



## PASTOR'S PAGE

by Pastor Scott Peterson  
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*When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, He said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" Jesus said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.*  
--John 6:5-6

Dear Friends of the living Messiah,

**HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?** will be the title of a Game Show in the June 9th world premiere of the children's musical, *Light of Life: Signs of the Savior*. The subject in that scene is **The Feeding of the 5000**, the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four Gospels. In the Game Show five contestants compete to give the best answer to the question...

**WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL** in Jesus feeding all those people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish? It must have been a big deal to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John because each thought this miracle speaks a Word from God for disciples like us. Here is a preview of the answers of the contestants in the children's musical--

### **THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000 IS A BIG DEAL BECAUSE...**

- 1.) **It was a miracle!** Jesus fed all those hungry people with just two fish and five loaves of bread. *(In MLC's many missions of feeding hungry people near and far, we do it the old fashioned way--We buy food and share it.)*
- 2.) **Over 1,200 years before the day Jesus fed 5,000** in the wilderness, the Lord fed His whole wandering nation of Israel for years with manna bread and doves in the wilderness. Long ago the Lord saved Israel from slavery and hunger. Then through the Lord Jesus not just Israel is saved, but Gentiles like us are saved from sin and death too. *(We teach that in Sunday School and proclaim it by word and song in worship.)*
- 3.) **Jesus showed God's love** for all hungry people. The big deal is **God is love!** *(These days our Loving Lord fills hungry stomachs, and also hungry hearts and minds.)*
- 4.) **Jesus is our future.** After Jesus fed everyone He said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry." So, **Jesus is our life for the days ahead.** *(That is central to our celebrations in the season of Easter. It is resurrection season for Jesus and for His disciples. Resurrection is for you too!)*
- 5.) **Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.** God's people waited over a thousand years since King David for the promised Messiah. *(That is why Messiah is in our name. We are named by this Lord and our most important mission is to make disciples of the Messiah.)*

**JUNE, JULY, AUGUST** are high months for **GUESTS in WORSHIP**. Many of them come looking for a church home. What do we have to offer them? Our Lord has given us bread to share, deliverance from sin, death, and the devil, salvation, love that fills stomachs, hearts and minds. Our future is promised by the Bread of Life. Above all else, we have God's Word who became flesh. Jesus is the Messiah for us, and for us to share with guests.

**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.** (Hebrews 13:2)

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Scott Peterson

### JUNE 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.**

June 2	Now the Feast w/LS
June 9	Music Camp: Light of Life w/LS
June 16	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
June 23	LBW Setting 2
June 30	Service of Word/Hymns w/LS

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

June 2	LBW Setting 2
June 9	Music Camp: Light of Life w/LS
June 16	Contemporary Service
June 23	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
June 30	Service of Word/Hymns w/LS





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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**

### OUTREACH:

#### PANTRY ITEM

4 oz bars of soap

#### KIT MINISTRY

Rice Mixes  
Rice

# OUTREACH

## Life Passages



### Commission

† Michael Spence earned an Army commission from the ROTC program of Mississippi State University, engineer branch, on May 10th.

### Birth

† Kendall and Jessica Bane announce the birth of their son, William James Bane. He was 7 pounds, 8.5 ounces and 19.5 inches long at birth. Proud grandma is Tammy Stender and proud great-grandma is Judy Sylvester.

### Engagement

† Dick and Barbara Azzam announce the engagement of their son Ben Azzam to Valerie Eiben.

### Confirmation

† Maisie Irvin, Lily Naefe, Brooke Ridzelski-McCombs, and Merritt Zesinger were confirmed on May 19th.

### College Graduation

† Colleen Miller graduated from Auburn University and is starting a job in Germany this summer.

† Allison Daniel graduated from Oregon State w/ a MPP in Environmental Policy.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: LEAP Academy Summer Programs Continue! by Claire Strand

Messiah Lutheran Church has supported the LEAP Academy since its start in 2017. The LEAP Academy is a nonprofit organization in Madison that provides support to school programs that build self-esteem and leadership through long-term relationships.

**Two LEAP Academy programs will be held in our community this year!**

**The first occurs at Madison Crossroads Elementary in Toney from June 3-14.** Messiah's Outreach would like to bring a special after-lunch treat one day during the second week (ice cream cones? freshly baked chocolate chip cookies?) so that we can meet the children.

**The second LEAP program is at Horizon Elementary from June 17-28.** MLC is committed to providing breakfast and lunch the first two days. We will provide, serve, and also share in the meals. This is a meaningful opportunity to listen and talk with the children. We will likely meet at the school on Madison Pike at 8 a.m. to set up breakfast and at 11:30 a.m. to set up lunch.

**Would you like to help with either of these two-week programs?**

First, please place these on your calendars and prayer lists. If you are called to help in other ways please talk to John Shriver, Paul Zomkowski, or Claire Strand.

