

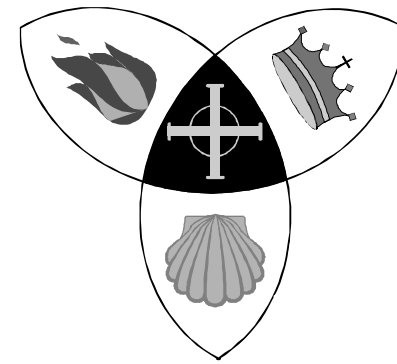
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MUSIC CAMP!
June 6th – 10th

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

WILL WE EVER GET BACK TO NORMAL? On Sunday, May 22, amid heavy rain and winds, the tornado siren went off in our neighborhood. Bonnie Jane, my wife, was deeply shaken. She said, "I can't go through this again. This is the first time I've heard that siren since April 27." Others have told me of being troubled when clouds roll in or at the sound of thunder. And, most of these people did not lose loved ones or homes in the tornadoes of April 27. All of us have been affected.

WHAT DO YOU DO AFTER A DISASTER?

At MLC many steps have been taken; more will be coming.
+From day one after the tornadoes many members of MLC were out and at work in the places of greatest need.
+Staff and Stephen Ministers made or attempted to contact all MLC members after the tornadoes.
+MLC Youth made 108 health kits for Lutheran Ministries of AL.
+Half the income from the May 8th Taco Luncheon went to disaster relief.
+On May 15, the Sunday School children assembled 117 health kits.
+The Comforters have donated quilts/blankets.
+Two MLC Stephen Ministers attended a workshop on '*spiritual care after a disaster*'.
+MLC's Boy Scout Troop helped clean up at many homes and provided a tent for use of disaster response leaders at the Community Center.
+A *Disaster Response Task Force* has been formed. Kay Spence is the Chair. The MLC website www.mlutheran.net has info on ways to help.
+Bins to donate needed food, clothing, and supplies are in the narthex.
+Over \$1,500 has been donated to Disaster Response through May 22.
+Pastor Deborah Halter will be at MLC to lead worship and teach ***Finding Your New Normal*** on June 19 and 26. Pastor Halter is a specialist who worked in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and now is working for our SE Synod in the wake of the tornadoes.
(+I am sure I have not listed all the responses of the people of MLC.)

WAIT...WAIT! God has something more to tell us. We are not alone in all this. St. Paul wrote something our Lord wants us to never forget:...

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. --Romans 8:35,37-39

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson

Thrivent has two big events coming up in June!

Annual Picnic - All Thrivent members and their families are invited to our annual picnic on Saturday June 4, from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. Lawler's BBQ will be catering the picnic lunch in the Pavilion and there will be free admission into the gardens.

Take Me Out To The Ballpark - Lutherans mark your calendars because June 18th is Thrivent's *Lutheran Night with the Stars* baseball game starting at 6:40 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids (4-12), and free for children 3 & under and will be sold in the narthex after services. Tickets include a hot dog, chips, popcorn, drinks, and beer. All proceeds from the event will go to the North Alabama Thrivent Disaster Relief Fund.

If you have any further questions about either event, contact your Congregational Coordinator, Debbie Neely

“The Church Without Walls”

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, “You see all of these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” Matthew 24:1-2

Many would have been shocked to hear from Jesus that the Jerusalem Temple would be destroyed. They had so identified God’s presence with the building that they couldn’t conceive of God being with them if the building were to be destroyed. But it was destroyed, and it wasn’t the end of the church. The church was never supposed to be a building where God lived. Jesus spoke of the church as being people who would bring the presence of God out of the building into the world. Into a society that considered the church to be a building with walls, Jesus came to send people to be a church which would have no walls.

We had such a wonderful worship service in the old chapel on Easter Sunday. But three days later, that building (which had been in that location in one form or another for 200 years) was gone. The temptation was to assume the future of Incarnation was destroyed along with the building. I don’t think that is true. I think the removal of walls may actually help us remember what a church really is. It is not the walls that keep the good people in with God and the bad people outside separated from God. Rather, it is the people who are loved by God without doing anything to deserve that love going and bringing that message of love in the name of Jesus to people who may have no plans or desire to ever go in a church building. My hope is that we will remember each time we look at the destroyed chapel who we are. We are the church. We are the place the power of heaven connects with the needs of the world. It isn’t very efficient to keep all of the contact points between heaven and earth hiding in a building. It seems much more effective to get the contact points spread all over the place. I was trained to minister to people inside the four walls of a building, but I desire to learn how to lead a church without walls. Pray for me and for our congregation. Pray that we would bring the love and power of Jesus into our community, our schools, our workplaces, our businesses and our neighborhoods.

