



# PASTOR'S PAGE

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*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 Living Messiah,

**WHY DOES THE CHURCH EXIST?** The short answer is **“mission.”** But so much is packed into the word “mission.” *What is the Church’s primary mission?*

**“WORSHIP IS THE FOUNTAINHEAD”** is a metaphor Martin Luther liked to use. Everything flows out of worship where God’s Word is spoken and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are celebrated. As we are the Lord’s Church, God calls us to do many things, but all of them flow out of our worship of God. To put that another way, we are a worshiping community which also does education, outreach, youth ministries, fellowship activities, and lots of other things. We are not an educational institution that also happens to worship. We are not a social club that also worships. *First and above all else, we are a worshiping community.*

**THE MONTHS WITH THE MOST GUESTS IN WORSHIP** are July and August. Many of the guests in those months come looking for a church home. Notice: *They come to worship to see if this might be home for them.* Not many attend a class or an activity to decide if they might want to come to worship, so *worship is the widest entryway to welcome newcomers into Messiah Lutheran. Okay, what is most important to them as they look for a church home?*

**“THEY MOST WANT TO HEAR A GOOD SERMON,”** a preacher may think. **“They most want to hear good music,”** a church musician may think. Of course, guests in worship do want to hear good music and preaching. But most important for newcomers is this: **“Will these people accept me and care about me?”** Above all, they want *compassion and community.* Even if the music is great and the sermon is, too, if they sense they are surrounded by people who are uncaring and cold, they will go elsewhere or (much worse) give up on finding a church home.

**SEE WHAT YOUR MISSION IS NOW ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?** Find a guest and find a way to say “Welcome.” You ask, *“What do I do if I don’t know if the person is a guest or a longtime MLC member?”* Try this: *“I’m [your name here]. I don’t believe we have met.”* Next, if you have hooked into a live prospect, try to find a way to introduce the person to our Outreach Director, Claire Strand, or to someone you think has things in common with the guest. And I will tell you a secret: YOU taking the time to welcome them will make a much bigger impression than any of us on the church staff will. That’s because guests think we are just doing our jobs when we welcome them, but when you care, that says much more to them about Messiah Lutheran Church.

**COME TO WORSHIP,** even though it is summer time. Look for guests and say to them, *“Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church.”* When you do, you might be talking to an angel (*see above*). And you might be talking to a new lifelong friend.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Scott Peterson*

## JULY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

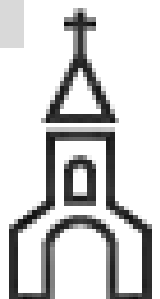
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship | WOV = With One Voice  
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship | LS = Lord’s Supper

### Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

July 1	Now the Feast w/LS
July 8	Youth Service-Contemporary
July 15	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
July 22	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
July 29	Bread of Life w/LS

### Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

July 1	Now the Feast w/LS
July 8	Youth Service-Contemporary
July 15	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
July 22	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
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**Claire Strand**  
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**Contact Claire Strand if you would like to announce significant transitions in the life of our community of faith, including birth, death, Baptism, graduation, Confirmation, job change, relocation, engagement, marriage, or any other life passage!**

**Claire Strand also leads Messiah's Prayer Ministry**

**THIS MONTH**  
**PANTRY ITEM**  
**Bars & Cracker Packages**

**KIT MINISTRY**  
**70 Count Notebooks**

# OUTREACH

## Life Passages

- † On June 14th, Sarah Frakes, daughter of Terry and Larry Frakes, married Devin Tremblay.
- † On Saturday June 23rd, Morgan McDaniels, daughter of Deb and Lloyd McDaniels, married Jaylend Handley.



## MLC Needs YOU to Be the New Children's Church Leader!

Each Sunday during the sermon, children ages 5-8 are invited to Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall, where they hear the Word proclaimed in a fun and interactive way. When time permits, the children do crafts and share a snack, but they always return to their families in time to receive their blessing during Communion. The Children's Church coordinator for the last five years (thank you, Mary Mast!) has decided to retire, so we are looking for a new leader to take over starting in August. The coordinator schedules dates for volunteers to teach and chooses lesson plans for each week. If teaching children is one of your spiritual gifts, this would be a great use of your talent. Please talk to Mary Mast or email [childrenschurch@mlutheran.org](mailto:childrenschurch@mlutheran.org).