We have heard the children are already excited!

*Thanks for your support!*



# WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES



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## Messiah Musicians

Check back in September for musical opportunities for all ages from Pre-K to Adult!

Messiah Choir meets weekly during the summer months. See article to the right.

## Music Camp June 3-7

Music Camp begins Monday, June 3rd! This 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Camp *Light of Life: Signs of the Savior* will be presented on Sunday, June 9 at both services of worship. Fourteen children from Christ Kiswahili in Nashville are registered and will be staying in member households for the week. This is an exciting partnership in the Gospel!



Camp runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Saturday morning dress rehearsal and Sunday presentations during worship. Weekday mornings are full of music, crafts, drama, recreation, worship, and a snack. After a sack lunch (from home), campers will enjoy afternoon activities like roller skating, bowling, movies, etc. Cost is \$95. Family plans: \$75 second child, \$55 third child. For more information, contact Lois Graff at [musicdirector@mlutheran.org](mailto:musicdirector@mlutheran.org) or visit [musiccamp.mlutheran.org](http://musiccamp.mlutheran.org). Reservation forms

also available at the Welcome Center in MLC narthex.

## Sing and Highlight your Ministry

Would you consider having your ministry group join MLC's adult choir for an upcoming service as our special guests? The choir's schedule changes slightly during the summer, rehearsing for each service 30 minutes prior to worship. Your commitment would be to a single rehearsal and service or worship. Music selected will be based on a familiar song or easy to learn in one rehearsal. No music experience is needed, as the choir members will be there to support your music-making. Perhaps you or a member of your group could provide a pre-worship service announcement highlighting your ministry opportunities. This collaboration will be a fun way to bring visibility to your ministry and to potentially participate in worship in a new way. Contact Randall Fields at ([rfields35824@gmail.com](mailto:rfields35824@gmail.com)) or Lois Graff (see sidebar) for more information or to schedule your group to sing at a service.

## Dinner Theater

If you are interested in participating in this year's Dinner Theater on September 28 and 29 but missed the auditions at the end of May, it may not be too late! Contact Terry Frakes at [crosswor1@gmail.com](mailto:crosswor1@gmail.com) or 256-653-0340 or Lois Graff (see sidebar).

## Hymn of the Month

### "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

The text of this hymn was written by Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737) with translation by Catherine Winkworth. Schmolck was a Lutheran pastor in Silesia (Poland) who, after the Counter Reformation in Silesia, was one of three clergy serving approximately 36 villages. In addition to cantatas and other music, he was the author of 900 hymns. The composer Joachim Neander (1650-1680) also wrote the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." There is reason to believe that he wrote some music inspired by the Neanderthal, a lovely valley of the river Dussel.

*Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!* LBW 250 vs. 1



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### June Youth Schedule

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

June 9  
6-7:30 Sr. Youth meeting  
June 16  
6-7 Meet at Rita's  
June 23  
No meeting (Mission Trip)  
June 30  
6-7:30 Sunday Dinner

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

June 9: 5-6:30  
June 30: 5-7:30 Sunday Dinner

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

No formal meetings this month, but please check out the Messy Game Promotion Night and VBS!

# MLC YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

## Messy Games Promotion Party

The youth will gather at the Huwaldt's home (135 Lawson Wall Drive, HSV).

on June 2 from 2-5 p.m. for our messy game promotion night! Every year, we gather for some crazy messy games and a picnic to celebrate our rising 3rd graders moving into MOEs, our rising 6th graders moving into Junior Youth, and our rising 9th graders moving into Senior Youth! All rising 3rd graders through current 12th graders and their families are welcome to join us for some crazy fun! Email [youth@mlutheran.org](mailto:youth@mlutheran.org) for more info.



## Point Mallard Day!

Junior and Senior Youth are invited to join us at Point Mallard on Wednesday, June 19th for a day at the Water Park! We will meet at 10 a.m. at the park's West Entrance located at 2901 Point Mallard Circle, Decatur, AL 35601. Any dropped off youth will be ready for pick up at 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 and will include pizza and a soft drink. Let Sara know if you need a ride; we will try to arrange it. [youth@mlutheran.org](mailto:youth@mlutheran.org)

## VBS Registration

Don't forget to register your kids for our out-of-this-world Vacation Bible School this summer: **Miraculous Mission!** This year's VBS will be the evenings of July 8-12 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (786 Hughes Rd., Madison). You can register your child PreK (4 years old) through those completing 5th grade at this website:

[https://www.stmatthewsmadison.org/digital\\_faith/events/3179931](https://www.stmatthewsmadison.org/digital_faith/events/3179931)



# NEWS FLASHES

## Fellowship Fishing Event - June 1st

Gentlemen, young and old: Enjoy a fun-filled fishing event at Paul and Julie Pedersen's. There will be fishing, games, lunch, and swimming!!! The fun begins on June 1st at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your fishing gear if you have any, and a snack or drinks to share. Young swimmers must be able to swim or an adult must be with them.