You can help!!!! We will be going out every Tuesday night (starting June 28) from 6-8 pm and every Saturday morning (starting June 25) from 10-noon to meet neighbors, ask people if we can be praying for them and invite people who have no church to be part of Incarnation. Claire Strand will be helping organize people from Messiah to join us. Come and learn what it looks like to be a church without walls!

Men’s Breakfast – Saturday, June 11 at 7 AM at Messiah

Join the men of Messiah and Incarnation (and maybe some from Ford’s Chapel United Methodist) as we get together for breakfast, fellowship & a devotion/Bible study. If you would like to bring breakfast, please talk to Pastor Mark.



June Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV = With One Voice LS = Lord's Supper

Sundays at 8:30am

June 5 LBW Setting 1

June 12 Music Camp Presents w/ LS

June 19 LBW Setting 2 w/LS

June 26 WOV Service of Word/Prayer

Sundays at 11:00am

June 5 WOV Service of Word/Prayer

June 12 Music Camp Presents w/LS

June 19 Contemporary Service

June 26 LBW Setting 2 w/LS



Music Camp JUNE 6-10

It’s time for Messiah’s 18th annual Music Camp June 6 - 10! ***“Sam, the Shams and the Shepherd King”***, an original musical written by Pastor Scott and Lois Graff, will be presented at both services on June 12. Dress rehearsal is on Saturday morning. The musical recounts the Bible story of Samuel leading up to the anointing of King David. One message in the musical is that God uses children to carry out his gracious plans.

The camp lasts from 9 am - 4 pm each day. Campers will enjoy music, drama, arts & crafts, recreation and a snack in the morning. After lunch there is an activity (roller skating, bowling, swimming, etc.) The cost is \$75 per child and includes a t-shirt. Invite your friends and neighbors!

If you have questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Lois Graff.

God Gave You Time & Talents

Please take the time to take the spiritual gifts inventory online at <http://mlutheran.com/stewardship.html>. Also, check out the bulletin board display in the Education Wing. Refer to the Spiritual Gifts booklet in your mailboxes to discover ways that you can serve God and others through the work of the Messiah Lutheran Church.

A mailing will arrive in member homes the week of June 5 with Time & Talent forms enclosed. Youth/Children forms will be available at the Welcome Center or in the Office. On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, you will be invited to offer your gifts of time and talent during worship. Please prayerfully consider the time and talents God is calling you to share, fill out the form, and place in the offering plate.

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10



LIFE PASSAGES

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.

Births: *You knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13*

- Tim and Tracy Bare announce the birth of a granddaughter, Allison Sueann Mischen on May 13th. She was 6lbs 5 oz. Proud parents are Jacklyn and Michael Mischen of Illinois.
- Jackson Roger Burke was born on May 8. He was 8lbs 14 oz. Paul and Micaela Burke of Overland Park, Kansas are the proud parents. John and Mary Burke are the very excited new grandparents!

MARRIAGE: *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13.*

- Kari Doubleday and Tim Pitchko were married May 14th.



On Eagle's Wings Mission

Thank you to all who attended or contributed auction items and baked goods for the *On Eagle's Wings* Collectibles Auction on May 7. Over \$2,700 was raised! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



On Eagle's Wings Mission Support: Something New

Kathryn Scott, a volunteer-in-ministry, from the United States will be spending a year doing Ministry Resource work with the *On Eagle's Wings* mission. She will take an unpaid leave of absence from her teaching job to serve northern communities in upper Alberta and Saskatchewan, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories training and teaching local teachers in year-round ministry. As part of Messiah's support for the *On Eagle's Wings* mission, we will fund her volunteer monthly stipend. Please pray for Kathryn's ministry and partnership with the people of the far North.