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Madison Expo and Kids Day

By Claire Strand

### Did you know Messiah Lutheran Church is a member of the Madison Chamber of Commerce?

At the Madison Expo and Kids Day, Madison Chamber of Commerce Members showcase what they have to offer to the general public. The expo will be family fun-oriented and free to attend. This year's theme is Dragons & Castles.

We will have an outreach booth at this year's expo to showcase our Lord's work at MLC. There will be a fun, quick activity for younger kids to enjoy and MLC reusable tote bags to hand out to adults.

The expo is a popular event with local families and newcomers to the area eager to learn about opportunities in Madison.

Hosts and Hostesses for the booth are needed - for as long as the whole day, or as short as an hour or two. Help is also appreciated with set up and take down. Please talk to Claire Strand or Meredith Kilby you are interested.



### Madison Expo & Kids Day

#### Location:

Hogan Family YMCA  
130 Park Square Lane  
Madison, AL 35758

#### Date/Time:

Saturday  
July 28, 2018  
10 a.m-2 p.m.



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## Learn About MLC's Music Ministries at the "3M" Class on July 29

Music programs at Messiah will be the subject of the July 29 3M Class (Meet Marvelous Ministries). Come to learn where you can plug in with the many opportunities available to you.

There are some wonderful developments underway for Music Ministries this fall that you'll love hearing about.

# MUSIC NOTES

## Thank You, Pastor Bush!

Welcome to Dr. Rev. John Bush, who will be supplying Word and Sacrament ministry while Pastor Scott is on sabbatical. During July, Pastor Bush will be preaching and presiding at the Lord's Supper on July 1, 15, and 29 (both 8:30 and 11:00 services of worship). He is an ordained Pastor of the Presbyterian Church-USA and has a long history of service and teaching, including Pastor of Grace Presbyterian New Church Development in Madison.

## Summer Choir Schedule

We need you! During the summer months, choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings immediately preceding the service of worship when the choir will be singing. Singing and fellowship! Questions, contact Lois Graff.

**July 1, 15, 29**  
**July 8, 22**

**rehearse at 8 a.m.**  
**rehearse at 10 a.m.**

## 2018-2019 Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series

**Thank you for your support of this Messiah music outreach initiative. The program for 2018-2019 is exciting! Coming up this year:**

August 26 Andrew Nalley, baritone  
October 14 Yakov and Dina Kasman, piano  
February 24 Maeve and Linnaea Brophy, piano and violin

*Our sponsors make this series possible.* Please consider becoming a sponsor of *Music at Messiah*. **Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$25 and include a one line dedication in each of this season's programs.** For more information visit [www.musicatmessiah.org](http://www.musicatmessiah.org) or visit the Welcome Center desk.

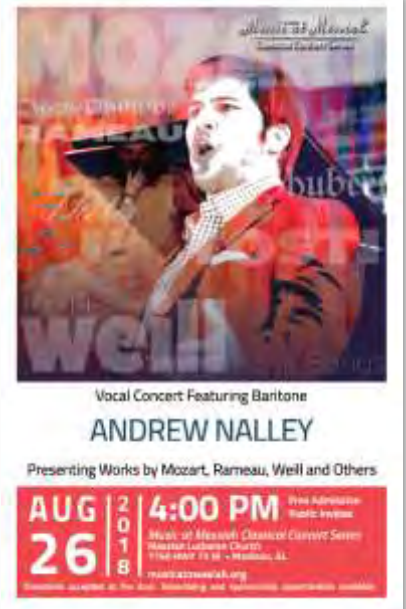
## "The Choir Goes Country" Dinner Theater

Bob Gustafson is writing and producing an exciting Dinner Theater show! If you are interested in participating, please contact Lois Graff. We could use your musical talents. And Greg Kilby will be cooking up a fabulous meal! Proceeds benefit Leap Academy. Tickets on sale soon! Save the date - Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6 pm

## Hymn of the Month

### "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

The text of this hymn was written by William Williams (1717-1791), an itinerant minister. Williams was on track for a medical career when he was converted and began preaching. He traveled over 95,000 miles and often drew large crowds. Later this text was set to the tune by John Hughes (1873-1932), a Welsh deacon and has been sung at royal weddings and funerals in England. The text features rich biblical references, including the people of Israel's deliverance from Egypt, God's subsequent providential care in the wilderness, and the crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised Land of Canaan. The "bread of heaven" or manna in the wilderness also has a greater vision to Jesus' statement in John 6, "I am the Bread of Life".





