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PASTOR'S PAGE

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. –Mark 10:13-16

DEAR DISCIPLES OF THE LIVING MESSIAH,

IT'S ABOUT CHILDREN! Have you noticed things in our lives that are shaped by the children's schools in our communities? Flow of traffic, vacations and holidays, opportunities for higher education, employment, taxes, real estate values, and availability of homes are just some of the things shaped by our children's schools.

IT'S ABOUT CHILDREN! Have you noticed that much of our mission as MLC is driven by the children our Lord has created and entrusted to our care?

- Children's Sunday School **Rally Day is August 11**, marking the day Children's Church will resume.
- **MLC's Youth** and Education ministries, led by Director Sara Galyon, teach and guide our children.
- The **Weekend Food Program** mission enables MLC to get food into the homes of children in our area who are hungry.
- Through the **Lunches for Learning** mission, MLC feeds children in two Honduran schools.
- Tons (literally *tons*) of mission **Kits and Quilts** made and assembled at MLC will be blessed and sent on Sunday, August 18 to bless children around the world.
- **Wednesday night dinners and children's choirs** will resume in September.
- What else would you add to this list?

JESUS BLESSED CHILDREN. *As His disciples, how can we bless children?* Feed them and clothe them. Yes, beyond feeding and clothing with food and garments, we are called to fill them with God's life-giving Word and dress them in the "whole armor of God." Our Lord clothes and sends His children out into this world with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the Holy Spirit, and God's Word (see Ephesians 6).

GOD CALLED YOU AND ME to feed, educate, discipline, cherish, love, and sacrifice for the children entrusted to us. We are called to nourish children of every age with God's good news of creation, forgiveness, redemption, and freedom to serve our Lord and our neighbors. Child of God, you are blessed to be a blessing to others. Thank you for our partnership in the gospel. And...

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Scott Peterson

P.S. Coming Soon: Bring-a-Cushion Sunday! Our Sanctuary pew cushions will be gone one Sunday to be re-covered with new fabric. That Sunday, please bring a cushion to sit on and a cushion or two to loan to our guests. Date TBA.

AUGUST SERVICES OF WORSHIP

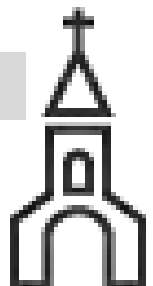
LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship | WOV = With One Voice
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship | LS = Lord's Supper

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

August 4	Bread of Life w/LS
August 11	LBW Setting 2
August 18	Now the Feast w/LS
August 25	WOV Service of Word/Prayer

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

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





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.

If you or a loved one needs to be lifted up in prayer, email claire@mlutheran.org

OUTREACH:

PANTRY ITEM

Soups

KIT MINISTRY

70 Count
Notebooks

Members may also designate offerings to:

**Food Pantry
&
Kit Ministry**

OUTREACH

Life Passages

- † Jon-Erik and Lauren Jaegersen announce the birth of their son Rafe Mathis Jaegersen.
- † Jan Murphy announces the birth of a great-granddaughter.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Sunday School: Mission Training Begins Here! by Dorothy Seitz

Messiah's 2019-2020 Sunday School year "blasts-off" with Rally Day on Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Come meet your teacher, see your classroom, and join us for games and treats! Our Sunday School program always has room to grow, and you are always welcome to bring a friend! **Sunday School operates on open registration, so if you have not already registered, just come!** The registration form can be found at the Welcome Center or online at mlutheran.org. Either drop off your completed form at the church office or email a scanned copy to office@mlutheran.org. An online registration form should be available soon.

Sunday School will meet every Sunday from August through May, except for the following:

- Dec. 29 - Christmas Break
- April 5 - Palm Sunday (there will be an Easter Egg hunt for all children!)
- April 12 - Easter (the Senior Youth will host a Pancake Breakfast during the Sunday School Hour— come eat!)

On the following dates, we will hold a one-room schoolhouse style Sunday School to allow our teachers to take a holiday but still have class for the children who want to attend:

- Sept. 1 - Labor Day
- Oct. 7 - Fall Break
- Dec 22 - Christmas
- March 29 - Spring Break

**Sunday School - Mission
Training Begins Here!**



A huge thank you to all our Sunday School teachers!

- Preschool will be led by Deidre Boyd in the Nursery.
- Pre-K & Kindergarten will be led by Connor Campbell in Room 6.
- 1st & 2nd Grade will be led by Heather Neely & Sarah Walker in Room 9.
- 3rd & 4th Grade will be led by Juanita Florio in Room 2.
- 5th & 6th Grade will be led by Christina Berry in Room 7.
- 7th, 8th & 9th Grade will be led by Sara Galyon in Room 4.
- 10th - 12th Grade will be led by William Strand in the Senior Youth Room.

