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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.

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MESSIAH LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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The newsletter and calendar for Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) Madison, Alabama

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May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Erik & Victoria Lakso Emma, Sophie</i>	2 <i>Scott & Robin Lakso</i>	3 <i>Gary & Juli Langford</i>
4 <i>8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 12pm Congregational Meeting & Elections</i>	5 <i>Vernon & Janice Larson</i>	6 10am Comforters <i>Tien & Joy Le Adam, Alex</i>	7 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Wednesday Night Cafe 6pm Adult Bible Class 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Notabella 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Brian & Teresa Lee</i>	8 8:30 a.m. Study Group on Geography of Galilee 7pm Church Council <i>Gary & Karin Lindsay Athens, Andrea</i>	9 7:30 pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall <i>Phil & Judy Lindsey</i>	10 <i>Brian & Carola Long Vanessa, Alexander</i>
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>8:30am Worship: WOV Service Word/Prayer 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 6-7:30pm Sr. Youth</i>	12 9:30am Mom's Bible Study <i>Glen Long & Rhonda Gaede Jeffrey, James</i>	13 10am Comforters <i>Terri Long Rachel</i>	14 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Wednesday Night Cafe 6pm Adult Bible Class 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Notabella 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Bruce & Karen Machamer</i>	15 <i>Carol Madden</i>	16 Lake House - Sr. Youth Outing <i>Sherry Mahafa Zachary, Joseph, Jacob, Jordan</i>	17 <i>Cory & Lori Mahanna Michael</i>
18 <i>8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 Sunday School Donut Sunday & New Member Reception Contemporary Service 6-7:30pm Sr. Youth</i>	19 <i>Tim & Sherry Mansfield Alexander</i>	20 10am Comforters <i>Steve & Patrice Marotta Paisley, Basia</i>	21 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Wednesday Night Cafe 6pm Adult Bible Class 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Notabella 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Jack & Mary Mast Rebecca, Mikayla</i>	22 <i>Amy McCarthy Charlie, Chelsea</i>	23 <i>Lloyd & Deb McDaniels Erin, Morgan</i>	24 <i>Tim & Nicole McKnelly Libby, Madelyn</i>
25 <i>8:30am Worship: ELW Setting 8 9:45 Sunday School 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 12pm Confirmation Reception</i>	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Tom & Paulette McNamara</i>	27 10am Comforters <i>Joe & Kristen Mendiola Louis</i>	28 <i>Bill Meyer</i>	29 <i>Brad & Theresa Meyer Rachael Wier, Rebecca, Drake</i>	30 <i>Dagmar & Patrick Miller Ryan, Colleen</i>	31 <i>Melani Mooneyham Ty</i>

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

Looking ahead...

- June 1 @ 4pm - Tween Scene
- June 2-6 - Music Camp 2014
- June 15 - On Eagle's Wings Meeting
- June 15-20 - Affirm
- June 22-27 - Youth Summer Mission Trip



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

Jesus said to His disciples...*Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*
--Matthew 6:9-10

Dear Friends of the Risen Messiah,

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AFTER BEING RAISED FROM THE DEAD? Catch up with beloved family members and friends who awaited your arrival? Finally get God's answers to all of your hard questions? Or, just kick back and enjoy the scenery? All of those sound good to me, but we should notice what the risen Jesus did.

AFTER JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, He mysteriously came and went. He appeared to many disciples for 40 days before ascending into heaven. In every account of the risen Jesus appearing to the disciples...

JESUS KEPT WORKING. The risen Jesus **taught** disciples, **fed** disciples, **comforted and reassured** disciples. Finally, Jesus **commissioned disciples** before ascending into heaven. And ever since, His Spirit has been at work in this world. So...

WE MAY HAVE WORK TO DO AFTER THIS LIFE ENDS if the risen Jesus is an indication of what resurrection life will be for us. Hmm? If that sounds disappointing; here is a better question:

WHAT MIGHT WORK BE LIKE AFTER WE ARE RAISED FROM THE DEAD? Realize this: It will not be work driven by concerns or worries. Heavenly work will not be needed to make sure we have food, clothes, home, savings for future needs, or to fund God's missions. All of those will be taken care of for us by our heavenly Father. So, if there is work for us to do in heaven, what might it be like?

