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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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October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class - E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Craig & Linda Boehme</i>	2 2pm Russ Kollman Funeral <i>Matthew & Kelli Boehme Gwen, Julian</i>	3 <i>Steve & Debbie Bono Taylor, Michelle</i>	4 <i>Danny Boxx Amanda</i>
5 Commitment Sunday 8:30am Worship: <i>Now the Feast w/LS</i> 9:30am Commitment Sunday Reception 11am Worship: <i>ELW Setting 8</i> Noon Commitment Sunday Reception 6pm Sr. High Meeting at Thompson's home	6 <i>Mike & Linda Boyer</i>	7 10am Comforters <i>Scott Bridge</i>	8 NO Confirmation NO Dinner NO Children's or Youth Choirs 6:30pm Adult Bible Class – E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Ricky & Rosemary Brooks Jeni</i>	9 8:30am Morning Study Group <i>Greg & Kerri Brown Alexandra, Savannah</i>	10 7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall <i>James & Bettie Brunley</i>	11 5:30pm OWLS Beer & Brat Fest at the Heideman's <i>John & Mary Burke</i>
12 8:30am Worship: <i>LBW Setting 1</i> 11am Worship: <i>LBW Setting 2 w/LS</i> 12:15 Instrumental Ensemble 6pm Sr. High Meeting	13 9:30am Mom's Bible Study <i>Virgil & Susan Burrer</i>	14 10am Comforters <i>Keith & Jessica Bux Evan</i>	15 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class– E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Dan & Cheryl Byers Justin, Joshua, Jonathan</i>	16 <i>Martin & Laurie Campbell Connor</i>	17 <i>Kenny & Carolyn Carter Kiersten, Austin</i>	18 Handmade Market 9:00am – 3:00pm <i>Ben & Leigh Cella Ryker, Adebyn</i>
19 8:30am Worship: <i>Bread of Life w/LS</i> Donut Sunday 11am Worship: <i>Contemporary Service</i> 5pm Jr. Youth Meeting 6pm Sr. High Meeting	20 <i>Terrence & Amy Chance Lauren, Terrence III</i>	21 10am Comforters <i>Doris Chojnowski Tara</i>	22 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class– E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Trudy Clare</i>	23 <i>Joy Clavin</i>	24 <i>Diane Cline</i>	25 5pm Chili Cookoff & Halloween Costume Party <i>Deborah Coates Savannah, Keenan Brodeur</i>
26 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Worship: <i>LBW Setting 2 w/LS</i> 11am Worship: <i>LBW Setting 2 w/LS</i> Pipe Organ Dedication Service & Recital 3pm 6pm Sr. High Meeting	27 9:30am Mom's Bible Study <i>David & Camille Cobb</i>	28 10am Comforters <i>Steven & Sheila Collins</i>	29 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Youth Choir & Notabella 6:30pm Adult Bible Class– E-100 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Dorothy Corron</i>	30 <i>Jim & Toni Daniel Christina, Allison</i>	31 Halloween <i>Lisa D'Antonio Mary Grace</i>	

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

Looking ahead...

- November 1st – Music at Messiah Huntsville Collegium Musicum



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

*Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they (my 'sheep', my children) may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
—John 10:10-11*

Dear Friends of the LIVING Messiah,

LIFE, LIFE, LIFE!!! October at MLC is bursting with new life!

RESURRECTION LIFE:

+On Thursday, October 2, at 2:00 p.m. we will have the funeral service for long-time MLC member Russ Kollman. There is sadness that Russ' earthly life with us has ended. Yet, God's promise of resurrection life for Russ gives us hope; even joy in the face of death. Jesus burst the bonds of death. His resurrection foretells our new life with our Lord and all God's children.

THANKS FOR GOD'S GIFTS OF LIFE:

+Sunday, October 5, is the climax of our Fall stewardship emphasis. Our lives are blessed by God giving us time, talents, and treasure to enjoy and to share. As we celebrate 25 years in the life of MLC, might we generously grow in our response to the abundant life our Lord has given us? I hope so.