I am still looking for a teacher to co-lead one of the classes, and—of course—I am putting together a list of people who would be willing to substitute teach when the need arises. If you are interested in co-leading a class or being a substitute, please contact me at sundayschool@mlutheran.com. I am looking forward to working with the kids this year.

-Dorothy Seitz

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.

Please note:

The "I Used to Play" Workshop is on hiatus until mid-September.

M³ (Messiah Music Ministry) Launching in September!

M³ consists of choirs and music groups for all ages, including voices, bells, guitars, and wind instruments. There are billions of ways God touches our lives; music is one of them and is a gift that keeps giving. Watch bulletins, next month's newsletter, and E-News for schedule updates. Then plan to participate in praising God, enjoying community, and being filled with God's gift of music.

MLC Dinner Theater 2019

Tickets are on sale now for the Dinner Theater, *Mischief in the Magnolias*, on Saturday, September 28 at 6 p.m.: also Sunday, September 29 at 3 p.m.

You can purchase tickets at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

Tickets for Sept. 28: Adults \$15, Children \$5, tables for eight \$100. Family plan available.

General admission for Sunday, Sept. 29: "Just Desserts" matinee \$8, \$2 for Children under 18. Those who sign up to bring a dessert receive 2 tickets.

Proceeds will be split between the Huntsville Assistance Program and Messiah's Electronic Sign Fund.



Hymn of the Month

"Lord of Light"

The text of this hymn was written by Howell E. Lewis (1860-1953). Lewis was a Welsh Congregational minister and a prolific writer, especially gifted in hymn writing. Cyril Taylor (1907-1991) composed the tune "Abbot's Leigh," which is also the setting for several Lutheran hymns, including "Lord, You Give the Great Commission."

Using words from The Lord's Prayer as the refrain, "Lord of Light" calls us to use our talents to fulfill God's purpose.

*Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.*



Sara Galyon
 Director of Youth and
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 Ministries

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August Youth Schedule

Sr. Youth (gr. 9-12)

Aug 11
The Greatest Showman, 6 p.m.
 Aug 18
 New Study Begins
 Aug 28
 4th Sunday Dinner, 6-7:30

Jr. Youth (gr. 6-8)

Aug 11
The Greatest Showman, 6 p.m.
 Aug 18
 New Study Begins
 Aug 28
 4th Sunday Dinner, 6-7:30

MOEs (gr. 3 - 5)

Aug 24
 MOEs Go! Cooks Museum,
 10:00

MLC YOUTH

& EDUCATION MINISTRIES

God's Work Our Hands

All MOEs, Junior Youth, and Senior Youth will serve with the *God's Work, Our Hands* crew on September 8th, and there will be no other meetings that day. This will count as our MOEs *Serve!* for the month of September, so mark your calendars now!

MOEs Go!

The MOEs will be heading out with the YALLs (Young Adult Lutheran League) to the Cooks Museum in Decatur on August 24th at 10:00. Please email youth@mlutheran.org to reserve your spot by August 10. Cost is \$17 per adult and \$13 for children over two years old.

Junior and Senior Youth

'The Greatest Showman' Study

The Junior and Senior Youth invite the adults of Messiah to join us in the Parish hall on August 18th for the start of the Sunday School year and our short term study based on the music of *The Greatest Showman*. If you haven't seen the movie, come watch it with us during our youth group time on August 11 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

4th Sunday Dinners... with a twist!

As many of you know, the Junior and Senior Youth of Messiah have been participating in what we call 4th Sunday Dinners. Every month, the Junior Youth decide what we will fix for dinner, make a list, go to Aldi, try to stick to a budget, and purchase everything we need (while calculating serving sizes, cost, etc.). They then meet the Senior Youth back at church to cook dinner together. Afterwards, everyone eats together, cleans up, and then if we have time, we play some games. **This year, your group is invited to join us for dinner!** Each

month, we will schedule a different fellowship/educational group to join us for a 4th Sunday dinner. You don't need to bring anything but your smiling faces (although donations are always accepted to cover the cost of food!). This a great chance for teenagers to get to know more adults in the congregation, and vice versa!

Junior Youth will play Ga-Ga Ball on Second Sundays at 5:00 p.m. (Weather Permitting). All members are invited to come join the fun, either as a spectator, fan, or participant!



NEWS FLASHES

MLC "RALLY DAY" IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

- ☛ Blessing of the Backpacks in Worship
- ☛ Sunday School Resumes for All Ages
- ☛ Rally Day Picnic at Noon featuring "Tacos El Pastor" (In the style of the shepherd)
- ☛ ALZ Bake Sale in Narthex (see below)

For more information visit the **MLC Youth and Education page** at mlutheran.org/youth

COMFORTERS

The Comforters are taking a break!