### Sara Galyon

Director of Youth and  
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### Meetings this month

**ALL: VBS Jul 9 - 13 as youth  
volunteer or attendee**

#### Sr. Youth (gr. 9-12)

Jul 1 - No meeting  
Jul 8 - Lead Sunday Worship  
6-7:30 p.m. Mtg  
Jul 15 6-7:30 p.m. Mtg  
Jul 22 6-7:30 p.m. Mtg  
Jul 29 6-7:30 p.m. Mtg

#### Jr. Youth (gr. 6-8)

Jul 1 - No meetings  
Jul 8 - 5-6:30 p.m. Mtg  
Jul 15 - Pt. Mallard Event  
Jul 22 - 5-6:30 p.m. Mtg

#### MOEs (gr. 3 - 5)

Jul 9 - Jul 13 VBS

# MLC YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

## Vacation Bible School

We will be combining with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church this year for an awesome week of VBS! VBS will run July 9-13 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. each evening. VBS itself begins at 6 p.m. with dinner provided from 5:30-6 for those who may not be able to eat before VBS. Drop-off is anytime between 5:30-6 p.m.

All kids in Pre-K through Grade 5 are invited. VBS will take place at Messiah Monday-Thursday and will conclude with a super fun family picnic at St. Matthew's on Friday evening. Youth are encouraged to contact Sara if you are interested in volunteering with VBS.

Visit [www.mlutheran.org/education](http://www.mlutheran.org/education) for information and the link to register your child. POC: Sara Galyon [youth@mlutheran.org](mailto:youth@mlutheran.org)

**Bible Story Teller Training  
July 6th:** Any youth or adult who is interested in learning how to be a Bible story teller for VBS (July 9-13), please let Sara know.

## Junior Youth

**Point Mallard Bring a Friend Event rescheduled to July 18.** MLC Youth are encouraged to bring a friend to Point Mallard on Wednesday July 18th for our fun day at the water park! Cost for the day is \$15 and includes lunch. We will meet at Point Mallard at 10 a.m. Contact Sara if you need a ride or plan to attend.

## Senior Youth

Senior youth are encouraged to help out with VBS in July. Sr. Youth will meet weekly from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday nights, with the exception of July 1.

## Youth Needs YOU!

We are looking for people who might want to be a part of our Youth meetings throughout the year. Studies show that youth remain active in the church into adulthood when they have at least 5 adults from the church actively involved in their lives through their teenage years. If you enjoy working with teenagers and would be interested in engaging with them one Sunday a month through the next school year, please let Sara know ASAP.



**Gotta Go to MOES!** Messiah Older Elementary Students, Sarah and Logan Rydbom enjoy the June 3rd Messy Games Event!

More pictures online (see page

**YOUTH CALENDAR ONLINE** [mlutheran.org/missions-and-outreach/youth-ministries/](http://mlutheran.org/missions-and-outreach/youth-ministries/)  
OR CLICK HERE

# NEWS FLASHES



## July YALL Event: 'Murica at the Montgomerys'

Join us for a 4th of July celebration at the Montgomery house! There will be a BBQ with burgers, hot dogs, and all the fix-ins! It's legal to shoot off fireworks at the Montgomery's home, so feel free to bring some to set off (while also being courteous of neighbors and their bedtimes). Feel free to bring any board games you might like to play as well! Kids and dogs are invited too! Bring a lawn chair to sit in for the fireworks show. **Please RSVP by July 1 to Jennifer Montgomery.**

**Look! Look!** The roof and the latrines at Jesus Tadeo Flores are complete! Thanks to all who support *Lunches for Learning!*



Please share VBS details with families you know!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

July 9-13 for Pre-K to Gr. 5  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

This year we will be combining with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church to put on what we know will be an awesome week for all the children. If you are interested in serving on the VBS leadership team or assisting as a volunteer, please contact Sara Galyon. **For details and the link to register, please visit: [www.mlutheran.org/education](http://www.mlutheran.org/education)**

## HOLY LAND TOUR

NOV. 6-17, 2018

You are invited to join a tour Pastor Scott is hosting to Biblical sites in Israel and Jordan this fall. Bring the stories of the Bible to life by experiencing the places where Jesus, Mary, Moses, John the Baptist, and all the disciples lived and worked. A detailed printed brochure is available at the narthex Welcome Center. Here is a link to a 3 minute video introducing this tour:

**Any ladies thinking of going solo?** One of our travelers is looking for another woman to split hotel accommodations with.