IMAGINE WORK SO FULFILLING AND ENJOYABLE THAT IT DOES NOT FEEL LIKE 'WORK'! Imagine work that is perfect or clearly moving toward perfection--no wasted time or wasted energy. Imagine working for the perfect 'Boss'.

DO I KNOW WHAT I AM TALKING HERE? No. I am just attempting some 'educated guesses' about heaven in the glow of finally arriving in the resurrection season of Easter. But...

THIS I CAN SAY FOR CERTAIN: Jesus taught us as disciples to pray '*your kingdom come, your **will be done, on earth as it is in heaven***'. **So, these days are our practice for heaven.** We know heaven will be where forgiveness triumphs, where peace is everywhere, and where God's light leaves no room for the darkness in ourselves or our eternal home.

Christ is risen! Let's practice for joining Him and all the saints in heaven.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Peterson

May 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

May 4 Chicago Folk w/LS
May 11 WOV Service of Word/Prayer
May 18 LBW Setting 2 w/LS
May 25 ELW Setting 8

Sundays at 11:00 am

May 4 LBW Setting 2
May 11 Now the Feast w/LS
May 18 Contemporary Service
May 25 LBW Setting 2 w/LS

Outreach News

By Janell Zesinger

Thank you to all who helped with and contributed to Messiah's Annual Rummage Sale! Over \$1,400 was raised which is enough to build a well at our school, Benito Montoya, in Honduras. Our children will be assured of having clean drinking water because of this rummage sale. **Special thanks to Paulette McNamara** for leading this effort! Thanks also to those who assisted Paulette and those who contributed items to be sold.

And thank you to all the Macho Messiah Muchachos who prepared our annual Taco/Fajita Lunch and to the Messiah Crafters who hosted a Spring Mini-Handmade Market on April 27th to support the Lunches for Learning program at our school in Honduras. Thank you to Greg Kilby and his team of men (and a few ladies) for the delicious lunch and to Elaine Shriver and others who used their talents to feed God's children.

It's graduation time and we have 13 students graduating from high school this year! Please help us wish them well on their new adventures by filling the laundry baskets in the hallway with anything that can be helpful in their new life. Items may include towels, paper, detergent, gift cards, snacks, or anything else you think would be useful!

Thanks to you: Easter Bags were Delivered

Pastor Scott and Claire Strand delivered Easter bags to Messiah's shut-ins during Holy Week and reported that they were well-received. Thank you to all who donated supplies for the bags. Thank you also to the **Sunday School classes** who made Easter cards and pictures and the Youth who made flowers. You are appreciated for the love you have shown for our shut-in members!

Habitat for Humanity - Global Village

Marsha & Tim Wade and Virgil & Susan Burrer will be part of the Thrivent Builds team building houses in Biolley, Buenos Aires, Costa Rica, April 26–May 4. Please remember this mission in your prayers.

On Eagle's Wings Meeting

On Sunday, June 15 at noon, there will be an information/interest meeting for those who would like to learn more about the *On Eagle's Wings* mission or participate as a ministry volunteer in 2015. Please contact Lois Graff or Claire Strand if you have questions.



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.

BIRTHS:

*Tim and Tracy Bare announce the birth of their granddaughter Ella Kathleen Bare on April 7th. She weighed 6 lbs 8 ozs and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Ashley and Jeremy Bare.

*Adam and Erica Roberts announce the birth of their son, Logan Daniel Roberts on March 28th.

*Scott and Dee Dee (Grimes) Anderson announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Louis Grimes-Anderson on October 17th, 2013.

BAPTISM:

+Magnus Ellis Vaughn, son of Liz & Alex Vaughn was Baptized on Easter, April 20th. Sponsors are Erik Lakso and Gabriel Vaughn.

DEATH:

+ Thomas Gilmer Langford, father of Gary Langford, passed away on April 3rd. Thomas was 83.