There will be no meetings in August.

Regular meetings will resume in September.

Info: mlutheran.org/project/comforters

Quilt & Kit Blessing

Sunday, August 18th at both Services of Worship

The Lutheran World Relief Truck will be at MLC the weekend of August 24 - 25. Help is needed to load the boxes of quilts and kits on Aug 25th.

KIT MINISTRY

7:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | All Welcome!

August 1, 8, 15, 22

The team will enjoy a rest day on August 29!
Students & Groups Looking for Service Hours?

Contact Diane Davis or Rhonda Gaede

Info: mlutheran.org/project/kitministry



Come fill your school and work lunch boxes with baked goodies! Learn more about this year's walk and join Messiah's Walk to End Alzheimer's team! Info at act.alz.org (search Messiah Lutheran and Friends). **The Walk is Sep 22** at Big Spring Park

Registration Opens at 12:30 p.m.
Ceremony at 2 p.m. | Walk at 2:30 p.m.

SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE!

Aug 11 | Narthex

Between Services

Donations Wanted



2019 DINNER THEATER

Sat. Sep 28 | 6 pm

Sun. Sep 29 | 3 pm*

*Just Desserts!

For details see pg. 3

Tickets on mlutheran.org

*Proceeds of the Dinner Theater will be benefit the
Huntsville Assistance Program and the
Messiah Electronic Sign Fund.*



HAP West is Now Open!

103 Gin Oaks Ct. in Madison

HAP (the Huntsville Assistance Program) is an interfaith network of congregations that provides volunteers, information, and financial resources to help those in need.

Volunteers are wanted on Tuesdays and Fridays for **greeters, stockers, interviewers, and food distributors.**

Please sign the interest sheet on the bulletin board or talk to Messiah's Director of Outreach, Claire Strand. Claire has been volunteering on Tuesdays and can answer any questions.

NORTH ALA. DISASTER RESPONSE MEETING

4:00 p.m. | Sunday, August 18 | Parish Hall

The purpose of this meeting with other churches in our Deanery (All Saints, Christ, and St Mark's Lutheran congregations) and others, will be to learn about short term mission opportunities in our area. All members of MLC are invited and encouraged to attend. POC: Claire Strand, Andrew King

ARK TRIP Sep 11 to Sep 13, 2019

The group will depart Madison the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 11th, tour the Ark Encounter in KY on the 12th, and return home the morning of the 13th (though some may choose to return on the 12th).

Group transportation details are pending, as are lodging options. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. All MLC members are welcome to sign up.

Fellowship

Don't miss these upcoming events!

Save the Dates:

- ☛ **Foodies Fall Sign Up Ends August 4th**
- ☛ Rally Day Picnic—Aug 11th
- ☛ Trip to The Ark—Sep 11-13
- ☛ Chili Cook Off and Costume Party—Oct 27th
- ☛ Cookie Exchange—December 7th

If you are able to help with organizing, setting up, or cleaning up any of our events, please let me know!

Sincerely,

Sonja Pedersen

Fellowship Council Rep

Sanctuary Improvement

The Appearance Committee has been at it again!

You might not be able to tell, but the glass windows in the sanctuary have a tinting film on them. On a cloudy July 15th this film was applied to reject 99% of UV rays. Other benefits include cutting glare, reducing heat, lowering energy costs, and slowing the fading of furnishings (like pew cushions).

Members of MLC have two rules to follow with the windows:

1) Do not tape anything to the window pane, and 2) Only clean with a non-ammonia cleaner and a microfiber towel.

The funding for this improvement came from donations made by members of the congregation. You can still donate to the Facility Appearance account, as we have other improvements in the works.



Photo: LeeLinda Baggett

P.S. Coming Soon: **Bring-a-Cushion Sunday!** The team is proceeding with getting pew cushions recovered.

When that Sunday approaches you will be reminded to bring a cushion to sit on (and a cushion or two to loan to guests). The date of that Sunday is not yet known.

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CHURCH MEMBER DIRECTORIES can be found online at 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 landline? Please let us know.** Anything you do to help us keep our records accurate is appreciated!

MLC's Disaster Relief Team

By Andrew King

The seven members of the Messiah Disaster Relief Team made a significant impact and shared much love during their three days in Newton, GA. During those days at the worksite, the team primed and painted the exterior of a home, replaced window trim, removed and replaced windows, glazed windows, caulked, stained the majority of the front porch, and cleaned up around the house.

