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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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June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Music Camp presents: Martin Meets Grace 9am-4pm					9:00am Music Camp Dress Rehearsal SE Synod Assembly in Birmingham Christopher & Jessica Baldrige Rowan
	Dee Dee Anderson Winston Grimes, Sophie	Tracy & Staci Armstrong William, Zachary	Dick & Barbara Azzam Benjamin, Katelan	Rick & LeeLinda Baggett	Michael & Michelle Balazsy	
7 8:30am Worship: Music Camp "Martin Meets Grace" 9am LWR Pancake Breakfast 11am Worship: Music Camp "Martin Meets Grace" 4:30pm Tweens 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Timothy & Tracy Bare Jeremy	Mark & Lisa Bartel Alison, William	Bill & Sue Bathgate	8:30am Morning Study Group: Free to Be, ch. 11-14 7pm Council Meeting Justin & Tricia Baune Gretchen, Peyton,	7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall Greg & Jeanette Beamer	OWLS Potluck at The Stasiak's Crystal Beard
14 8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 9:45am Summer Sunday Schools 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Christine Berry	Corwin & Barbara Bishop	Chuck & Lyn Blevins	Craig & Linda Boehme	Matt Boehme Gwen, Julian	Steve & Debbie Bono Taylor, Michelle
21 Father's Day 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 1 w/LS 9:45am Summer Sunday Schools Donut Sunday 11am Worship: Contemporary Service 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Danny Boxx Amanda	Scott Bridge	Ricky & Rosemary Brooks Jeni	8:30am Morning Study Group: Greg & Kerri Brown Alexandra, Savannah	James & Bettie Brumley	John & Mary Burke
28 8:30am Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 9:45am Summer Sunday Schools 11am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	29	30				
	Virgil & Susan Burrer	Taylor & Dana Burton				

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

Looking ahead...

- July 14-15-16 – Evening VBS: "The Kingdom, The Power & the Glory"
- August 2nd 4pm – Music at Messiah Concert – Andrew Nalley, Baritone



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels
without knowing it. –Hebrews 13:2*

Dear Friends of the risen Messiah,

DID YOU KNOW THAT SUMMER MONTHS HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF GUESTS visiting Messiah Lutheran looking for a church home? These people will show up on Sunday mornings carrying hurts and hopes. And, one of their highest hopes from the moment they get out of their cars will be to receive a warm welcome from the people of MLC. So, **who** is going to welcome them?

YOU ARE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE AT WELCOMING GUESTS THAN I AM. Using terminology from the marketplace: When people are shopping for a church, pastors welcoming them are viewed as merely *paid representatives* doing their job. Church members, on the other hand, are ‘*church magnets*’ when they communicate, “*I am a satisfied customer.*” So, how might you do that? I hope you can just tell people the truth...

CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY...

- +I have made dear friends here...or,
- +I like the music....or,
- +We care about children at MLC ...or,
- +Our emphasis is on the grace of God...or,
- +This congregation does some great mission work...or,
- +(Insert your favorite thing about MLC here)?

NOTICE!!! To be welcoming: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO...

- Be able to explain or understand everything about our faith.
- Deny your own questions or doubts.
- Be pushy, offensive, or interrogate our guests.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF A PERSON IS ACTUALLY A GUEST?

(Great question!) You don't have to know. All you have to do is notice someone you do not know and say, “*I don't believe we have met. I am...*” You know how to welcome guests into your home. Think about it...it is not so different from welcoming guests into our church home.

Jesus calls all of us to make disciples. One of the key ways to do that is to extend a warm welcome to guests. As we welcome the summer months, let's welcome MLC's summer guests. Who knows, one of them might become a dear, life-long friend of yours. Better yet, many of them may get introduced to our gracious loving Lord and become eternal friends with Jesus.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott

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 am

- June 7 Music Camp “Martin Meets Grace”
- June 14 Chicago Folk Service w/LS
- June 21 LBW Setting 1 w/LS
- June 28 WOV Service of Word/Prayer

Sundays at 11:00 am

- June 7 Music Camp “Martin Meets Grace”
- June 14 LBW Setting 2 w/LS
- June 21 Contemporary Service
- June 28 Now the Feast 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 at 256 721 0041.

BAPTISMS: Dominique and Robert Lovett, Jr. children of Bob and Rubie Lovett were baptized on May 24th.

CONFIRMED: On May 24th Jordan Mahafza, Shane Peterson, Bridie Ryan, Michelle Strand, Natalie Tidwell, Alie Williams, and Abby Woods affirmed the faith in they entered when they were Baptized.