A make up date is set for June 29th.

POC: Sonja Pedersen

[fellowship\\_rep@mlutheran.org](mailto:fellowship_rep@mlutheran.org)

Location: Paul and Julie Pedersen's



## HAP West is ready to open its doors!

The **Huntsville Assistance Program** is a local church cooperative for low income families. As part of this service, each member

combines resources to provide emergency financial and food assistance. Messiah Lutheran Church is part of the co-op.

If you would like to refer someone for help, please have them call (256) 325-0871 on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 in the afternoon. Food distribution is on Fridays from 1:00 - 3:00 in the afternoon. The address is 103 Gin Oaks Court (off of Sullivan).

An open house for the new HAP West location will be held on June 1st from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Everyone from Messiah Lutheran Church, as a HAP partner, is invited to attend.

MLC is also providing refreshments. If you would like to help, please talk to Claire Strand.

## KIDS! BE A WORSHIP SMARTIE THIS SUMMER!

### Introducing Sunday Worship Boards

**Parents! Since Children's Church is taking a break for the summer, please encourage your child to be a Sunday Worship "Smartie!"**

**Each Sunday have your child pick up a Sunday Worship Board. They are located on the bench in the Narthex.** There are two baskets, one for Pre K to 2nd grade and one for 3 to 5th grades. Use the activities on the clipboards to help them learn more about, and be engaged in what's happening in Worship!

**After the service, children can receive a word of praise and a package of "Smarties" when they return their boards.** Simply have your child share a page from their board with Claire Strand, Sara Galyon, Dorothy Seitz (MLC's new Sunday School Superintendent) or even a Jr. or Sr. Youth.

## 2019 DINNER THEATER

Saturday

September 28

6 p.m.

Save the Date!



## COMFORTERS

**The Comforters are taking a break!**

There will be no meetings June-August.

**Regular meetings will resume in September.**

Info: [mlutheran.org/project/comforters](http://mlutheran.org/project/comforters)

## KIT MINISTRY

**Will meet June 6, 20, & 27 at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall**

Students & Groups: Looking for Service Hours for Fall of 2019? Contact Diane Davis or Rhonda Gaede!

[mlutheran.org/project/kit-ministry/](http://mlutheran.org/project/kit-ministry/)

## Crafty Corner

Things were busy in the Mission Craft Room this year! Thank you, Crafters!

Here's what the Mission Crafters have been up to:

- 30 warm hats donated to the Downtown Rescue Mission
- 9 premie hats & 10 premie blankets for the NICU
- 28 flannel blankets & 11 knit/crochet blankets for the Linus Project
- 12 chemo hats for the Clearview Cancer Institute
- 7 prayer shawls

**Have a great summer!**

**See you back in room 3 on Rally Day  
(August 11) at 9:45 a.m.!**

**All crafters are invited!**

## Fellowship

There will be a **Fellowship Planning Meeting June 2nd at 9:45 a.m.** Please come with great ideas for the upcoming year!

### Save the Dates:

- ☛ Rally Day Picnic—Aug 11th
- ☛ Chili Cook Off and Costume Party—Oct 27th
- ☛ Cookie Exchange—December 7th

If you are able to help with organizing any of our events, set up, or clean up, Please let me know!

Sincerely,

*Sonja Pedersen*

Fellowship Council Rep

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**CHURCH MEMBER DIRECTORIES** can be found online at [www.mlutheran.org](http://www.mlutheran.org). Printed copies available on request by contacting the Church Office. **Do you have a new home address or preferred e-mail account? Have you dropped your land-line? Please let us know.** Anything you do to help us keep our records accurate is appreciated!

# CHURCH COUNCIL

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## PRAYER FAMILIES

Please lift these Messiah households in your daily prayers. On Sundays please remember to pray for the groups listed in bold.

### Summer Disaster Relief Mission Trip

MLC will be working to rebuild homes and restore hope with our neighbors in SW Georgia after Hurricane Michael and recent tornados. Our team has officially been assigned a work site in Newton, GA, where we'll be focused on painting the exterior of a home and building steps. We have seven confirmed team members so far and would love more. A variety of skills are needed, including food prep, counseling, clerical, and construction. There will be a meeting on June 2nd between worship services to discuss more details regarding the trip.

**Dates:** June 26 through June 30.

**Lodging:** Host church parsonage (more details forthcoming).

#### **Itinerary:**

*Wednesday, June 26:* Depart Huntsville for Newton, GA. Unpack, receive instructions for the next day, and prepare for an early start to be *God's People, Reaching Out!*

*June 27-29:* Relief work at assigned home.