BIRTHS and NEW BIRTHS:

+Greyson James Pitchko was born September 18, to proud parents Kari and Tim Pitchko, and new grandparents Mike and Sue Doubleday. Greyson will be reborn a child of God in the waters of Baptism on Sunday, October 26, at the 11:00 a.m. service. And, our daughter Christine Van der Meer is due to give birth to our first grandchild on October 16. If all goes as we pray and hope, Christine and Nicolas' child will be reborn in Baptism on Sunday, November 23.

A NEW INSTRUMENT TO ENLIVEN WORSHIP AT MLC:

+MLC's new pipe organ will be dedicated during a special Reformation Sunday service of worship beginning at 3:00 p.m. on October 26. We will dedicate this instrument to be played to the glory of God. We will celebrate our rich musical heritage as Lutherans. And, an organ recital will remind us once again what a glorious gift God bestowed when God gave us music.

Jesus said to Martha, "*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live...*" (John 11:25) Indeed, He is. Come to MLC in October expecting at least a brush with life—NEW LIFE even!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott Peterson

October 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

Oct 5	Now the Feast w/LS
Oct 12	LBW Setting 1
Oct 19	Bread of Life w/LS
Oct 26	LBW Setting 2 w/LS

Sundays at 11:00 am

Oct 5	ELW Setting 8
Oct 12	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
Oct 19	Contemporary Service
Oct 26	LBW Setting 2 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.

BIRTHS: Greyson James Pitchko was born to Tim and Kari Pitchko September 18th. He was 21 inches long and weighed 9 lbs., 5 oz. Proud grandparents are Sue and Mike Doubleday.

DEATHS: +Lorraine Raether, mother of Chris Fossum, passed away on September 16th.
+Russ Kollman passed away on September 21st.

Fellowship Committee

By Greg Kilby & Christine Ryan



The big Fellowship event for October is the annual **Chili cook-off and Halloween costume party!** It's definitely an event for all ages. All are welcome to compete in the costume contest and the chili cookoff makes for a really fun night out. Photos will be taken! The event will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday October 25th at 5:00 PM. Look for a sign-up at the Welcome Center. If you're not a chili maker, sides are welcome! There are chili awards for both "best tasting" and "hottest".

Wednesday Night Café still needs people to prepare desserts, meals, or to help clean up after dinner. Please contact Dorothy Seitz if you have questions or would like to volunteer!

Bridge Club will be held Friday October 10th 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.

OWLS Beer and Brat Fest! Join us for an Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 11 at 5:30 PM. Linda and Gary Heideman (108 ELMBERRY LANE, MADISON, AL 35757) are hosting the event. Please bring a dish to share (salad, side or dessert) and a six pack of your favorite fall beer. Brats will be provided by Gary & Linda.

October 19th is **Donut Sunday!** Please come and enjoy Donuts, milk, coffee and fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall. Both regular and diet (half) donuts will be available.

Get involved with Fellowship! Fellowship is all about connecting Messiah church members with one another through planned activities and on-going events. The committee could really use your help! If you are interested, please contact Greg Kilby or Christine Ryan.

Outreach News

First Stop and Annual Blanket Collection

By *Jacquie Fry*

Many of you may have wondered what is happening at *First Stop* now that the homeless were removed from under the overpass during the summer. The mission is actually larger, but has changed somewhat. While the bridge people are gone, the homeless are not. *First Stop* provides meals, laundry facilities, mental health screens, transportation to medical appointments, a Bible study, an AA group, and crisis services to 270 clients with a large waiting list.

Messiah has collected blankets and jackets for *First Stop* for years. The need for warm clothing and blankets continues, along with snack packs such as granola bars. In addition, if you have books on grammar, literature, or books that teach skills, they would be appreciated.

My Favorite Bible Verse

By *Dottie Hanson*

Proverbs 3:5&6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

There have been so many times in my life when I thought I knew exactly what I wanted and needed, only to find out that God had a much better plan. He had solutions I could never have imagined, that were perfect. Years ago, when Rebecca was a baby, we were living in California, and we wanted to move east. We thought moving back to Pennsylvania was the solution, so Mark started applying for jobs there, and we were praying for a job in Pennsylvania. This went on for 6 months with no results. Then Mark came home from work and said his employer wanted to transfer him to Huntsville, Alabama. Unknown to us, this had been in the works for 6 months. While we were praying for a job in Pennsylvania, God was preparing us to move to Huntsville. My first reaction was, "God, this was not what I had in mind." Thirty plus years later, I can now see how perfect God's plan was. Our insight was so wrong, and God's direction was so right.