Fellowship Committee

by Greg Kilby and Hillary Warren



A huge thanks to Kay Spence for organizing this year's Lenten Soup Suppers (again). Thanks to all the groups that sponsored nights and to all who brought soup!

Bridge Club will be held **May 9th at 7:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. Experienced and novice players welcome! Contact Mary Ann and Ed Stasiak.

The next **Donut Sunday** is May 18! Please join us for coffee, milk, and donuts between services! We also will get to greet and welcome **NEW MEMBERS** this month during Donut Sunday!

We will have a Confirmation Day reception on May 25th! Please plan to stop by to congratulate our Confirmands after the 11:00 a.m. service of worship.

MLC's 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, MAY 24-25, 2015

Messiah Lutheran Church organized as a congregation on May 20th, 1990. A weekend celebrating the 25th anniversary of the organization of is being planned for May 24-25, 2015. Rebecca Hanson Kolowe, a member of MLC's first Confirmation class and currently Director of Outreach for our SE Synod, has accepted an invitation to preach on Sunday, May 25. In addition to worship and a dinner there will be other activities. Watch for more information. Please save the dates to join in this celebration.

Youth News

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Messiah Youth News

Senior Youth and Junior Youth





Car Wash

The Junior and Senior Youth will be holding a car wash this weekend, April 26 from 10am-12pm at the church. Please come have your car cleaned while shopping at the Yard Sale!

Easter Breakfast

Thank you to EVERYONE who supported the Senior Youth at the annual Easter Breakfast! We raised over \$1000 in funds that will aid in the 2015 National Youth Gathering to Detroit MI. We were surprised at the generosity and sheer number of those who attended. A huge thank you to those who donated syrup, casseroles, fruit, OJ, butter, muffins, donuts, oatmeal, and so much more. THANK YOU SO MUCH!



Lake House Retreat

The Senior youth, along with upcoming 9th Graders, are invited to the Doubleday Lake House for an end of the year campout May 16-18th. We will meet at the church at 4:30pm Friday and will be back sometime Sunday afternoon. Bring your camping stuff and teddy bear, along with some snacks to share. RSVP May 11th.

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Save the Date!

Car Wash
April 26th
At the church from
10am-12pm

Lake House
May 16-18
Senior youth and
upcoming 9th
Graders welcome

Summer Mission
June 22-27
Senior youth summer
mission trip to Knoxville TN.
Upcoming 9th Graders
welcome. Sign up by May 8th

Affirm
June 15-20
Held at Berry
College in Rome,
Ga. Applications
due ASAP

Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Music Camp June 2-6

Children, get ready! Music Camp 2014 is almost here! This year we will be presenting *Man with a Mission* for worship on June 8. The camp runs 9 am - 4 pm the week of June 2 - 6. We will be learning about the apostle Paul, including his journeys, adventures, and faithfulness. Along the way, we will discover how we can be like Paul too.

Mornings are filled with music, drama, arts & crafts, snack and recreation. Bring a sack lunch and be ready for a fun afternoon activities like bowling, swimming, etc. Registration forms will be available soon at the Welcome Center. *Adult and youth leaders/helpers needed.* Please contact Lois Graff.

Thank You

Thank you for your attendance and support of the *Music at Messiah* concert on April 27th. Classical guitarist, Phil Weaver and Rosa Vidro Richardson on flute provided beautiful and uplifting Latin American music. With your support, we have enjoyed a wonderful first season and plans are in motion for the 2014-2015 season. Sponsorships will be offered soon.

Pipe Organ Update

Miller Pipe Organ Services of Buford, GA, is building MLC's future pipe organ with plans to install it in August. This month George Miller or one of his employees will be at MLC to tell us about construction work we can do to prepare the chancel for the pipe organ. If you can help with this, please come to the meeting--The date and time will be announced soon. *Through Easter Sunday the total gifts to the Pipe Organ Fund were \$63,789.*

Council Notes

1. The *Pipe Organ Fund* has over \$60,000 currently. Thank you to all the *'Organ Donors* for your overwhelming support! We look forward to having a pipe organ once again, very soon.
2. New floor covering for the Narthex is being researched.
3. Congregation Meeting Sunday, May 4 after the 11:00 service. Please make plans to attend.