*Sunday, June 30:* Worship at host church and travel back to Huntsville.

If you're interested, please contact Andrew King or Claire Strand.

# MONTH IN PICTURES

Digital viewers: View  
more pictures online!



## Welcome Messiah's Newest Members!



**Erik and Micayla Dondorp** met online while playing a game called "Minecraft." Micayla grew up in Woodbury, MN and moved to Huntsville in 2012 to start her career as an engineer. Erik was born and raised in the Netherlands and moved to the US in 2017 to marry Micayla and start a life together.

They have two cats and a dog and live in Toney. Ever since they became homeowners in the spring of 2018, Erik loves to work in their yard and build small woodworking projects. Mikayla likes to attempt crafting projects from time to time and nerds out over Disney and kitties.

### Confirmation

Received into Confirmed Membership on Sunday, May 19th were Maisie Irvin, Lily Naefe, Brooke Ridzelski-McCombs, and Merritt Zesinger. They are shown with First Year Confirmation Instructor Lois Graff (far left) and Pastor Scott (far right) who instructs the Second Year students.

**All Daughters - All Mothers Tea.** Sonja Pedersen (center, below) along with daughters, Heidi Waddell and Heather Pedersen.



Weekend Food Packing with Sr. Youth and a few adult leaders.



Heather Neely, center, and Abby Woods, right serve up some crumpets, jam, and clotted cream at the tea.



**More pictures online by clicking the camera link above!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b> 8:00 am Messiah Choir <b>8:30 am Worship:</b> <b>Now the Feast w/LS</b> 9:45 am Coffee 9:45 am Fellowship Com- mittee &amp; mission trip mtgs <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>LBW Setting 2</b> 12:00 pm Music Camp Leaders meeting 2-5 pm Messy Games Rising 3 - 12th Graders &amp; Families (Pg 4)</p>	<p><b>3</b> LEAP Academy @ Madison Crossroads Elem. Begins  Music Camp begins</p>			<p><b>6</b> 7:00 pm <i>I Used to Play</i> Workshop  7:00 pm Kit Ministry</p>		<p><b>1</b> 7 am CASA RAMP 10 am FISHING EVENT Pg. 5 10 am HAPC West Open House Pg. 5  9:00 am Music Camp Dress  Rehearsal</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Messiah Music Camp 9 am - 4 pm</p> </div>						
<p><b>9</b> <b>8:30 am Worship: Music Camp: Light of Life w/LS</b>  9:30 a.m. Breakfast for Music Campers /Leaders in Fellowship Hall 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Coffee  <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>Music Camp: Light of Life w/LS</b> 12:15 pm Potluck in Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Jr. Youth meet</p>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>13</b> 8:30 am Thursday Morning Class  7:00 pm Church Council meets --All welcome --</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:00 pm Bridge Club</p>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>16</b> 8:00 am Messiah Choir <b>8:30 am Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/ LS</b>  9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall Coffee  <b>11:00 am Contemporary Service</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> LEAP Academy @ Horizon Elem. begins</p>	<b>18</b>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Youth Event to Point Mallard Waterpark</b> Jr. &amp; Sr. Youth 10 am - 2 pm (Pg 4)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00 pm <i>I Used to Play</i> Workshop  7:00 pm Kit Ministry</p>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<p><b>23</b> <b>8:30 am Worship:</b> <b>LBW Setting 2</b> 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall Coffee  10:30 am Messiah Choir <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>LBW Setting 2 w/LS</b>  Youth Mission Trip to Memphis begins</p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<p><b>26</b>  Summer Disaster Relief Mission Trip begins</p>	<b>27</b>	<p><b>28</b>  Youth Mission Trip participants return</p>	<b>29</b>
<p><b>30</b> <b>8:30 am Worship: WOV Service of Word/Hymns w/LS</b>  9:45 am Fellowship Coffee  <b>11:00 am Worship:</b> <b>Service of Word/Hymns w/LS</b>  <b>5 pm Jr Youth (4th Sun)</b> <b>6:30 pm Sr. Youth (4th Sunday Dinner</b>  Disaster Relief Trip partici- pants return</p>						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>July 8-12:</u> Vacation Bible School - St. Matthew Episcopal (eves)</li> <li>• <u>August 2-4:</u> Alassippi Youth Event</li> <li>• <u>August 11:</u> Sunday School Rally Day</li> <li>• <u>September 28/29:</u> Dinner Theater: <i>Mischief in the Magnolias</i></li> <li>• <u>October 17-19:</u> Council Retreat at Lutheranch</li> <li>• <u>October 27:</u> Reformation Sunday, Halloween Party Chili Cook Off</li> <li>• <u>October 28 - Nov 8:</u> Pilgrim Tour to Italy</li> </ul>						

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# Messenger

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