<https://vimeo.com/242754077>

## COMFORTERS

Messiah's Comforters sewing & quilting group will take a break from their regular Tuesday morning schedule for July and August.

**Quilt & Kit Dedication is Sunday, August 19**

**Regular meetings will resume Tuesday,  
September 4th at 9 a.m.**



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BRUCE PETER

## NAME BADGES

<http://mlutheran.org/name-badges/>

The cost is \$8.00 each. Once ten badges are requested, Bruce Peter will place the order. Payment is due after the nametags come in.

## Sanctuary Piano Dedication

by John Shriver and Lois Graff, as presented at the June 10 dedication of the new sanctuary piano

The piano was made by Steinway and Sons in their New York factory. Steinway is an American piano company started by the German immigrant Heinrich Steinweg in 1853 in Manhattan. The first piano was given the serial number 483 because Steinweg had made 482 instruments prior to coming to America. This piano is number 484671, which indicates that it was completed in 1984.

Steinway makes 6 different grand pianos, varying in length from about 5' in the S model to 9' in the D, which is the piano we have here. They are handmade. And with about 12,000 parts, each one takes about a year to make. They are made not only from wood and metal, but various kinds of wool felt, as well as leather. The woods are carefully chosen for their strength, resilience, and tonal properties. The rim of the piano is made of layers of hard rock Canadian maple. Tension is built into the rim as the layers are bent and glued in a press invented in the 1880's. The metal plate inside the rim is cast iron. It holds the tension of the strings and prevents the piano from pulling itself to pieces – when the 243 strings in a D are in tune, there's over 20 tons of tension on the frame.

The strings are not actually string, but wire made with precision by Mapes Wire in TN. The composition and diameters are carefully chosen so that when each string is pulled to tune, it is within a few percent of the total tension needed to break the string. The soundboard is made of Sitka spruce from Alaska. Much like a violin or guitar, the soundboard is what amplifies and colors the sound of the vibrating strings. The Sitka Spruce is one of the key determinants of the piano's sound. The string tension and sound are transmitted into the soundboard by a bridge – just as in a violin. It's not flat, but arced upwards like the top of a violin. The keys are cut from a single slab of Bavarian spruce, and their surfaces are made of a plastic polymer – Steinway stopped using Elephant ivory in the 1950s.

Of course, the most important thing about a piano is its sound. The sound of every piano is slightly different due to the natural materials used to make it and the tensions built into the instrument by the manufacturer and the technician. There is no one right sound. Steinway's are clear but complex, much like our religion and faith. The complex series of overtones and the way they interact cannot be analyzed or understood by striking a single key. It is the way that string interacts with others through the bridge, the soundboard, and the rim which gives each piano its unique character.

One of the beauties of an acoustic instrument is that its sound can be molded differently by each performer in the way they touch the keys, a reflection of their personality and how it interacts with the tension and flexibility of the natural materials in this instrument. The piano is one of the beauties of God's creation. It demonstrates the truth in Martin Luther's statement: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." —John Shriver



Ron Guthrie was one of five pianists who presented works at the June 10 Dedication.

Music opens hearts. Praise, thanksgiving, joy, sorrow, supplication, exhilaration, meditation... music reveals and releases emotion. Through music, God speaks and reveals His great love for us and through music, we can communicate with God. In worship, we join voices as one in unity and fellowship with our Maker, Redeemer, and Guide...and with each other. Through the poetry of hymns, the Word of God is sung and proclaimed.

