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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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October 2015	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 <i>Gary & Juli Langford</i>	2 <i>Tien & Joy Le Adam, Alex</i>	3 1pm Blessing of the Animals 5:30pm OWLS Beer & Brat Fest @ Heideman's <i>Brian & Teresa Lee</i>
4 8:30am Worship: Chicago Folk w/LS 9:45am Sunday Schools 11am Worship: LBW Setting 1 12:15pm Instrumental Ensemble 5pm Jr Youth Mtg 6pm Sr Youth Mtg 6pm Music @ Messiah	5 <i>Pray for the Homeless</i>	6 10am Comforters <i>Pray for the Unchurched</i>	7 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm Wed Night Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Pray for the Unborn and Their Mothers</i>	8 <i>Pray for the Unemployed</i>	9 7:30pm Bridge Club in Parish Hall <i>Pray for the Ill and Injured</i>	10 YOUTH: Warrior Dash	
11 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 9:45am Sunday Schools 11am Worship: Bread of Life w/LS 6pm Sr Youth Mtg	12 <i>Steve & Leslie Leeper</i>	13 10am Comforters 7pm Church Council <i>Gary & Karin Lindsay Athena, Andrea</i>	14 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Wed Night Bible Study 6:30pm Notabella 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Phil & Judy Lindsey</i>	15 <i>Carola Long Vanessa, Alexander</i>	16 <i>Glen Long & Rhonda Gaede Jeffrey, James</i>	17 9am-3pm Handmade Market Youth Car Wash <i>Rachel Long</i>	
18 8:30am Worship: Now the Feast w/LS Donut Sunday 9:45am Sunday Schools 11am Worship: Contemporary Service 12:15pm Instrumental Ensemble 5pm Jr Youth Mtg 6pm Sr Youth Mtg	19 <i>Dona Lynch</i>	20 10am Comforters 7pm Mom's Book Club <i>Bruce & Karen Machamer</i>	21 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Wed Night Bible Study 6:30pm Notabella 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Carol Madden</i>	22 7pm Council budget mtg <i>Sherry Mahafza Zachary, Joseph,</i>	23 <i>Cory & Lori Mahanna Michael</i>	24 <i>Steve & Patrice Marotta Paisley, Basia</i>	
25 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45am Sunday Schools 11am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 4pm Chili Cook-off & Parade of Costumes	26 <i>Jack & Mary Mast Rebecca, Mikayla</i>	27 10am Comforters <i>Amy McCarthy Charlie, Chelsea</i>	28 5pm Confirmation 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm Wed Night Bible Study 6:30pm Notabella 7:30pm Adult Choir <i>Mark McCombs</i>	29 Church Council Retreat <i>Lloyd & Deb McDaniels Erin, Morgan</i>	30 <i>Ryan & Samantha McDaniels Jacob</i>	31 Halloween <i>Tim & Nicole McKnelly Libby, Madelyn</i>	

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

Looking ahead...

- November 22 – Congregation Meeting to set 2016 Budget
- December 5th 2-6pm, Parent's Night Out



Pastor's Page

By Pastor Scott Peterson scott@mlutheran.com

*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross...
Hebrews 12:1-2*

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

WHEN LOVED ONES DIE HOW CAN WE HONOR THEM? Funerals and memorial services overflow with flowers, gifts to favorite charities, poignant photographs, and the sharing of precious memories. After the service, family and friends gather around food and reminisce about what the loved one *gave to them* in life. Yet...

THE MOST LASTING WAY TO HONOR A DEPARTED LOVE ONE is to imitate that person's best traits. Since no one but Jesus has been perfect, there will also be sad and/or bad memories to release to God's final disposal, but embracing and emulating our beloved's virtues does even more than honor the memory. It blesses the lives of people we touch each day. Aren't we at our finest when we are imitating those who have given us the most precious gifts for life? So, how are you and I doing with that?

GERMANY IS BRACING TO BE OVERRUN. Not just these days as 800,000 refugees pour in seeking asylum and hope for the future: They are also preparing for hordes to descend from all over the world in 2017 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. Posted on October 31, 1517, the 95 Theses were written to be debated on the campus of the backwater university where Dr. Luther was a professor. But, a printer got a hold of them, translated them from academic Latin into the common people's German, and this little spark ignited a wild-fire that swept across the continent.