GRADUATING: Graduating from high school are William Bartel, Michelle Bono, Olivia de la Paz, Christian Erickson, Kaitlyn Esteppe, Kendall Frye, Athena Lindsay, Colleen Miller, Bailey Ryan, and Katrina Strand

DEATHS:

- +Brian Kubichek, Kay Spence's younger brother, passed away on May 16th.
- +Tony Mayer, Camille Cobb's nephew, passed away on May 21st.
- +Gary Buswell, Carolyn Carter's uncle, passed away on May 19th. He was 77.



Fellowship Committee

By Greg Kilby, Cheryl Rydbom and Christine Ryan

Wednesday Night Café is closed for the season! Thanks to Dorothy Seitz for leading this effort again this year and to all who pitched in cooking the meals, desserts, and clean up.

Summer coffee hosts are needed! Ideally, one host makes coffee and puts out the coffee and another cleans up after the late service. Instructions are step by step and if all coffee drinkers cover a single set-up or a tear down, we'll have all Sundays covered. Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

Thanks to the many people who helped in the kitchen and dining room (Parish Hall) for the 25th Celebration! Those pitching in included the Peirces, the Murphys, Tom McNamara, the Fossums, the Stasiaks, Matt DeMarsh, Devonee Woods, the Stuarts, Elaine Shriver, Ellie Nelson, the Starkloffs, the Seitzs, the Frys, Beth Mumaw, and I need to send a special thanks to Mary and John Burke for their help all day on Sunday getting the luncheon out the door! It went well with the help of everyone involved. I know I've missed some who set up or took down the dining room. I appreciate all who pitched in on the effort!

June 21 is Donut Sunday after the 8:30 service! With summer numbers, the inventory will be down so come early for the best selection.

Bridge Club will meet on Friday, June 12 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Experienced and new players are welcome! For more information, please contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

THANK YOU 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

For over a year this Committee planned and produced events celebrating the history of Messiah culminating in the 25th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, May 23-24. Their long hours of work and ample creative gifts made all these remembrances joy-filled, meaningful, and delicious. THANK YOU Beth Mumaw, Greg & Meredith Kilby, Karl & Judy Starkloff, and Linda Peirce. The 50th Anniversary Celebration is May 20, 2040. Hold the date.

Music Notes *By Lois Graff*



Music Camp June 1-5

Music Camp begins Monday! This year we will be presenting *Martin Meets Grace* for worship on June 7. The camp runs 9 am - 4 pm the week of June 1 - June 5. We will be learning about God's grace through the life of Martin Luther. Continuing the celebration of MLC's 25th anniversary! Mornings are filled with music, drama, arts & crafts, snacks, and recreation. Bring a sack lunch and be ready for a fun afternoon activity like bowling, roller skating, swimming, etc. Registration forms are at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

The MLC Choir Needs You

Sing with the MLC Choir on Sunday mornings! Rehearsals are held before the service when the choir sings. This is a great chance to 'try out' the choir. For more information, contact Lois Graf. Here is the June schedule:

- June 14 10:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 11:00 worship
- June 21 8:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 8:30 worship
- June 28 10:00 a.m. rehearsal, sing at 11:00 worship

Music at Messiah Concert August 2

Andrew Nalley, renowned local baritone will be performing this summer at Messiah. Mr. Nalley was the winner of the Alabama Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist Voice Competition and will be performing Mozart's comic opera *Così fan Tutte* in the summer with Opera in the Ozarks. This summer concert of the *Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series* will be held on Sunday, August 2 at 4 pm.



JUNE 21ST - "The Longest Day"

The Longest Day is an event to raise awareness for the Alzheimer's Association. Held annually on the summer solstice, the duration of this sunrise-to-sunset event symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with the disease and their caregivers.

On June 21st, at sunrise please pray for Alzheimer's patients. Wear purple to worship services to show you care. At sunset, please pray for their caregivers.

The Outreach Committee is researching the possibility of starting an Alzheimer's support group at Messiah. If you are interested in becoming a support group facilitator and can attend the training on June 10th from 9am-2pm, please contact Janice Aldaco or Claire Strand.

News Flashes!

If you are looking for help with childcare, Messiah's baby sitters are:

- Bridie Ryan
- Michelle Strand
- Evelyn Walker
- Alie Williams

WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE...

will be taught by Pastor Scott during Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.) this summer beginning on June 14. This class is especially for adults new to the Lutheran church or those curious to learn more about it. Long-time Lutherans are also welcome if they want a review of the heart of how Lutherans understand our Christian faith.