Commitment Sunday – October 5th

Estimates of Financial Giving to MLC will be received in the offering during worship October 5th. A 25th Anniversary celebration reception with delicious food will be held in the Fellowship Hall after each service that day.

Throughout MLC's history we have been blessed by great generosity. Our God is generous in giving us all we need, and we reflect the image of our Creator when we are generous in response to God's blessings. Have you noticed what a joy it is to be in the company of our generous God and God's generous people? **Thanks be to God and thank you** for your faithfulness that enables our mission to flourish as *God's People, Reaching Out*.

Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Music at Messiah

Solar Winds, from the AMC Band played a beautiful concert on September 21st! The rich acoustics of the sanctuary and the delightful programming made for a very enjoyable afternoon. Our next concert will be *Huntsville Collegium Musicum* on Saturday, November 1. The group will be performing Tomas Luis de Victoria's *Officium Defunctorum*, commonly referred to as the *Requiem*. Sponsorships are welcome. Please pick one up at the Welcome Center or ask in the church office.

Council Update

1. Ten Church Council members retreated to Lutheranch. Sept. 24-26. It was a growing together, learning, relaxing time. Bible Study was an overview of the 8 sections of the Bible: Pentateuch, Historical Books of OT, Wisdom literature, Prophets, Gospels, Acts, Epistles, and Apocalypse. There was time for getting to know each other better which will help the Council work together effectively in the coming year.
2. New Committee nominations: Beth Gloe has accepted nomination to the Personnel Committee. Janice Aldaco has accepted nomination to the Audit Committee.
3. October 5th is the deadline for 2015 Budget Requests from all Committees to Devonee Woods, Finance.

News Flashes!

Flower Guild

Thanks to all the members that support us during the year. We depend on your sponsorship to pay for the flowers on Sunday. We purchase the flowers from a wholesaler, and because church members are providing transportation and labor to arrange the flowers, the monies we receive purchase the basic materials.

We welcome new members any time. If you like fresh flowers, and would like to work with the Flower Guild, just contact Mary Burke. We set up the schedule through email, and we are very flexible with schedules. Some of our members only arrange two or three times a year, others once every six weeks.

During Advent we ask you to consider memorializing or honoring a loved one by contributing a minimum donation of \$12.00 for poinsettias and Christmas flowers. We will have a flyer in the bulletins during Advent.



Comforter's will meet every Tuesday in October at 10am. Please feel free to join us. Questions? call Annette Joens.

PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION CELEBRATION! REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCT. 26, at 3:00 p.m.

After years of receiving gifts and months of preparations, MLC will celebrate the new pipe organ by having a Reformation Sunday Service of Dedication and Recital. Mark Moorehead will be the guest recital organist. Mark is the organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville and has been a great help during MLC's search for the right pipe organ.

We will celebrate our rich musical heritage as Lutherans with a festive service of worship. Included will be an adult choir drawn from St. Mark's, All Saints', Messiah Lutheran Church, and other guests directed by Randall Fields; Notabella will ring directed by Rhonda Gaede; and all will have the opportunity to sing some uplifting Reformation hymns.

Come celebrate God's gift of music and this new organ that will be dedicated for use to the Glory of God. SDG

HANDMADE MARKET to BENEFIT LUNCHES FOR LEARNING MISSION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Over 1,000 handcrafted items created by LOCAL artisans who donate time, talent, and craft materials will be on sale. All proceeds go to feed the children of Benito Montoya School in Nacaome, Honduras, through the Lunches for Learning mission. These creations make great gifts for Christmas & birthdays.

Month in Pictures - September



This is a picture from the Stewardship event which featured Tomatoes and Donut Sunday.

Hat's off to Chef and Fellowship Chair Greg Kilby for the delicious tomatoey treats which he prepared.



Two SUVs of food were taken to UAH's food pantry



MLC's Team for A Walk to End Alzheimer's

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