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Madison, Alabama 35758

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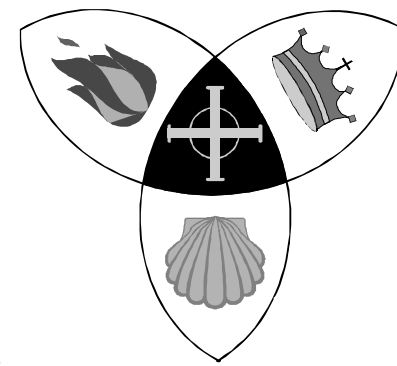
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Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) is located at 7740 Highway 72 West, just east of Hughes Road. Sunday Services of Worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. A nursery attendant is provided. All are welcome. **Our website is www.mlutheran.org**. Church Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., staffed by our Office Managers. The Pastor is Rev. Scott Peterson. Pastor/Developer is Rev. Mark Borseth. The Church telephone is (256) 721-0041 email: info@mlutheran.org. For newsletter articles call Mary Brown.

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**Messiah Lutheran Church
God's People, Reaching Out!**

{This was first written before the tornadoes ripped through our area. I focused on the good news of our Lord's resurrection. Finally and fully, that remains our hope which neither tornadoes, nor death, nor anything in all creation can destroy—Pastor Scott}

*He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God...the word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the **good news** that was announced to you. —I Peter 2:20-21, 25*

Dear Friends of the Risen, Reigning Messiah,

MAY IS 'GOOD NEWS!' MONTH. Why? Every day and every Sunday in the month of May is in the season of Easter. And, Easter is good news, very good news, the best news ever. Jesus rose from the dead and promises to raise up disciples to new life too. But, let's not miss...

A BIG PART OF THAT GOOD NEWS begins right now. The risen Jesus' words and actions empowered disciples to carry on the mission that He inaugurated. Here are some '**headlines**' about what is happening these days at Messiah Lutheran. Lots of this news is mission news.

EXTRA! EXTRA! Dateline HONDURAS: The Gerard deJong Kindergarten building was dedicated on April 11 at Benito Montoya School in El Barrial, Honduras. To honor Gerard's initiative that enabled our school to build a kindergarten, they named the building after Gerard. That was a huge surprise to Gerard who was in attendance.

PLEASE STAY TUNED: We are moving ahead toward adding staff to lead our youth ministries. A Task Force is at work. I met with parents and Sr. Youth in April. Our goal is to add this staff person by fall.

SANCTUARY EXPANSION? A modified building plan is out for bids from General Contractors. Tentative plans are for a Congregation Meeting on June 12, to act on a recommendation from the Building Committee. Is an expanded worship space what God intends for the future mission of MLC? Will the storm damage affect this? Hmmmm?

MORE INTERNATIONAL NEWS—GUATEMALA: The Lutheran Church (ILAG) celebrated its 20th Anniversary and Padre Horatio was consecrated as an Obispo (Bishop) on May 1. I was honored to attend, but my heart was heavy upon getting news of the tornadoes here.

ALL THINGS NEW!!! The Source of all good news is our Lord Jesus who is risen from the dead. He gives new life to us. NOTHING in this world or in this life can change His promise that the final world for you as God's child is the Good News of life eternal with Him. Let's live and share this good news in the midst of the storms of this life.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott Peterson

YOUTH DIRECTOR TASK FORCE:

The Youth Director Task Force has been meeting to develop a Messiah Youth Director Position Statement and identify responsibilities and qualifications we want for a part-time Youth Director. Linda Peirce, Council Education and Youth representative, will report on the work of the Task Force at the May 15 Congregational Meeting. We welcome your suggestions and input. See any Task Force member to share your concerns. Members of the Task Force are Linda Peirce, Pastor Scott Peterson, Devonee Woods, Dan Casey, and Bobbey Huwaldt.

Congregation Meeting

Sunday May 15

12:00 Noon

ELECTIONS and OTHER BUSINESS

Confirmed Members are voting Members. All are welcome.