LWR Kit Ministries

In an ongoing effort, the Messiah Kit Ministry is continuing to assemble health and layette kits. We will assemble school kits later in the summer. 108 health kits were delivered to Lutheran Ministries of Alabama on the Tuesday after the storms. 48 layette kits have been assembled, but not yet delivered. The Sunday School kids (grades 1-6) assembled another 133 health kits on Sunday, May 15.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **Attend the Fundraising breakfast on June 12th.**
- **Donate items for the kits.**

➤ **Help assemble kits on Thursday evenings at 7:00, in June.**

OUTREACH NEWS

from Claire Strand

A **Disaster Response Planning Meeting** was held on May 22nd. A Disaster Response Task Force was formed to organize our efforts in assisting the victims of the April tornadoes. The task force will also help implement procedures for responding to future disasters. Please contact Kay Spence if you have questions, or if you are in need of any storm-related assistance from Messiah.

The Outreach Committee is developing a **PHONE TREE** organized by zip code. To be a caller, contact Janell Zesinger or Claire Strand.

YARD SALE to benefit the Thrivent/Habitat home is rescheduled for **Saturday, June 4th**. You may start bringing your items for the sale to the Parish Hall on June 1st.

Please join us for **BREAKFAST** between services on June 12 to help raise money for the **Lutheran World Relief** kit ministry.



SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 27th

JOE DAVIS STADIUM

Summer Music Schedules

Music Camp June 6-10 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Music of the Masters Chime Choir –
Rising 6, 7, 8 grades July 3,10,17,24 9:45 – 10:30am

Adult Choir Practices

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month 8:00 am

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 10:00 am

Dinner Theater Rehearsals Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Watch the newsletter, weekly bulletins & calendar at www.mlutheran.com for changes. Or contact Lois Graff.

Normandale Youth Choir at MLC

The Youth Choir from Normandale Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN, will be performing a concert of sacred music on

Tuesday evening, June 21.

A choir of 40 youth from 7th-12th grades, they will be touring the southeast including Florida, Louisiana, Alabama and Tennessee. Come to enjoy a good concert and fellowship with Lutheran youth.

Education News

It's Vacation Bible School Time Again and *Help* in all areas is needed!

What: RE-NEW, an environmentally focused program that inspires children to "Grow in Faith, Have Fun, and Change the World!" as they practice stewardship of creation.

When: July 11-15 8:30 a.m. until noon

Where: Here at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Who: All children ages 3 -11. Jr. & Sr. Youth are needed to help in all areas.

Why: To reach out in mission to God's children and to help them learn to reach out to their world.

Helpers are still needed in all areas. We encourage moms, dads, grandparents, Jr. and Sr. youth, college students, and all others who would like to reach out to God's children to volunteer. If you can not volunteer your time, we encourage you to contribute needed supplies. A list of supply requests will be posted on the Sunday School Bulletin Board or please see Dorothy Seitz or Cheryl Byers for more information. Our VBS Director, Dorothy, is having a baby a week before VBS, so she really needs help directing different areas of the program this year. Please prayerfully consider helping in this ministry this summer.

Senior Youth. Any student who has completed 8th grade is invited to join the Sr. Youth group. Please see Dan Casey or Pastor Mark for more information about summer meetings and activities.

Junior Youth. Plans are being finalized for a swimming party this month at the Estepes home on June 18. Jr. Youth should look for more information to come. Please see Lisa Bartel if you have questions. All students entering the 6th grade this fall are invited to join the Junior Youth.

Two summer church wide activities for **Junior and Senior Youth** are **AFFIRM**, a youth leadership conference, on the campus of Berry College in Rome, GA June 19-24 and **Lutherock Camp** in North Carolina July 17-23. Any students entering grades 6-12 who are interested in attending either of these events should contact Lisa Bartel (jr. youth), or Pastor Borseth (sr. youth).

A BIG THANK YOU to all **Sunday School** children, teachers, helpers, and their parents for assembling 133 Health Kits for tornado victims on our closing day of Sunday School, May 15! Thank you to everyone who donated supplies to fill the kits.

THANK YOU to Bobbey Huwaldt for serving as Sunday School Superintendent this past year! Your ministries to Messiah's children, your direction of teachers and staff and your hours of organization and planning have made our Children's Sunday School program a great success. Also, a special thank you to all our teachers and assistants and to those who have helped Bobbey in leading Sunday School Opening, especially Joe Huwaldt and Sarah Walker.

