



PASTOR'S PAGE

by Pastor Scott Peterson
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*I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. --Psalm 121:1-2*

Dear Friends of the Risen, Living Messiah,

"TOTO, I HAVE A FEELING WE ARE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE," said Dorothy to her pet dog early in the movie *The Wizard of Oz*. How rough has the journey of life been for you recently? We have never been here before. How do we get our bearings? How do we know what to do? Where do we turn for help, hope, and security these days?

AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE HAVE COUNTLESS ANCESTORS IN FAITH who have gone through worse situations than ours today. That does not make this easy, but it does reassure us that our Lord has been here before and has led disciples through traumas in ages past.

LIFE IS A JOURNEY. Many readers of Psalm 121 have connected it with life's journey. One father always leads his family in reciting Psalm 121 when they are departing to travel. Another disciple loves this psalm because she says it speaks words of promise about God's providence and protection on life's journey. An Old Testament professor of mine, James Limburg, calls Psalm 121 "*A Psalm for Sojourners.*" Perhaps you have noticed in your Bible that Psalms 120-134 have "*A Song of Ascents*" written above the first verse. Most likely these psalms were spoken when God's people were on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. That is why Psalm 121 is most commonly understood as a liturgy of blessing for those about to begin a journey of faith.

WHERE CAN I LOOK FOR HELP? That beginning verse contains a question to which everyone can relate. Life is filled with many types of dangers:

- **The Physical:** disease, injury, accident, war, weakness, natural disasters
- **The Economic:** recession, depression, unemployment, lay-offs, debt, theft
- **The Spiritual:** doubt, depression, sin, evil, corruption, extremism, false teaching

It is a natural question to ask: "*From where will my help come?*"

"MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH." The psalmist answers the question with a confession of faith. The psalmist does not look to nature for help! Those hills might be hiding some predator, some threat. The psalmist's help comes from the Lord who made the hills; who made the heavens and the earth. The hills may obscure some threat, but their existence bears witness to our Creator.

WHO IS GOD? GOD IS OUR KEEPER. Our Lord protects, shields, watches over, and guards us. Our Lord promises to go with us as we journey through life, and as we return home. These promises do not mean that those who walk in the shelter of God will never have troubles; the Psalms speak of the wicked who are everywhere and who unjustly thrive. **Yet God's blessings will abide with us on life's journeys.**

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, IT IS COMMON FOR JEWISH FAMILIES to post Psalm 121 in delivery rooms, or in baby carriages, or in a child's room. We should, too.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott Peterson

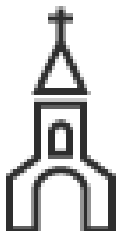
MAY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship | WOV = With One Voice

Available for Online Viewing Sundays starting at 8:00 a.m.

May 3	WOV Bread of Life
May 10	LBW Setting 2
May 17	Chicago Folk
May 24	WOV Service Word/Prayer
May 31	LBW Setting 2

Services are now online! Due to recent health concerns, services of worship will occur exclusively online until further notice. Visit MLC's website at mlutheran.org for viewing instructions and to access the readings, hymns, bulletins, etc.





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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 needs

PANTRY ITEM
Peanut Butter

KIT MINISTRY

See items as Listed on the Spotlight article.

Members may also designate offerings to:

Food Pantry & Kit Ministry

OUTREACH



Life Passages

Graduation

- † Congratulations to MLC's high school graduates: Zachary Armstrong, Madeline Drucker, Alexis Erickson, Gabe Hunt, Ethan LaRue, Maddy Moe, Brendan Ryan, Jacob Stender, Jaxon Stender, Canon Tidwell
- † Congratulations to all graduates!

Deaths

- † Martin Campbell's mother, Jan Campbell, passed away

April 2020 Outreach Report: How God's People are Reaching Out During the Pandemic by Claire Strand

Digital Sign. The annual rummage sale was postponed, but coordinator Paulette McNamara is selecting an alternate date. We received a matching gift of \$5,000 for it. Outreach wishes we had it right now. Our community needs some good news. We couldn't fit both a message and our website address on the current sign. If you'll notice, we had to leave off the letter "g." The plant sale is also postponed. Mary Ann Stasiak has over 100 potted plants and will keep them at her home until we have the sale.