Incarnation Information

May 2011

{Incarnation began meeting at Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church on Easter Sunday (April 24). Though a tornado destroyed the space where they were meeting, Ford's Chapel is providing another space for them. to continue worshipping there.}

Pastor Mark writes: Our new information will be:

Incarnation Lutheran Church
280 Ford Chapel Road (1 mile west of Sparkman HS)
Harvest, AL 35749
Mailing address: 303 Golden Russet Cir., Harvest, AL 35749
256-230-5387
Incarnation-elca.org
pastorilc@incarnation-elca.org

We will be able to keep meeting at our normal time on Sundays – 10:45 for worship (9:30 for Adult Bible study/Confirmation). We will be adding midweek programming again once we get settled.

As we seek to become better known in the neighborhood, one thing we want to be known for is being “a church that prays.” Our focus for May will be “**MAY I Pray?**” Worship and sermons will focus on what Jesus teaches in the Lord's Prayer. Pastor Mark will be out in the community all day on the National Day of Prayer (May 5) asking what he can be praying for, and the whole congregation will be encouraged to be more open during the month of May to praying for friends, neighbors, classmates & coworkers.

We are excited about our new beginning. We still have some hurdles to get over in the next year as our outside funding dries up, but we received a very encouraging evaluation from Pastor Nancy Christensen during our review in early April.

Thank you to everyone who handed out flyers and helped us move to our new building. Our partnership with Messiah is a great blessing!

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, May 14 at Ford's Chapel at 7 AM

Come see our new space as we join for food, fellowship, study and prayer. Contact Pastor Mark (256-230-5387) if you would like to bring breakfast or if you want more information. Ford's Chapel is located at 280 Ford Chapel Road (1 mile west of Sparkman HS).

Need help collecting genealogy records? Messiah member Tim Bare may have some leads for you.

LUNCHES FOR LEARNING

TACO LUNCHEON rescheduled for MAY 8

Supports Benito Montoya elementary school in Honduras.



May Services of Worship

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV = With One Voice LS = Lord's Supper

Sundays at 8:30am

May 1 WOV *Bread of Life* w/LS

May 8 LBW Setting 2

May 15 LBW Setting 2 w/ LS

May 22 WOV Serv. Word & Prayer

May 29 *Now the Feast* w/ LS

Sundays at 11:00am

May 1 WOV Serv. of Word & Prayer

May 8 LBW Setting 2 w/ LS

May 15 Contemporary Service

May 22 Bread Of Life w/ LS

May 29 LBW Setting 2 w/ LS



Stewardship ThoughtTime & Talents

On June 12, you will be invited to offer your gifts of time and talent during worship. Before then, please prayerfully consider the time and talents you are being called to share.

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

On Eagle's Wings

Collectibles & More Auction May 7th

Have you ever attended an auction? It is great fun for all ages! Come on May 7th for the 14th annual **Collectibles & More Auction** supporting the *On Eagle's Wings* mission.



The auction will begin at 5 p.m. with auctioneer Ken Grant and run through the dinner hour, but don't worry! Pizza, soft drinks, and homemade desserts will be available for sale at reasonable prices. Free childcare will be provided and door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Music Camp JUNE 6 - 10

Messiah's 18th annual Music Camp will be held the week of June 6 – 10. The original musical “*Sam, the Shams and the Shepherd King*” will be presented at both services on June 12th. Dress rehearsal is on Saturday morning. The musical recounts the story of Samuel and the anointing of King David as earthly king and teaches us that God uses children to carry out his gracious plan.

The camp is 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. Invite your friends and neighbors! If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Lois Graff.





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.

BAPTISM: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...*

Matthew 28:20

- David Attebury and Josiah Attebury, grandsons of Phil and Sonja Pedersen, were baptized March 27th at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Merritt Island, FL.
- Hadley Rebecca Oltmans, daughter of Geoff and Jennifer, was baptized April 24th.

Deaths: *Remember I am with you always to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20*

- Bill Lunn, cousin of Fran Shaffer, passed away on April 14th
- Myra Williams, Nancy Grant's Mother passed away on April 20th

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

- Rob & Rebbecca Alferink announce the birth of Michael Robert Alferink on April 20th, 2011

Summer Choir Schedule

Children's Choirs, Youth Ensemble, Instrumental Ensemble, Notabella Choir and Cantabile Bell Choir will have their last rehearsals the week of May 25th.