SO, HOW DO WE HONOR DEAR, DEPARTED FATHER MARTIN? That is not a hard question to answer: Luther always pointed to *Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross...* Luther always was grounded in the Bible which bears witness to Jesus and he urged all to listen to the Biblical Word which is good news for dying people like us. Honoring Luther is as simple as searching the Scriptures and listening as the Spirit of the risen Jesus directs us in mission. (Remember, this is the risen Jesus whose final words in the Gospel of Matthew were, "Go, make disciples...")

ON JUNE 15, 2016, A GROUP OF MLC YOUTH WILL TOUCH DOWN IN GERMANY to see where Martin Luther lived, worked, and changed our world. I believe that helping these youth to better know Martin is likely to help them honor him by imitating his courage, faithfulness, and Spirit-charged imagination.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH as they work, fund-raise, and study Martin Luther and Christianity in Germany today to prepare for (and to enable) this odyssey. We are working to connect with Lutheran congregations in Augsburg, Germany, where our youth might stay in homes of families for a few nights. What an experience to be in the homes of youth and parents in Germany who also seek to honor the faith and the memory of Martin Luther!

On October 25 we celebrate Reformation Sunday. Hope to see you then and lots of times before then.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott

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 4	Chicago Folk w/LS
Oct 11	LBW Setting 2
Oct 18	Now the Feast w/LS
Oct 25	LBW Setting 2 w/LS

Sundays at 11:00 am

Oct 4	LBW Setting 1
Oct 11	WOV Bread of Life w/LS
Oct 18	Contemporary Service
Oct 25	LBW Setting 2 w/LS



Life Passages

By Claire Strand claire@mlutheran.com

Contact Claire Strand if you would like to announce 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.

SEEKING DIRECTOR FOR JR. YOUTH AND TWEENS MINISTRY – PART-TIME STAFF POSITION

The Personnel Committee will be interviewing applicants for a part-time (10 hours/week) *Junior Youth/Tweens* leader. See the CHURCH RESOURCE PAGE at www.mlutheran.org for the job description. Deadline for applications is October 15.

Fellowship Committee

By Cheryl Rydbom & Larry Ryan



Please join us on Sunday, October 25, for our 17th Annual Chili Cook-off and Parade of Costumes. Festivities will be in the Parish Hall starting at 4:00pm. All members are encouraged to bring a pot of their best chili and compete for the coveted title of "Chili Cook-off Champion"! There will also be a Parade of Costumes for the children and prizes awarded for best costumes. Be sure to visit the Welcome Center where there is a sign-up sheet for anyone planning on participating in the cook-off or willing to donate a side dish or dessert. If you have any questions please call Larry Ryan or Cheryl Rydbom. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 25th!

October 18th is Donut Sunday. Why not invite a friend and enjoy some tasty goodness between services? Then, give Deb McDaniels a hug for bringing the boxes and milk!

We are planning our annual German fellowship for mid-November! Let's help get the youth ready for their trip to Germany with an authentic, robust German meal. This year's menu will feature three types of Schnitzel (Jaegerschnitzel, Zwiebelschnitzel, Wienerschnitzel) and Spaetzle. Look for more information to come and plan to join in!

Do you love the smell of coffee in the morning? Fellowship needs your help to make sure that everyone gets a fresh whiff every Sunday between services. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for September, now let's fill up October! If you would like to help, Meredith Kilby has created an amazing and simple-to-use form online:

<http://mlutheran.org/missions-and-outreach/fellowship-2/fellowship-coffee/>, but you can always contact Cheryl Rydbom to get your name added to our list.