Linda Peirce, Education and Youth Council Rep



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mary Ann Stasiak

Fathers' Day Ice Cream Social and Pie

Eating Contest: After the second service on

Sunday June 19th, we'll enjoy ice cream sundaes or pie a la mode for all dads in Parish Hall, and a special pie eating contest. We've had many suggestions to have a fellowship event incorporating pies, so please bring your favorite pie to share for the fathers in Messiah – we'll bring the ice cream and sundae toppings. Look for the sign up at the Welcome Center.

Wednesday Night Café is over until school starts in August. Many, many thanks to Dorothy Seitz for leading this important ministry, and to the many volunteers who made this a great event for Messiah all year through.

Bridge Club is on the second Friday of every month starting at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall, this month on June 10th. New and experienced bridge players welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share - Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak,

The OWLS will be attending Huntsville Community Chorus' melodrama Magnolia on June 11th, a 2 PM matinee for \$15 including dessert. Please contact Jan Murphy for more info.

Other upcoming events:

- Movie Night in July

Can you help with an upcoming event? Contact Mary Ann Stasiak.

CONGREGATION MEETING: SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Sanctuary Expansion Decision to be Made

The Meeting will be at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Hall and the Congregation will make a decision on whether to expand the current Sanctuary (worship space). Bids from general contractors came in lower this time. A letter to members in early June will give details. Please come to have a voice in setting the future direction of Messiah Lutheran Church.

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>7PM -LWR Kit Assembly</i> <i>Ken & Nancy Grant Lori</i>	3	4 8 – 12:00 Church Yard Sale In Parish Hall <i>Mark & Patricia Grimes Joseph</i>
5 8am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 1 11:00am Worship WOV Service of Word/Prayer	6 <i>Music Camp 9am-4pm</i> <i>Mitch Grimes</i>	7 <i>Music Camp 9am-4pm</i> <i>Robin Grubis</i>	8 <i>Music Camp 9am-4pm</i> 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Jack & Debbie Gulden</i>	9 <i>Music Camp 9am-4pm</i> Council meeting 7pm <i>7PM -LWR Kit Assembly</i> <i>Bob & Audrey Gustafson</i>	10 <i>Music Camp 9am-4pm</i> 7:30pm Bridge Club Parish Hall <i>Brian & Staci Hackenberg Cassidy, Connor</i>	11 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Messiah OWLS – Huntsville Community Chorus "Magnolia" @2pm <i>John & Amanda Hampel John II, Jacob</i>
12 8:30am Worship Music Camp Presentation 9:00am LWR Breakfast 10am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship Music Camp Presentation 12:00 pm CONGREGATION MEETING	13 <i>Peggy Hanna</i>	14 10 am Comforters <i>Mark & Dottie Hanson</i>	15 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>John & Donna Helinski</i>	16 8:30am Study Group: <i>Life Together, ch. 3</i> <i>7PM -LWR Kit Assembly</i> <i>Doug & Gloria (Zalatan) Hendrick James, Madison</i>	17 <i>Bill & Jamie Hetherington Amelia, Katie, William</i>	18 <i>Burleigh & Esta Hodnett</i>
19 FATHER'S DAY 8am Adult Choir 8:30am Worship LBW Setting 2 w/LS 11:00am Worship Contemporary Service Dad's Day Ice Cream Social & Pie Eating Contest	20 <i>Jim & Susan Hofer</i>	21 10 am Comforters Normandale Youth Choir Performance <i>Jennifer Holden Kaithryn, Mitchell, Stephanie</i>	22 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Russ Holden</i>	23 <i>7PM -LWR Kit Assembly</i> <i>Carolyn Holland Anna</i>	24 <i>Daniel & Diedra Hopkin</i>	25 <i>Jamie & Emily Householder Emma, Madison</i>
26 8:30am Worship WOV Serv. of Word/Prayer 10am Adult Choir 11:00am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS	27 <i>Edith Huebschman</i>	28 10 am Comforters <i>Eleanor Hulebak</i>	29 7pm Dinner Theater Rehearsal <i>Joe & Bobbey Huwaldt Jonathan, Jacob</i>	30 <i>7PM -LWR Kit Assembly</i> <i>Derelene Jeter</i>	31 <i>Roger & Annette Joens</i>	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Sunday June 19