Lunches for Learning. Food deliveries are temporarily stopped. They are ready to resume immediately when restrictions are lifted. The kitchen we are funding at Carlos Roberto Flores was nearly done when the pandemic started. They (the community) are very, very excited about it. No word yet on the new latrines at Dr. Ery Meja. We will invite Phil Dodson to MLC when this is over to report on how our big gift was used.

Weekend Food Program. Following safety guidelines, MLC conducted our March shopping and delivered the food to a distribution site. Now that schools are closed, schools are deciding how to conduct summer feeding. See the article written by program coordinator Devonee Woods.

House of the Harvest. Food donations are accepted every weekday 11-12. They've partnered with Harvest Elementary to run a pick-up delivery using their car rider line. They cancelled their Outrun Hunger 5K, a big fundraiser for them. A dedicated account contained \$505 for House of the Harvest and a check was sent, and another \$500 gift from MLC went to them yesterday.

Owen's House/Downtown Rescue Mission. Volunteering in person is temporarily suspended, but we still are giving \$1,000/month which they use to buy nutritious food to feed the people in their program.. DRM is screening everyone who comes in. The scope of their cleaning procedures is maximized. They are giving food bags from their guard box. Anyone who has symptoms is taken by ambulance to the hospital. They are not taking anyone in to shelter who is from out of town.

LEAP Academy. Madison Crossroads Elementary School may try to have their program in July if restrictions are lifted in time. A decision about Madison City's summer programs will be made at the end of April. The children will especially need this program this summer, and the LEAP Academy is ready to support their programs. MLC will support by providing meals and ice cream sundaes.



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Hymn of the Month

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

Our online services of worship do not include a gathering song; however, hymn lyrics make great prayers too!

*I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!*

*He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.*

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Together

Continue to worship! MLC can worship together "in place." The weekly service of worship videos are posted each Sunday morning. Those are available for viewing anytime that week at mlutheran.org and on YouTube (search "Messiah Lutheran Church Madison AL"). A skeleton crew has been recording the services using careful policies for these gatherings of less than 10. Recording, instead of livestream, has been the best choice for MLC in these days of physical distancing, and we are grateful to Meredith Kilby for making that possible! Worship is central to our lives as disciples of Christ, and this has provided a way for us all to be together as the Church.

Hymnals are available for use at home on the cart next to the church. Also, DVDs are available for those without computer access. Without computer or DVD player? Devotions can be mailed to you. Please contact Lois or the Church Office if you need worship or music supplies delivered to you.

MLC Music Groups Continue "Apart"

Some of Messiah's Music Groups are continuing through this separation using email, including listening links, lessons, prayer, and upcoming virtual rehearsals. Seraph Choir met at the end of the month over Zoom. More will be added over time. Please contact Lois if you would like to be included in these emails or video chats.

Music Camp 2021

Out of concern for young families in this time of social distancing, Music Camp has been canceled for this summer. We will plan to share together in "The Forever Adventure" the first week of June 2021!

Music at Messiah Concert Series Schedule

The Melody Ng concert originally scheduled for May 9 has been postponed until a later date can be set.

Upcoming concerts for the 2020-2021 season:

- ♫ Faythe Freese (organ) - Saturday, October 10, 2020
- ♫ Maeve and Linnaea Brophy (piano and violin) - Saturday, February 13, 2021
- ♫ Thomas Florio and Chris Lysack (baritone and tenor) - Saturday, May 15, 2021

A Few Words on Liturgy...

This Month's Topic: Hymn of Praise

The "Hymn of Praise" is our focus this month. This is fitting as we are in the season of Easter. These days, we may be less apt to pray words of praise as words of petition ("Lord, help us!"). But these are exactly the days when we should remember who is King and Lord of all using the words "Lord God, heavenly king" and words from Revelation: "Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God."