For all those interested, please come to Music Camp June 6-10! The Adult Choir will continue to meet through the summer months at:

Adult Choir 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 8 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 10 a.m.

Dinner Theater rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Watch the newsletter, weekly church bulletins and the calendar at www.mlutheran.com for changes to the above. Or contact Lois Graff.

RENEW: THE GREEN VBS

Plans for **Vacation Bible School** are underway. Mark your calendars for **July 11-15**. RENEW is an environmentally-focused VBS program that inspires kids to "Grow in Faith, Have Fun, and Change the World!" as they practice stewardship of creation. Please join us on May 8 during the Sunday school hour and May 22 after late service for planning meetings.

Many volunteers are still needed, including co-directors, activity site leaders, shepherds, a registrar, decoration committee members, Sunday program leader, gardener to help with daily ritual, publicist, people to make CD copies, and people to help with prep work. I would love to see everyone volunteer at least 4 hours of their time to help with VBS. There are many tasks that need to be done before summer that can even be done at home. Keep your eye out for items that we need donated. Lists will be published soon on the education bulletin board, web site, and e-news. **Contact Dorothy Seitz** for more details and to volunteer.





Welcome New Members!

On February 27th, we received into membership:
Jim and Sue Hofer, Jeff Moore, Margarete Taylor and
Steve & Jacqueline Smith

Congratulations to our 12 high school graduates!

They are: Alison Bartel, Jeni Brooks, Will Hetherington, Joseph Mahafza, Rebecca Mast, Jayson Perry, Monica Richert, Lydia Scroggins, John Stender, Chris Wasmoen, Angi Yoo, and Ben Elgan. You're invited to celebrate their accomplishment by filling baskets with "sending gifts" such as dormitory appliances, cleaning supplies, phone cards, stamps, microwave popcorn, mini toolkits, etc. Baskets are located in the hallway leading to the Parish Hall.



*Dedication ceremony is tentatively
planned for May 29th, at 2pm.*

A BIG Thanks to all who supported the plant/yard/bake sale...\$1,013 has been raised so far! All proceeds will go directly to building a new Habitat house in the Thrivent International-sponsored village of Getsemani, El Salvador, a 3-year project of 90 houses. A new house costs \$7,000 so we are well on our way!
Susan Burrer



Taco Luncheon to raise money to feed children at Benito Montoya school is May 1st! Gerard deJong visited the school in April. The purpose for his trip was to attend the dedication ceremony of the new kindergarten that he

secured funding for. The community chose to name the school after him!

See the pictures on the bulletin board and on the website.

For more info about L4L visit the website www.lunchesforlearning.org



The weather was beautiful last month for the annual Serving the City interdenominational blitz on the city of Madison. 3 "servants" from Messiah

participated in handing out water at the soccer field, writing appreciation letters to school teachers and city council members, and ripping 900 strips of cloth for Holy Week garden crosses.

Education News

Youth News

Jr. Youth will assist with the On Eagles Wings Auction on May 7.

The **Jr. Youth and Sr. Youth** will have a joint outing on Saturday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Phoenix Paintball in Athens. Cost is \$5 per person. Parents are welcome to participate also.

Several **Jr. Youth** will be attending Lutherock and AFFIRM over the summer. **Lutherock Camp** dates are July 17-23. Information can be found at www.llmi.net. Contact Lisa Bartel if you are interested in attending camp or want additional information. The Jr. Youth fund will help to pay some camp fees.

AFFIRM dates are June 19-24 at Berry College in Rome, Ga. for students in grades 6-12. Pastor Borseth is a team leader. See Pastor Borseth, Lisa Bartel, or Dan Casey for more information.

The **Jr. Youth** are planning a summer pool party at the home of the Estepes. Tentative date is June 18. Be on the lookout for more info.

Sr. Youth for students in grades 9-12 meet on Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the church. See Dan Casey or Linda Peirce for more information.