The social ministry the team provided was even more important. Julie Pedersen made a quilt and an embroidered angel for the homeowner. The team also gifted an outdoor porch fan to the homeowner to replace one that had been damaged.

This team was absolutely amazing – their initiative, generosity, and love made a lasting impact. They were truly *God's People, Reaching Out*. Gift cards for Home Depot, Lowe's, and Walmart totaling \$205 were donated by members of MLC. These cards were given to the Baker County Assembly of God Long Term Recovery Chair to help with recovery efforts occurring.



Disaster Relief Mission Trip Team enjoys lunch with the homeowner prior to returning to home.

Did You Know...?

Did you know Messiah Lutheran Church will lend out to members items such as tables, chairs, and certain kitchen ware items such as punch bowls and table décor items to use for family gatherings, graduation receptions, etc. Use must be short term and approved by the Fellowship Representative and cleared by the office. A form is required. For more information, members may call 256-721-0041.

PRAYER FAMILIES

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

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MONTH IN PICTURES

Digital viewers: View more pictures online!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019 Messiah Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church teamed up for their 2019 VBS "Miraculous Mission" held July 8 -12 at St. Matthews.

Approximately 40 children participated between the two congregations. They enjoyed Bible story time, games, crafts, and learning about God's Mission.

MORE PICTURES ONLINE AT THE MONTH IN PICTURES LINK.



Disaster Relief Mission Trip Team (L-R): Andrew King, Randall Fields, Glen Long, Chris Berry, Julie Pedersen, Jean Stuart, Claire Strand.





God's People, Reaching Out at the July 27 Madison Business and Kid's Expo,

Messiah Lutheran Church has an outreach booth. (Left) Andrew King and Jutta DeMarsh help with a children's train craft. Below: Lois Graff and Pastor Scott tell a family about MLC's annual Music Camp.



August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Looking Ahead -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 10-12: Ark Experience Trip September 15: Adult Sunday School led by Pastor Scott based on the book <i>Future Faith</i> by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson begins September 22: Weekend Food Program mission Bake Sale September 28 & 29: Dinner Theater: <i>Mischief in the Magnolias</i> October 17-19: MLC Council Retreat at Lutheranch October 26: Handmade Market for Lunches for Learning mission 				<p>1</p> <p>7:00 pm Kit Ministry</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>8:00 am Messiah Choir 8:30 am Worship: Bread of Life w/LS 9:45 am Fellowship Coffee, Adult Sunday School 11:00 am LBW Setting 2 6-7:30 pm Sr. Youth</p>	<p>Aug 4 is the deadline to sign up for Fall Foodie Groups Info on mlutheran.org</p>			<p>7</p> <p>5:00 p.m. 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation classes begin</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Morning Study Group 7:00 pm Kit Ministry 7:00 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 pm Bridge Club Fellowship Hall</p>	
<p>11 Rally Day 8:30 am Worship: LBW Setting 2 9:45 Sunday School for All Ages 9:30 ALZ Bake Sale 10:30 Messiah Choir 11:00 am Now the Feast w/LS 12::00 CHURCH PICNIC 5 p.m. GAGA Ball (weather permitting) 6 pm "Greatest Showman" Jr & Sr. Youth and interested adults.</p>	<p>8/11 Bring your backpacks to Worship today! Rally Day Picnic at Noon!</p>			<p>14</p> <p>5:00 p.m. 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 pm Kit Ministry</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Kit & Quilt Blessing 8:00 am Messiah Choir 8:30 am Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am Worship: Contemporary Service 4:00 p.m. North Ala. Event on Disaster Preparedness Parish Hall 6:30 p.m. Notabella 6-7:30 pm Sr. Youth</p>	<p>8/18 - Messiah to Host No. Ala. Disaster Preparedness Meeting. All invited.</p>			<p>21</p> <p>5:00 p.m. 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Morning Study Group 7:00 pm Kit Ministry</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Aug. 24 10:00—MOEs Go (Cooks Museum) - also YALLs</p>
<p>25 LWR TRUCK LOADING 8:30 am Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 Messiah Choir 11:00 am LBW Setting 2 w/LS 12:00 New Member Reception 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Jr. Youth 4SD 6:00 - 7:30 pm Sr. Youth 4SD (4SD-4th Sunday Dinner)</p>	<p>Members - Stay Tuned to E-News for Bring-a- Cushion Sunday!</p>			<p>28</p> <p>5:00 p.m. 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 LABOR DAY WEEKEND</p> 

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Newsletter submissions may be sent to Rebecca Mast at newsletter@mlutheran.org

Submissions are typically due the 3rd Sunday of every month! Submit photos to communications@mlutheran.org



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