The Hymn of Praise follows the Kyrie in liturgy for a good reason. Following our prayers of "Lord, have mercy on us" comes our praise of God's majesty, power, and holiness; praise of our Savior, Jesus Christ; and in the Gloria, praise of the Holy Spirit.



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MLC's Youth Groups

MOEs (Messiah Older Elementary) - grades 3-5

Junior Youth - grades 6-8

Senior Youth - grades 9-12

MLC YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Virtual Youth Meetings

MOEs - Thursdays at 5 p.m.

Junior Youth - Wednesdays and Sundays at 4 p.m.

Senior Youth - Bible Study on Job: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Meetings: Sundays at 6 p.m.

Please contact Sara at youth@mlutheran.org if you need any of the links for the virtual meetings.

Mark Your Calendars!

Youth who are currently in 6th-12th grade are invited to the Restoration **Beach Retreat July 29-Aug 2 at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City Beach, FL**. The cost is \$250 and includes transportation, food, and lodging. Please let Sara know if you have any questions or if your youth plans to attend the retreat.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will look a little different this year! We are going to hold a Friday evening/Saturday all day VBS from July 17th-18th at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Hughes Road. We will meet Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. and then again on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. More information to come. If you have questions in the meantime, please email youth@mlutheran.org.

WHAT MIGHT THE FUTURE HOLD FOR MLC?

By Claire Strand

A dear church member, Bill Murphy, once said "I don't know what the future holds, but I know WHO holds the future" Thanks be to God!

What might our near future as *God's People, Reaching Out* look like?

I'm guessing you all are anxiously anticipating when confinement will be over. That's great, because we're given some really good work to do.

*Our kit ministry and blanket ministry will need extra hands and donations for kit making and blanket making so that we can meet our outstanding goals which hold Synod records for the most giving.

*Laundry baskets for our 10 high school seniors will be in the hallway to receive your sending gifts and well wishes. Typical contributions are pizza cards, copy paper, Command strips, sundries.

*Our ministry to feed the families at Owen's House has continued throughout the pandemic restrictions. When we are allowed to resume with serving meals, you can join the team by contacting Bill Emerson at

*Serving in Disaster Response work on the ground had to stop, so projects will be ramping up when that is allowed. Messiah's team coordinator Andrew King says our trip this year will probably be in the late August/September timeframe. Contact Andrew to express your interest.

*All of our community food pantries need help re-stocking. *Please see the messages below the Calendar on p. 11 from Huntsville Assistance Project (HAP) and House of the Harvest. (continued p. 11)*

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Meditations on the Current Situation

Eugene Frye, an MLC member currently living in Olive Branch, MS, wrote a letter asking to share an excerpt from a poem that especially inspires him:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

-Minnie Louise Haskins, "God Knows" (popularly known as "The Gate of the Year")

"Grief in a Time of Pandemic," shared by Claire Strand with permission of the author, Rev. Carl Malm.

There is a saying in grief work, "The only cure for grief is to grieve." The first step in grieving is to name our grief. We can be grieving and not even realize we are grieving. Or we may feel sad and not recognize what we feel sad about. So we need to name our grief.

Many of us may be grieving during this pandemic and have not named the grief. We may grieve out of empathy for the many who have lost loved ones to Covid-19. "Weep with those who weep," we are told (Romans 12:15).

But we may also be grieving for our own losses, even if the losses are temporary. It is important to recognize that grief is a normal, natural God-given reaction to any kind of loss, not just death (though that is of course the most painful kind of loss). In other words, whenever we lose anyone or anything of value to us, we will grieve. For example, if our best friend moves away, we will grieve. If our house is destroyed by a tornado, we will grieve. If we lose the full function of a part of our body, we will grieve.

