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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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August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Tim & Kay Spence Katie, Michael</i>	2 3pm Jr Youth to pack school supplies at Rainbow Elementary <i>Lon & Connie Stanger Josh, Ben</i>
3 8am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	4 <i>Karl & Judy Starkloff</i>	5 <i>Ed & MaryAnn Stasiak</i>	6 <i>Bobbie Stender</i>	7 8:30am Morning Study Group <i>John Stender</i>	8 7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall <i>Tammy Stender John, Jessica, Jacqueline, Jennifer, Jacob, Jaxon</i>	9 8am Run To the Rescue 5K <i>David Stradley</i>
10 8:30am Worship: WOV Service Word/Prayer 10am Adult Choir 11am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS Rally Day 6pm Sr. High Meeting	11 <i>Stephen & Claire Strand William, Katrina, Michelle</i>	12 <i>Joe & Jean Stuart</i>	13 Confirmation Classes Start 5:00pm <i>Dennis & Lisa Sweet</i>	14 8:30am Morning Study Group Church Council 7pm <i>Judy Sylvester</i>	15 <i>Margaret Taylor</i>	16 9:00 a.m. Comforters meet to arrange quilt display <i>Mark & Beth Thompson Kyle, Meghan</i>
17 8am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship: Bread of Life w/LS Donut Sunday & New Members 11am Worship: Contemporary 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	18 9:30am Moms Bible Study <i>Ken & Ann Tippie</i>	19 <i>John & Jennifer Tresnan Trey</i>	20 Confirmation Classes 5:00pm 5:30pm Wed Night Cafe <i>Ed & Georgann Trexler</i>	21 <i>Joshua Trexler</i>	22 <i>Allen & Amy Tucker Elizabeth, Abigail</i>	23 Walk to Defeat ALS Talent Show <i>Alex & Liz Vaughn Magnus</i>
24 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 10am Adult Choir 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 6pm Sr. High Meeting	25 <i>David & Linda Velazquez Matthew, Alex, Laura, Davey</i>	26 <i>Rainer & Lattilia Von Ledersteger Polly</i>	27 Confirmation Classes 5:00pm 5:30pm Wed Night Cafe <i>Tim & Marsha Wade Maddie, Matthew</i>	28 <i>Brian & Sarah Walker Justin, Evelyn</i>	29 <i>Wayne & Bobbi Walker Heather</i>	30 <i>DJ & Hillary Warren Abigail, Gina Saladino</i>
31 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 11am Worship: LBW Setting 1 w/LS 6pm Sr. High Meeting	Looking Ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 7 - ELCA "God's Work Our Hands" Day September 10 - E-100 Wed Night Bible Study Begins 6:30 p.m. September 13 - Walk to End Alzheimer's September 25-27 - Council Retreat to Lutheranch October 18 - Handmade Market 					

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



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

--2 Timothy 3:16-17

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN THE BIBLE? Not sure? OK. Would you feel comfortable talking about the Bible with a friend or acquaintance or stranger who knocked on your door? Lots of us would say, 'No,' to that last question. **So...**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS IN THE BIBLE? Would it help you say 'yes' if you had a guide that in just 20 weeks got you through **100 essential Bible passages** (50 Old and 50 New Testament)? Would it help you say 'yes' if these Bible passages could be read in five minutes or less on busy days?

E100 stands for the ESSENTIAL 100 PASSAGES OF THE BIBLE. Messiah Lutheran is going to use E100 as a tool to raise our Biblical fluency in the coming year. **Does Biblical fluency matter?** When a crisis comes crashing into your life, wouldn't it be great to know what God has done and said about His people's crises over the last 3,500 years? (*Yes, that is in the Bible.*) When someone you love is struggling or has died, wouldn't it be great to know God's words of promise, direction, and comfort? (*Yes, that is in the Bible.*)

E100 CAN BE DONE INDIVIDUALLY, OR IN A CLASS. The first E100 class will be Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:30 beginning on September 10th. Come that evening to join the class. We will complete the Old Testament before Christmas. If this Fall is a bad time: How about on Sundays beginning January 2015? In January, all MLC members will be offered an E100 guide to use for a new E100 Sunday School Class beginning in January **or** for individual use.

GOD'S WORD IS GOOD NEWS above all else. That is why I want us to be fluent in the Bible: It is good news for our lives and it is good news for us to share with those hungry for God's word of promise and hope. *On a related note...*

LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN! *Sunday School Rally Day* is August 10th. We will celebrate the **25th anniversary of Sunday School** starting at MLC. Age-based Sunday School classes will resume and some early elementary children will be presented with Bibles. That morning memories of MLC's early Sunday School will be shared. And, at noon on Aug. 10th, we will enjoy a picnic featuring chicken wings and hotdogs under the theme, "*On a Wing and a Prayer: MLC Sunday School at 25*".

GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE is the theme for MLC's 25th Anniversary celebration. Indeed!!! Without God's Word we would be adrift in this transient world, BUT...with God's Word our foundations are in God's gracious plans for abundant life now and eternal life to come.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott

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

August 3 Now the Feast w/LS
August 10 WOV Service of Word/Prayer
August 17 Bread of Life w/LS
August 24 LBW Setting 1
August 31 LBW Setting 2 w/LS

Sundays at 11:00 am

August 3 LBW Setting 2
August 10 Chicago Folk w/LS
August 17 Contemporary Service
August 24 LBW Setting 2 w/LS
August 31 LBW Setting 1 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.

MARRIAGE: David Wallace and Stephanie Pesto were married on July 5th.
Jennifer Holden and Michael Gregory were married July 11th in Birmingham.

BAPTISM: Sophie Louise Anderson, daughter of Scott and DeeDee Anderson, was baptized on July 13th.

DEATHS: Lois Graff's mother, Victoria Ulbricht, passed away on July 9th.

Fellowship Committee

By Greg Kilby and Christine Ryan



On Sunday August 10th, for the 25th year in a row, Messiah will kick off its annual **Sunday School Program!** We will celebrate the anniversary of Sunday School taking flight with a *Wings and a Prayer* picnic at noon. We will have traditional, boneless, mild (er) and nuclear (limited quantities) as well as a few hotdogs for some options! Please see the announcement below for details on page 6 and sign up at the Welcome Center!

Wednesday Night Café will kickoff on August 20th with the ALS Spaghetti Fundraiser. Volunteers are needed for other Wednesday night meals in the Fall so please consider signing up to lead a meal! Contact Dorothy Seitz if you have questions.

August 17th is **Donut Sunday!** and **Reception of New Members.** Please come and enjoy donuts, milk, coffee and fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall and meet our new Members. Both regular and diet (half) donuts will be available.

Bridge Club will be held Friday August 8th 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! **The Fall Foodies sign up will be on August 10th at the *Wings and a Prayer* Luncheon.** After the sign-ups, Foodies groups of 6-8 people will be drawn and the small groups will meet 3-4 times over the Fall for dinner with a Foodies member hosting the meal. If you cannot make the 25th Sunday School Anniversary *Wings and a Prayer* picnic, please sign-up by contacting Meredith Kilby. If you have questions, contact Meredith or ask any Foodies member!

Get involved with Fellowship! Fellowship is all about connecting Messiah church members with one another through planned activities and ongoing events. There will be a fellowship committee meeting August 3th at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall to plan the fall events. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Kilby or Christine Ryan.



Outreach News

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

"God's Work, Our Hands"- The ELCA's churchwide service day is September 7th. Messiah Lutheran Church is partnering with the Student Government Association at UAH to begin an on campus food pantry this Fall. Messiah Outreach is requesting donations of high impact foods such as Hormel Compleats, Trail Mix, Protein Bars, Easy Mac, Chef Boyardee Meat Ravioli and canned meats. Please place donations in the Narthex. On August 31st we'll give you a special grocery bag after worship and hope you will bring it back September 7th full of items to stock their shelves. Monetary gifts designated UAH Food Pantry are also accepted. We hope to have a few students from UAH join us for worship that day too.

Habitat for Humanity - Global Village

Partners in Faith Project—Santa Ana, El Salvador: The long-awaited GOOD NEWS has arrived that the groundbreaking ceremony for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church was held July 21 with three Thrivent Builds Worldwide teams there to dig the footers! Amen!

---Susan Burrer

Lutheran World Relief – Kit Ministry

We have been working all year towards our 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 reduced prices. We are requesting help with purchasing:

- 70-count spiral notebooks (4 are required for each kit)
- Pens (5 are required for each kit)
- 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. We serve a pancake breakfast each year during Music Camp.
- Make a cash donation with the notation Kit Ministry on your check or envelope.

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

Youth News

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Kert Reedstrom
kreedstrom@yahoo.com

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Thanks for all the prayers and well wishes for the Senior Youth mission trip this past July. We had a wonderful time serving the inner city community of Knoxville, TN.



JUNIOR YOUTH- 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Meet at church on Saturday, August 2nd at 2:45pm. From there we'll go to Rainbow Elementary School to assist the SS KIDS local ministry by filling backpacks and loading them onto vans.

Children's Church

Attendance is growing! There are on average 10-12 children at the early service and 4-8 during the later service. More adult leaders are wanted.

Consider volunteering 15 minutes on Sunday morning to proclaim the good news to our youngsters ages 4-9. Contact Mary Mast or sign up at the Welcome Center.



Sunday School Rally Day – August 10

Celebrating 25 Years of Sunday School at MLC!

Sunday School for ages 2 through Adult begins on August 10 at 9:45 a.m. Come to meet teachers, find Sunday School room for your class, and celebrate 25 years of Sunday School at MLC. Following the 11:00 a.m. service of worship there will a picnic with the theme “On a Wing and a Prayer” with chicken wings and hot dogs provided. Sunday School is a great way to learn more about our God by gathering to study God’s Word for us.