**17th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN
CHILI COOK-OFF**
Sunday, October 25th, 2015
Messiah's Parish Hall 4pm

**PRIZES for BEST CHILI- 1st & 2nd Place and
HOTTEST CHILI**

COSTUME CONTEST CATEGORIES:

KIDS Best Costume- Ages 0-3, 4-7, 8-12, and 13-18

ADULTS (Ages 19+)- BEST Male, BEST Female, FUNNIEST Male, and FUNNIEST Female Costumes



4 - 5:30pm Enjoy dinner and fellowship
4:45-5:30 Kids enjoy games
5:30-6:15 Costume parade & voting
6:15 Chili & Costume winners announced

Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun at Messiah's 17th Annual Halloween Chili Cook-Off!! Bring your best chili or a 'scary' dessert/side to share. Let the kids enjoy various, fun games run by our junior youth! Prizes will be given for best chili, hottest chili, and best costumes for KIDS and ADULTS this year! Don't miss out on a deliciously good time!



Outreach

By *Jacquie Fry*

Our blanket and coat collection for the homeless is well underway. Thank you to those who have already donated! The first delivery to First Stop is coming soon. The blue box is in the Narthex. Most of the First Stop clients are men, but women's jackets and sweaters are also useful. Also needed are adult hats, gloves, scarves, new underwear and socks. Thank you for your continued support.

Handmade Market



Hundreds of handcrafted items created by local crafters and artisans who donate their 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 and birthdays!

See something you like at this year's market but someone else snatches it up first? We may be able to make one especially for you; just ask!

We need your donations of crafts and baked goods! Please contact Elaine Shriver with any questions. Please drop off crafts and non-perishable items by Wednesday, October 14th.

Kit Ministry

A Thrivent Action team has been approved for "School Kits for Syria". I am asking the congregation to help fill 100 school backpacks. Items needed are blunt scissors, crayons, rulers, erasers. We will assemble these kits October 18 Sunday during the Sunday School hour for delivery to Nashville October 23.

~ Rhonda Gaede

Music Notes

By Lois Graff



Music at Messiah Concert October 4

Tom Alderman, organist at Roswell UMC in Georgia will be performing on October 4th at 6 p.m. Alderman, a native of Savannah, Georgia, attended Shorter College on a full-tuition competitive scholarship where he earned the Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance. While at Shorter, Tom won first place in the organ division of the Georgia Music Teacher's Association competition in 1974, and also placed first in the Atlanta Chapter, American Guild of Organists competition in 1975. A popular recitalist in the Atlanta area, Mr. Alderman is an active member of the American Guild of Organists. This concert is being sponsored by Miller Pipe Organ Services.

Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series 2015-2016 Schedule

Sunday, October 4, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Tom Alderman, organist
Sunday, February 14, 2016	4:00 p.m.	Atlanta Guitar Trio
Sunday, April 24, 2016	3:00 p.m.	Huntsville Master Chorale
Sunday, May 22, 2016	4:00 p.m.	Aleksandra (Sasha) Kasman, piano

Council Notes

1. The audit committee has finished their report. Lee Smith will send a letter to the committee commending them for their thorough job. The council will now make a written response to the committee on their recommendations.
2. Planning for the Fall Council Retreat to Lutheranch, October 29-31, is nearing completion. Council members signed up to lead discussion on chapters of our study of "The Reason for God" by Timothy Keller. A food signup is being completed.
3. Windows for Sunday School Room doors have been estimated at \$25.00 per door. Expenses will be paid from the Sunday School 979 account. Richard Webb has volunteered to do the labor. Heather will apply for a Thrivent Action team grant to help pay for the windows.
4. Records Retention Policy was approved by the council.
5. An evaluation of all the pertinent aspects of the parsonage by building trades' contractors has been completed and a report will be presented to the council at their October meeting.
6. Six members have volunteered to serve on a long range planning committee. They are John Shriver, Greg Kilby, Pete Woods, Amy Ruff, Claire Strand, and Carolyn Carter. Please share with them any ideas or insights that you have for the future of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Messiah Communications

By Meredith Kilby

Pass the Peace! Plug In! Help Messiah Lutheran Church Reach Out and Grow!

People who spend any amount of free time online outside of work have their own set of online habits. I would like to challenge all members of Messiah Lutheran to make a daily habit of plugging in and reading Messiah's digital communications, Website and social media content. So, are you plugged in or out? Here are five simple, church-growing habits members can do while online.

