Vacation Bible School, I found my object for comparison, the weaver’s loom. The children that attended each day were given the opportunity to go into the market place and participate in several activities ranging from pottery making to geometry lessons. One of the activities was the weaving station that contained a loom. I have to admit that when I first saw it, I was a little intimidated by all of the string running from the main spool, the various harnesses, and levers that were controlled by the operator’s feet for lifting the strings at the appropriate time. My first thought was...“hope it’s not one of my students that breaks this thing.” Well I am happy to say, that did not happen. In fact, the kids that did operate the loom did quite well due to the folks who were in that area teaching.

The basic principle of weaving is this...you essentially have two sets of threads. One set, pre-wound, called the warp, runs vertically and is kept under tension. In the picture below these are the **blue** threads. The other set is threaded individually through the vertical threads, usually at right angles, called the weft. Again referencing the picture these are the **red** threads. If the operator lifts either an odd or even set of warp threads and passes the weft through, a very simple, versatile, and quite strong structure is constructed. Pass the weft through in the wrong order and well, the thread may not bind and could come loose and have to be repaired rendering the edge of the structure weak and useless. **I see each of our church’s ministries and outreach efforts** being quite similar to the weaver’s loom where the **blue** vertical threads represent the purpose and specifics of the efforts and the **red** horizontal threads represent our means of stewardship in which we can offer service. With a Godly driven purpose and the correct mixture of time, talent, and treasure weaved in the correct order, something versatile and quite strong is made, without that, and the whole thing could fall apart.

### Ministry/Outreach Weaving



Therefore, I plan to place the spotlight on a new ministry or outreach group for the next several months to come. For each one, I will use the following basic outline.

#### **Warp Threads (Ministry and Outreach Focused)**

Who: The ministry or outreach group under spotlight.

Why: A description of the purpose and or mission statement for the ministry or outreach group.

What: A short narrative on some of the accomplishments of the ministry or outreach group. (e.g. what have they done).

Where: Typical location(s) that the ministry or outreach group meets (e.g. church, coffee shop, online space, etc.)

When: Schedule of events, timeline, or calendar. Ideally, it will cover (a) within a month, (b) within six months, and (c) within a year.

How: Information such as the name of the point of contact, email address, phone numbers, etc. in order to get involved.

#### **Weft Threads (Stewardship Focused)**

Time: Amount of time that is typically spent in conjunction with the ministry or outreach group.

Talent: Unique talents that the ministry or outreach group needs.

Treasure: Donations, contributions, offerings, and fundraisings that ministry or outreach group is seeking.

Closing thoughts....so, what after all identifies a steward? Is it someone who safeguards material and human resources and uses them responsibly? That is one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. However, being a Christian steward means much more. As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

## Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Youth and Children’s Choirs, Instrumental Ensemble and Youth Praise Band begin regular rehearsals after Labor Day. Please watch the bulletin and next month’s newsletter for up-to-date information.

## Habitat Update

By Susan Burrer

### Habitat for Humanity—Huntsville

A BIG THANK YOU you to all who worked on the house and supported the Build for Teresa Hardy and her family on Banks Street! She officially has gotten the keys and is ready to move in!



Homeowner, Teresa Hardy, and Thrivent Representatives, Jim Fossum and Craig Satterfeal

### Habitat for Humanity—Global Village

Partner's in Faith project—building 15 houses and Cristo Rey Lutheran Church (Fundraising goal: \$275,000 for all)

Twelve of the homes for Cristo Rey members are now built, with the remaining three to be completed this summer! Permits to build the Church have been applied for and \$262,000 has been raised so far! They extend their *sincere* thanks for the support and prayers of Messiah.

## News Flashes!



**The ALS Association** Join our team! The walk is August 24, 2013. You can register at the link listed below as a walker, virtual walker, or to donate to the team. Thanks for your support!  
<http://webal.alsa.org/goto/mlutheranwalkers>

The Messiah Mom's Bible Study Group will resume on August 26th at 9:30 a.m. This fall we will be studying the book, "Opening the Book of Faith: Lutheran Insights for Bible Study." All moms are welcome to join us and childcare is provided. We meet every other Monday from 9:30 -11:00. Please contact Janell Zesinger if you would like more information.



Comforter's meet at 8:30am, Sat., Aug. 17 to display quilts in the sanctuary for the sending service Aug. 18. Packing the quilts will be on Aug. 20 at 10 am.

We resume regular meetings on Sept. 3 at 10:00 am. Questions? Contact Annette Joens.

## Youth Zone

By Lauren Gray youth\_director@mlutheran.org

### August Youth and Family Events:

- Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Tweens meet @ 2pm (popcorn & movie)
- Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>- Jr Youth meet @ 4pm
- Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>- FAMILY EVENT- Point Mallard Water Park (half price day!) 2-8pm
  - See sign up at Welcome Center
- Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>- Jr & Sr youth meet to practice for dinner theater
- Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>- Sr Youth go to Six Flags

### VBS 2013- ATHENS

Thank you to all the volunteers and helpers from this year's VBS!! It was a great week for everyone! A lot of the kids now have VBS songs stuck in their heads and have memorized the Bible verses from each day! If you would like pictures from the exciting week in Athens, a few CDs are left at the Welcome Center!

### Pictures from Vacation Bible School 2013- ATHENS



## Month in Pictures - August



*Ownership of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was transferred from Larry Johnston and Patricia Bailey of Huntsville of Huntsville Hospital to Claire Strand and Kay Spence of Messiah's Disaster Task Force on July 19<sup>th</sup>.*



*After a hiatus of several months for our annual habitat build, the Messiah Carpentry team came out swinging and completed a wheelchair ramp for a wonderful lady in Huntsville, Alabama on July 13<sup>th</sup>.*

## Featured Member – The Mansfield Family



We are Sherry, Tim, and our son, Alexander Mansfield. Tim and Sherry moved here from Florida 6 years ago. We did some traveling around Alabama to see some of the sites and then we were blessed with Alexander. Sherry did not want to continue with the hobby of making and stringing beads, so she started going to MOPS <Mothers of Preschoolers> and MOMS Club. They both had their advantages. Sherry recently became a kid's craft assistant for MOMS club. She also started learning how to knit with Elaine Shriver's excellent training,

When Tim is at work Alexander and Sherry like to go to play dates with MOMS club friends, go to the pool, go to sprouting scientists, the Botanical Gardens, and the library. We also like going to the activities at the libraries such as family craft, story time, and garden explorers. Sherry looks forward to taking Alexander horseback riding for the first time soon.

Tim and Alexander like going out to do things together on weekends. Some recent activities have included bowling, swimming, and fishing. Then there are times they will kick the soccer ball around, or play video games or trains.

As a family we enjoy going to explore many interesting things like farms, caves, and other unique Alabama offerings. We also like to catch some baseball, and hockey games. We have enjoyed trying some of the local restaurants, but are glad some of our favorites are coming to Madison. We also love going to the beach and with our family spread around the coast, which we will indulge when we go on vacations to visit them. We also enjoy going to Messiah and look forward to many more fun activities and getting to know more friends as the church grows.

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