PLAN TO ATTEND!

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL “RALLY DAY” PICNIC & MLC FELLOWSHIP EVENT

To honor the prayers that took flight when MLC first started Sunday School, the Fellowship Committee will provide chicken wings in a variety of sauces and hotdogs with all the fixins. Members, please provide a side dish or desert (specify item you are bringing, and the number of folks you'll bring with you!) If you have questions, please call Greg Kilby 845.238.1314 or email Greg at thekillbys87@hotmail.com



THANK YOU
 to Messiah's library team
 Bettie Brumley, Audrey Gustafson, Jeanna and Brandt Johnson, Katrina and Michelle Strand, and Terry Frakes.
 In Terry's words, *“We’ve cleaned it out, cleaned it up, and put it all together, so it’s just waiting for you to come check it out!”*

Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Talent Show

Want to share your talent? Please do! Come to the Talent Show on Saturday, August 23rd. If your talent is cooking, this is a dinner show....come out to cook. Free will offering will benefit mission. For more information or to add your name to the program, please contact Terry Frakes or Lois Graff.

Pipe Organ Update

MLC's skilled carpentry crew has enlarged the floor space in the transept that will hold the pipe chamber. Thank you to Bob Gustafson for coordinating with the architect, structural engineer, MLC's carpentry team, and our organ builder to get this work done. Miller Pipe Organ Services expects to be installing the organ in late August. Tentative plans are for a service of dedication and recital on the afternoon of Reformation Sunday, October 26. Watch for details.

Thank you to Taylor Burton who created the "Organ Donor" fundraising idea. His talent, creativity and spirit are energizing!

Council Notes

1. The council retreat is set for September 25th through the 27th at Lutherranch. Goals of this retreat include 1.) learning more about our Christian faith, 2.) getting to know each other, 3.) be re-created in the restful beauty of Lutherranch. The study time will focus on background for the E100 program on Bible literacy.
2. Pastor Scott provided information on E100 - 100 Essential Readings of the Bible as a focus on this year's 25th Anniversary celebration. It is a program to grow God's Word for outreach, fellowship, and stewardship. The goal is to get people to begin thinking of their faith in relation to the Biblical stories.
3. Claire Strand reported that the carpet committee has made a decision to use carpet tiles in the narthex. They are recommending Home Depot supplying the materials and MLC the labor at a cost of no more than \$3,200. Their goal is to have it installed before Rally Day, August 10th.

News Flashes!

The Messiah Mom’s Bible Study will resume on Monday August 18th at 9:30 am. This Fall we will be studying, “Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today,” by Adam Hamilton. We meet two Mondays per month and childcare is provided. Please join us! Contact Janell Zesinger with questions.



MORE RUNNERS and WALKERS WANTED! The entire event has only 62 participants so far. Register online at downtownrescuemission.org. The \$25 registration fee assists the homeless.

Saturday, August 9th at Bob Jones High Run begins at 8:00 a.m. Meet at the water table at 7:45am for a **Messiah team** photo.

Contact team leader Beth Gloe for further information.

If you can’t make the Run to Rescue or you just want to do more:



Register for the ALS team at web.alsa.org.

Walk to Defeat ALS – Thrivent Messiah Lutheran Church

Saturday | August 23, 2014

WALK CHECK-IN: 9:00 AM

WALK STARTS: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology

DISTANCE: To be determined by walker

There is a band on hand and a BBQ lunch. Our team will stop for a photo at memorial banners for former congregational members and friends Steve Pesto and Deanna Glover.

Special thanks to Tim and Marsha Wade for their inspirational presentation on their International Thrivent Builds with Habitat in Costa Rica. To read more about their trip with Susan and Virgil Burrer see Susan’s story in the online edition of the Madison Record at www.madisonrecord.com.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES START AUGUST 13

First Year Confirmation instruction begins for children Grade 8 and older. Lois Graff teaches this class which is an overview of the whole Bible. Students completing First Year Confirmation enter the Second Year Class which follows Martin Luther’s Small Catechism. Units studied are the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Scott Peterson teaches the Second Year Class. Those completing Second Year Confirmation will affirm the faith they entered in Baptism on Confirmation Day, May 24, 2015. Confirmation Day will be a big part of the weekend when MLC celebrates the 25th Anniversary of organization as a congregation. If you have questions about Confirmation instruction please talk to Pastor Scott.

Acolyte Training

Date/Time: August 17th after the late service

Place: Messiah Sanctuary

Open to all kids in 5th grade or higher who are interested in serving as an acolyte.

Contact Staci Armstrong for more info.

Month in Pictures - July



During the evenings of July 22-24, Messiah held their annual Vacation Bible School, led by Kert Reedstrom. The theme this year was "Trees of Faith". Each night featured fellowship during dinner and then multiple crafts centered on the "tree" for the evening which were decorated with those ornament crafts.

The Messiah Carpentry team has been hard at work preparing for the pipe organ install. They had to make some required structural modifications to the walls in the Sanctuary.



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