So when we began the piano search, our goal was to find an instrument that had enough presence to carry through the church, enveloping all those worshiping and encouraging participation. We also needed an instrument which had the versatility and range to communicate our diverse prayers to God in worship. Upon first hearing and playing this instrument, it was apparent that this piano has a beauty that can lift spirits from darkness, rejoice with the saints, calm troubled hearts, and remind us of God's love. The beauty and eloquence of music is a gift from God. Sharing this gift is a responsibility and blessing that is ours. (See WOV hymn #699 *The Singer and the Song*). With this instrument, we hope to glorify God in worship and also serve God by reaching out to the community. May music always turn our hearts and minds to God, the giver of all good gifts. Thanks be to God! —Lois Graff



View of keys and interior of the Steinway D. (Photo by John Shriver/Well Tempered Tune, LLC)

## COUNCIL NOTES

Lisa Tracy, Church Council Secretary  
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A few highlights from the June 14th Council Meeting

- Greg Kilby provided an overview of the monthly Treasurer reports and gave a brief orientation on responsibilities.
- The council approved using funds from the Columbarium Fund to pay for two new palls: one for cremains, one for caskets.
- Pastor Scott discussed communication details while on Sabbatical. Claire Strand, office staff and Lois Graff will be involved as well as the pastors from St. Marks and All Saints churches should needs arise. The first half of the Sabbatical runs June 17 to July 31. The second half is Aug 31 to Oct 14.

Note: Once approved, minutes from council meetings are posted on the bulletin board across from the library. They include all Treasurer reports and reports submitted by Council Representatives for that month. All members are welcome to attend Council Meetings.

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### **NEW STUDY BEGINS AUGUST 5TH!**

The Conversation Café Adult Sunday School group will begin a new study this fall centered on the book, ***Jesus Among Secular Gods: The Questions of Culture and the Invitation of Christ*** by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale. As the back cover says...

*"(The authors) challenge the popular "isms" of the day, skillfully pointing out the fallacies in their claims and presenting compelling evidence for absolute truth as found in Jesus."*

If you are one of the many who have enjoyed the RZIM "Everyday Questions" videos and material, please put this book on your summer reading list and plan to join the study this fall. There is a video component to the study, though reading the book is encouraged. The book is widely available in a variety of formats.

**ISBN: 978-1-4555-6916-8**



## MONTH IN PICTURES

**E-EDITION / ONLINE NEWSLETTER READERS! CLICK CAMERA ICON FOR JUNE'S MONTH IN PICTURES GALLERY.** If you snap photos during Messiah ministry events, please feel free to share them! Email them to [communications@mlutheran.org](mailto:communications@mlutheran.org) or contact Meredith at (256) 617-8530



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Did we miss you or a family member? Please call the church office at (256) 721-0041

Quite often it is just a matter of not having that information in our database.

**Summer Outreach Tips:****Ten Ways to carry the Spirit of the Risen Christ into the Community**

1. Invite a friend or acquaintance to Sunday worship.
2. Give a neighbor with younger children info about this summer's VBS and Sunday School Rally Day on August 5th.
3. Tell a friend or neighbor about something at church that you like.
4. Choose a service project from the community bulletin board in the hallway.
5. Invite a friend to participate in kit ministry, the OWLS, or any church activity.
6. When someone you know is dealing with injury, illness, or hardship, offer your prayers of support. Ask if they would like Messiah's prayer chain to pray for them.
7. Share your witness with someone you know.
8. Like Messiah's Facebook page and share a post at least once a week
9. Use social media to share Messiah events directly from our TeamUp online calendar.
10. Post flyers announcing activities around our community (pick flyers up at the Welcome Center).

THESE ARE ALSO ON THE MONTHLY CALENDAR

**PHOTO DIRECTORY PROJECT CONTINUES!**

**[Upload your family portrait today!](#)**

**There is also a link on the homepage of [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)**

**Come to "3M" this Summer & "Meet Marvelous Ministries"**

***Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.***

July 8 - Youth & Education Ministries

July 15 - Church Finances

July 22 - All About Kit Ministry

July 29 - Music Ministries

*Come learn more about all these ministries and missions, and meet the members who lead and guide them. **All Members are encouraged to attend, though the information is particularly helpful for those who have joined in the past few years.** These meet ups will take place in either the Parish Hall or the Fellowship Hall starting at around 9:45 a.m. POC Meredith Kilby - [communications@mlutheran.org](mailto:communications@mlutheran.org)*