Twenty **Jr. and Sr. Youth** participated in the **30 Hour Famine** April 2-3 and led worship services April 3. The youth raised \$1870 for World Vision, an international Christian organization that helps to fight world hunger. The Youth groups wish to thank all who supported this project.

Sunday School is quickly coming to an end. My, how time flies! We have 3 Sundays left, including May 1st. Our last Sunday will be May 15th. We are planning for some fun that Sunday to celebrate our year and all we have accomplished. Please join us as we have our end of year celebration.

This year we have been doing birthday pennies for each child's birthday. If your child has a birthday during the summer, feel free to send in their pennies and we will celebrate these in the last couple of weeks.

There are some learning opportunities for your child this summer to put on your calendar. Music camp will be during the week of June 6th, and VBS is being held the week of July 11th. Please join us as we have a fun time learning some great bible stories together.

Thanks so much for sharing your child with us this year. Also thanks to our great teachers for all of their hard work!

Bobby Huwaldt, Sunday School Superintendent

Resolution to SE Synod Assembly

As directed by the Congregation Meeting in May 2010, MLC will present a Resolution at the SE Synod Assembly (June 4-6, in Atlanta) urging the ELCA to return to previous standards for clergy sexual behavior which were overturned at the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

New ELCA Social Statement—The ELCA goes through a lengthy 3-5 year process to develop a new Social Statement. The process of developing one on Criminal Justice has started. Our Bishop, Julian Gordy, is part of the Task Force developing it. We have the opportunity to take part in the development. The *Theology and Issues* class will be studying the material produced for the study. Those who attend the class will be able to give feedback once the study is completed. The five Sundays, May 8 to June 5 they will be studying during the SS hour the course "*Hearing Their Cries*." If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Bob Loshuertos so he can get you a copy of the material.

New Theology and Issues Class--Starting on May 8 the class will be studying "*Hearing Their Cries*." It is a preliminary report for the new Social Statement that the ELCA is developing on Criminal Justice. If you wish to attend please contact Bob Loshuertos as soon as possible so he can get you the material before the class starts.



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mary Ann Stasiak

Tea Party: If you have ever been a daughter you are invited to the Mothers' Day Tea Party Sat. May 7, 1-4PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come by yourself, or bring a parent or child at your own risk! Bring your dolls, wear a hat, and your favorite beads – we will also make teacup arrangements for those who want to participate! Please contact Mary Ann Stasiak for more information.

Cooking Class: Many of you have expressed interest in the class to be led by Cornelia Tegtmeier. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the class is postponed. Watch for upcoming notices about it. It will be great!

New Members & Confirmation Sundays: In the Fellowship Hall between services on May 15th, we will celebrate receiving New Members. On Sunday, May 29th, we will celebrate new confirmands on Confirmation Sunday after the 2nd service in Parish Hall.

Bridge Club will be held Friday May 13th 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend and a snack to share - Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

Coffee: During the summer Fellowship will be responsible for Coffee between services. At the start of the next school year, coffee will be hosted as a fundraiser on a month-by-month basis. Any Messiah group wishing to host coffee is invited to sign up. More on this process in coming months.

FUTURE EVENTS:

* Father/Son Ice Cream Sundae and Pie Event, Sunday June 19th at noon.

Can you help with an upcoming event? Contact Mary Ann Stasiak
Fellowship is a joy at MLC.

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Worship Bread of Life w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 11:00am Worship WOV Word/Prayer 4:30 pm Notabella Choir 5:30 pm Cantabile Choir 6:30 pm Sr Youth</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lisa D'Antonio Mary Grace</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 am Comforters</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bob & Diane Davis Andrew, Claire</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>5pm Year 1 Confirmation 5:30 – 6:30 Church Dinner 6:00pm Year 2 Confirmation 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Ensemble 6:30pm Notabella Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Terry delaPaz & Bob Smith Olivia, Aleksey Smith</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Day of Prayer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gerard & Anita deJong Meggy</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matthew & Jutta DeMarsh Daisy, Sandra, Matthew Jr.</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 am AARP Driver Safety class Mother's Day Tea 1-4pm Fellowship Hall 5pm Collectibles & More Auction <i>Mike & Sue Doubleday Kari</i></p>
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