Month in Pictures - April



OWLS Outing at O'Charley's restaurant on April 13th.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th.



On April 19th, Messiah Lutheran, in partnership with Thrivent Financial, Habitat for Humanity and seven other local churches, kicked off our 2014 Habitat build. The weather was great and a lot of work was accomplished. Starting with just a foundation and a stack of 2x4s, we managed to get the walls raised and the project well underway. We are building this house on the foundation of a house that was damaged during the 2011 tornado outbreak. Volunteers of every skill level are needed. Work starts at 8 am on Saturdays. The address for this house is 1075 Yarbrough Road, Harvest AL 35749.

EASTER Sunday – Alleluia, He is Risen!



News Flashes!

CONGREGATION MEETING with ELECTIONS is MAY 4th

MLC's May Congregation Meeting with elections and other business will begin about Noon on Sunday, May 4th. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Confirmed members of MLC are voting members. All are invited. Child care will be provided during the meeting. If you wish to nominate someone to serve on Church Council or volunteer to be on the ballot for an office, it is not too late. That may be done at the meeting, or contact Nominating Committee Chair Mark Zesinger.

TOUR THE HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY THIS FALL!

The people who have already reserved places on this tour are fun people! I hope you will join us for a trip that promises to offer life-time memories.

Departing Oct. 31 and returning Nov. 10, we will begin on the island city of Venice. From there we will stop to visit the Leaning Tower in Pisa on our way to the treasures of Michelangelo's city -Florence. Then we go to Sorrento and the Amalfi Coastline which are renowned for their beauty and shopping. Next we will visit Pompeii enroute to completing our tour in the Eternal City of Rome.

A brochure with pictures and details is at the Welcome Center. Departing from Nashville the cost is \$3329. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. Ciao!

--Pastor Scott

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 25TH

Five Second-Year Confirmation students are finishing their preparations for affirming the faith they entered in Baptism. They are Danie Blue, Anna Flowers, Basia Marotta, Evin Myers, and Elizabeth Tucker. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. service and a reception in the Confirmand's honor will follow the service.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF MLC?

New Members will be received during worship on Sunday, May 18th. If you are interested, please contact Claire Strand or Pastor Scott at 256 721 0041



Comforter's will meet every Tuesday in May at 10:00am. Questions? call Annette Joens.



Youth Group for 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades

Sunday, June 1st
4pm, Parish Hall

"Bibles and Banana Splits"



Feature Family – The Emerson Family



Marcie and Bill have been married 49 years and have two children: Phillip, of Eagan, MN, and Rebecca, who lives in London, England. Both Marcie and Bill graduated from Oklahoma State University. She has a BS in food and nutrition while Bill has a BS and an MS in mechanical engineering. Prior to retirement Marcie was a registered dietitian and for her last two positions was the chief clinical dietitian at Huntsville Hospital and then at Decatur General Hospital. Bill was an officer in the US Army for 20 years, usually in cavalry units, including two tours in Vietnam, or he managed hardware development programs. His best job was establishing the office and then managing the development of the M1A1 tank. He then spent 26 years in the defense industry as an engineering manager or program manager, or owning an engineering consulting business.

Marcie has been on the Messiah Church Council as Worship and Music Coordinator. Bill has served on various special MLC committees. Bill has been on four SE Synod trips to Guatemala and Marcie also went in 2013. Their son Phillip attended Luther Seminary in Saint Paul and now is pastor of a nondenominational Christian church in the Twin Cities. He also owns a computer support firm. Rebecca is a consulting economist and travels throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East.

In their free time Bill and Marcie travel. Bill also researches and writes about US Army uniforms and insignia. He has published over 200 magazine articles and contributed to encyclopedias. His first book was published by the Smithsonian Institution Press in 1983 and the University of Oklahoma Press published two of his books, one in 1996 and the other in 2004. His latest book, *Soldiers and Their Chevrons*, is being released by Bender Publishing in April 2014. Bill also maintains a website that provides data to military collectors and historians: emersoninsignia.net

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