This class will meet in Rooms 11-12 in the education wing.

Summer Sunday School
The Great Cereal Serial

June 14, 21, 28 &
July 5, 12, 19, 26

All ages are welcome!
You won't want to miss it!
9:45 AM ~ Parish Hall

Please pray for the kids who will be attending AFFIRM & the National ELCA Youth Gathering this summer!

Watch for information on the **Parents Night Out** as a fundraiser for our Youth's Lutheran Heritage Tour to Germany in June 2016

Tune-In to Messiah Communications...

Complete a Messiah Communications Survey and tell me how we can better communicate at Messiah. The survey is being distributed via e-mail to all church members. If you would prefer to fill yours out on paper, copies will be available in the Church Narthex starting June 1st.

Messiah's Website at www.mlutheran.org will be undergoing a remodel this June. It's being built on the Wordpress platform and will feature a number of new improvements over the current site which was last updated in 2013. Additional functionalities will be added to the site over the course of the summer, so expect to find a few "Under Construction" pages.

Web Contributors Needed. One goal I have for the new Website with Wordpress is improved collaboration and visibility for the many Messiah ministries, missions and fellowship events. If you enjoy writing, taking and sharing pictures, video or audio editing and would like to help help cover Messiah activities and events, please email me at communications@mlutheran.org.

~ Blessings, Meredith

Biblical Turkey: In the steps of Sts. Paul and John Tour the 'Second Holy Land': Nov. 4-15

You are invited to join me on a trip of a lifetime as we journey to Biblical Turkey.

We will start in Istanbul, established in the 4th century by Constantine, the first Christian Roman emperor. We will visit amazing St. Sophia (*Church of Holy Wisdom*), which was the largest enclosed space in the world for over 800 years. We will see Cappadocia, famed for its bizarre land formations and distinctive rock churches. Along the Aegean coast we will visit Izmir, the birthplace of Homer (author of the epic tales *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*) and Ephesus. Ephesus is where Paul preached and taught for over two years. Ephesus is also the home of the *Temple of Diana* (one of the *Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*) and the *Basilica of St. John* which ancient tradition says was where Mary, the mother of Jesus, died.

Those are just a few of the highlights of this tour. A full brochure with details is available at the *Welcome Center* at MLC or I can send an electronic version of the brochure. Contact me if you have questions (scott@mlutheran.com). The deadline to go is coming up in July.

25th Anniversary Celebration

On May 23rd & 24th MLC had a weekend full of events to celebrate its 25th birthday. Many memories were shared from the last quarter of a century. Messiah's Narthex was festooned with "Messiah Memories" submitted by past and current members. A large collection of photos from Messiah's 25 years played on the screen in the narthex. In the sanctuary, large red, silver and white bows ribbons perched on pews. The celebration ribbon colors continued behind the altar in the red and white floral arrangements.



On Saturday, 40 people visited the Union Hall where MLC's first services of worship were held. The group is standing where the stage was, but the floor is original!



After the union hall visit, there was a Program of Reunion and Remembrance with special music.



After the Saturday program, a picnic barbeque was held outside the Parish Hall.



At the reception, about two-hundred members, former members and guests enjoyed the terrific food and fellowship in the Parish Hall which had been transformed by the 25th Anniversary Committee and a number of volunteers setting the tables. The dinner, organized by Greg Kilby and an all-star group of kitchen volunteers, included ham, turkey, garlic mashed potatoes, trimmings of prosciutto wrapped green-bean bundles, stuffed mushrooms and more. A number of cakes and treats topped off the special fellowship meal including custom-made M&M's.



Pastor Scott Peterson asked "Messiah's own" Rebecca (Hanson) Kolowe to give the Sunday Sermon. Rebecca was in Messiah's first confirmation class and is now a diaconal minister serving as Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop in ELCA's Southeastern Synod.

Month in Pictures - May



Ben Stanger, Don Palmer, Devonee Woods, and Debi Peterson received AED/CPR training.



On May 24th 7 Confirmands affirmed their Christian faith on Pentecost Sunday. Pictured (Back row) First year instructor, Lois Graff, Alie Williams, Natalie Tidwell, Abby Woods, (Front Row) Jordan Mahafza, Michelle Strand, Bridie Ryan, Shane Peterson, Pastor Scott Peterson

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