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# July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 am Worship:</b> <b>Now the Feast w/LS</b> 9:45 am Adult Sunday School Only <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>Now the Feast w/LS</b> No Jr. / Sr. Youth tonight.	<b>2</b> <b>THIS WEEK</b> Give a neighbor with younger children info about this summer's VBS and Sunday School Rally Day on August 5th.  Church Office Closed / Independence Day Holiday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>  YALL 4th of July Celebration at Montgomerys (Pg 5)	<b>5</b>  7:00 pm <i>I Used to Play Instrument</i> Workshop	<b>6</b>  5:00 pm Bible Story Teller Training	<b>7</b>  <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> 8 am - Noon Free Hazardous Household Waste Collection at 4100 Leeman Ferry Rd, HSV This includes old computers & phones!
<b>8 Youth Sunday</b> <b>8:30 am Worship:</b> <b>Youth Service - Contemporary</b> 9:45 am Adult Sunday School <i>Meet Marvelous Ministries</i> Youth & Education 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>Youth Service - Contemporary</b>  5:00 Jr. Youth meet 6:00 Sr. Youth meet	<b>9</b>  <b>THIS WEEK</b> Tell a friend or neighbor about something at church that you like.  Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm - 8 pm   Drop off / Dinner at 5:30 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>TODAY</b> Invite a friend or acquaintance to Sunday worship. <i>PS. It's Donut Sunday this Sunday.</i>	<b>12</b>  7:00 pm Kit Ministry	<b>13</b>  7:00 pm Bridge Club Fellowship Hall  VBS Picnic at St. Matthews Episcopal	<b>14</b>  <b>TOMMOROW AT CHURCH</b> Pick up flyers announcing the Aug 26 Concert & Sep 6 Dinner Theater and post them around town and in work staff lunch rooms!
<b>15 Donut Sunday</b> 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 am Worship:</b> <b>LBW Setting 2 w/LS</b> 9:45 am Adult Sunday School <i>Meet Marvelous Ministries (3M)</i> All about Church Finances <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> LBW <b>Setting 2 w/LS</b>  6:00 Sr. Youth Meet	<b>16</b>  <b>ANYTIME</b> someone you know is dealing with injury, illness, or hardship, offer your prayers of support. Ask if they would like Messiah's prayer chain to pray for them.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  10 am Jr. Youth & Friends meet at Point Mallard Water Park (Pg 4)	<b>19</b>  7:00 pm Kit Ministry  7:00 pm <i>I Used to Play Instrument</i> Workshop	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>TOMORROW AT CHURCH</b> Choose a service project from the community bulletin board in the hallway to get involved with. Do something new!
<b>22</b> <b>8:30 am Worship:</b> <b>WOV Service Word/Prayer</b> 9:45 am Adult Sunday School <i>Meet Marvelous Ministries (3M)</i> MLC's Kit Ministry 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>WOV Service Word/Prayer</b>  5:00 pm Jr. Youth meet 6:00 Sr. Youth Meet	<b>23</b>  <b>IT TAKE JUST A FEW MINUTES</b> to share your witness with someone you know. Not sure how? Consider reading <i>Jesus Among Secular Gods</i> . A study based on the book will begin on August 5th during the Sunday School hour.	<b>24</b>  5:30 p.m. Men of Messiah Meet - Location TBA	<b>25</b>  <b>FIND A MOMENT</b> to Like Messiah's Facebook page and share a post at least once a week  Www.facebook.com/MessiahLutheranMadisonAL/	<b>26</b>  7:00 pm Kit Ministry  7:00 pm <i>I Used to Play Instrument</i> Workshop	<b>27</b>  <b>THIS FALL</b> Invite a friend to participate in Kit Ministry, the OWLS, or any church activity you think they'd enjoy.	<b>28</b>  10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Madison Expo and Kid's Day MLC Outreach Booth at Hogan Family YMCA
<b>29</b> 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 am Worship:</b> <b>Bread of Life w/LS</b> 9:45 am Adult Sunday School <i>Meet Marvelous Ministries (3M)</i> MLC's Music Ministries <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>Bread of Life w/LS</b>  6:00 pm Sr. Youth meet	<b>30</b>  <b>IT TAKES JUST SECONDS</b> to share Messiah events posted on the online church calendar at mlutheran.org or on MLC's Facebook Events page.	<b>31</b>  <b>Looking Ahead:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aug 5 - Rally Day, Backpack Blessing, Sunday School resumes for all ages. Rally Day Picnic!</li> <li>Aug 8 - 1st &amp; 2nd Year Confirmation begins</li> <li>Aug 19 - Kit and Quilt Blessing, Sending</li> <li>Aug 26 - Music at Messiah presents Andrew Nalley</li> <li>Sep 6 - "The Choir Goes Country" Dinner Theater</li> </ul>				

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