- They read / scan the church e-news bulletins and newsletters when delivered electronically.
- They have their church website bookmarked on their internet browsers (ie. Chrome, Firefox, Explorer) so they can quickly check the church calendar for upcoming events and read stories about church life posted to the site's blog.
- If they have a Facebook account, they have "Liked" the church's official website so that the posts will appear in their newsfeed.
- They use social media sharing icons on the church website to invite friends to church outreach events.
- They are open to learning new ways of staying connected using online technology.

Think about what happens when you stay informed, but most importantly - think about your response when you are informed. God calls us to connect, serve, and grow in spiritual faith, and to spread the Good News of Christ. I challenge each and every member of Messiah to "raise your online game" and better connect to these resources. We are "God's People, Reaching Out" and by golly - it's pretty easy to reach out via social media. Be open to learning new things. If you feel you need a quick tutorial on how to share or utilize any aspect of our new website or social media platform, please don't hesitate to ask me - I am eager to assist you.

Walk to Defeat ALS

The Walk to Defeat ALS is coming soon! Time for our preparations to begin.

I have re-activated our team on the Huntsville Walk page. To support the team with a donation or join as a walker or virtual walker, you can use this link:

<http://web.alsa.org/goto/messiah>

Walk info:

Location: Hudson Alpha

Time: 10 AM sign in, 11 AM walk starts

Date: 31 October










This year, the walk is October 31 - yes, Halloween. With that in mind, organizers have included a costume contest this year. There will also be a hot dog lunch, vendors on site, children's activities and live music provided by JED Eye.

We will once again be hosting/ serving Wednesday Night Cafe as part of our fundraising effort. Our date for Wednesday Night Cafe is October 14 - 2 weeks before the Walk, and just after Madison City Schools' fall break. I have printed the donation sheet for dinner items and will place it at the Welcome Center in the morning.

Thanks for considering helping out with the ALS Walk Team this year... any help is appreciated!

New Members Received 9/15/15

	<p>Toni Gregory moved here from upstate NY. She is a nurse with Home Health Care.</p>
	<p>Marilyn Johnson moved here from St Louis to be near family.</p>
	<p>Gary Johnson moved to Alabama from St. Louis in 2007. He works at Liberty Middle School.</p>
	<p>Charlene Keen just moved here from Rapid City, SD. She worked for the Air Force 33 years as a civilian. She enjoys art, cooking, and baking.</p>
	<p>Paul Quade moved here from Mobile in 2007 with his wife who passed away earlier this year.</p>
	<p>Susanna Stellwagen is from Philadelphia, PA. She loves animals and works as a veterinary technician.</p>
	<p>Scot and Sharon West moved here from St. Louis. Their three sons Jacob, Jordan, and Kyle were confirmed at Messiah.</p>

Youth News



OCTOBER 2015

Youth News

Susan Doubleday - youth_director@mlutheran.org



Parents Night Out

THANK YOU to all the parents and children who participated in the September Parent's Night Out event! We had a blast in fellowship with the youngest members of our congregation. The next Night Out will be Dec 5th afternoon, giving you the chance to go Christmas shopping in peace!

Kroger Points

Sign up for your Kroger Points to help the Sr Youth secure funding for Germany 2016 trip. More information found in the Welcome Center.

Diaspora Conference

Sixteen youth from different Lutheran Churches within our district spent the day together in fellowship, devotion, and community service. Thanks Messiah for hosting this wonderful event. Sponsored by Thrivant.

Car Wash

Thank you to all who donated to the Car Wash! The youth washed 39 cars, totaling \$493 to the Germany 2016 Trip.

Save the Date!

Warrior Dash
October 10th
 Fundraiser for St Jude Hospital.

Car Wash
October 17th
 Held in the church parking lot during the Handmade Market. Help Needed!

Wreath Sales
October
 Order your Christmas Wreath in the Welcome Center!

Senior Youth	9-12 th Grades	Meets every Sunday night from 6-7:30pm
Junior Youth	6-8 th Grades	Meets on 1 st and 3 rd Sunday night 5-6pm
Tweens	3-5 th Grades	Meets quarterly