So what have we lost during this pandemic? What have you lost? Even if we know the loss is only temporary, it is still a loss. And as the weeks wear on, it begins to feel like the loss is permanent. Some of us have lost employment and livelihood, and that is a devastating loss and grief. We certainly have all lost normalcy. We can't go to our favorite restaurant. We can't do leisurely shopping in our favorite store. We can't see friends and family. We can't get the hugs and touching that we need for good mental health. We can't engage in our favorite recreational or entertainment activities. We may have lost confidence in governmental authorities and institutions. And we cannot worship together or study the Bible together or eat together as we have always done. The list goes on. Did you notice all the "can'ts"? We grieve our loss of freedom, all we cannot do.

It may be helpful to pull out a piece of paper and begin making a list of everything you have lost in this time of pandemic. Then write about or talk to a trusted other person about how you feel about those losses. Sadness? Fear? Anger? "We can only heal what we feel and reveal." And the only cure for grief is to grieve.

The Rev. Carl Malm - Center for Loss, Grief and Change

Weekend Food Program Update from Devonee Woods, Program Coordinator

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Weekend Food Program, it is an effort to provide students with food over the weekend—those children may otherwise go hungry. Messiah began sponsoring this mission at Liberty Middle School over seven years ago. Since that time, we have expanded to include providing bags of food to students at Monrovia Middle School and Morris Elementary School.

We wanted to provide an update on how the Weekend Food Program has made adjustments to continue serving children in our area given the impact of Covid-19.

Usually, Messiah buys food, packs bags with the help of various groups within our church, and takes them to our sponsored schools, where the bags are distributed by school counselors on Fridays for students to take home. With schools now closed for the remainder of the year and the requirements of social distancing, our normal procedures are no longer an option.

In late March, Madison City Schools partnered with five area churches to serve as food distribution points during the week. One of those churches is Heritage Church, located just off County Line Road. While it wasn't planned this way, it turns out that Heritage sponsors the WFP for James Clemens

High School, the school our sponsored school, Liberty Middle, feeds to. We used our March food budget to buy and deliver food to Heritage Church last week. The timing was apt, as Heritage saw a doubling in the number of food bags handed out from the first week to the second. The food we provided will allow them to maintain this level of distribution for the third and fourth weeks of the program.

As everything surrounding Covid-19 is changing dynamically, we continue to communicate with Madison City and Madison County Schools to see how we can best help through the end of this school year.

Taking care of our neighbors is something Jesus calls on all of us to do. The plight of hungry people, especially children, is something that touches everyone's heart, and this sad reality reveals one way we can help those in need. In these uncertain times when you walk into a store and see empty shelves, it hits closer to home that families in our area are opening their pantries and seeing the same.

The Weekend Food Program is funded by your donations, and this year, half of our mid-week Lenten offerings were designated for this mission. The program costs roughly \$7600 per year to operate. And while we are currently funded to complete this school year and begin the next, additional donations are needed to ensure that we can continue providing food at our current level throughout next school year.

We have a small team of people who handle the inventory, shopping at Sam's & Costco, setting the packing schedules, and food delivery, and we would definitely welcome your help. Please contact me, Toni Daniel, or Claire Strand to volunteer your time and be a part of this life-giving mission.

God has so blessed us at Messiah. To share what He has entrusted to us to support the Weekend Food Program ministry serves to spread the Word of God and his love for us all.



MLC Youth and Volunteers Pack Weekend Food Bags (Photo taken in 2018)

NEWS FLASHES

HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH COVID-19 FREE! Members and friends! In an effort to keep you, the church, and staff as healthy and virus free as possible, we ask that you do not stop by or access the church building without calling first or being instructed to by staff. The MLC staff is following recommended sanitation procedures for workspaces and equipment. We anticipate the day when we all can be together again in persons.

Congregation Meeting - ONLINE via ZOOM

Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**Instructions have been mailed to all current members of Messiah Lutheran Church.
All Youth who are confirmed are eligible to vote!**

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Below are the upcoming reads for the rest of Spring. All women wanting to attend the discussion are welcome. Contact Janell Zesinger if you are interested in attending and would like to be included on her email roster.

The **April book** is a novel that some of you may already know and love: **Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers**. This book will be discussed when book club resumes.

Kit Ministry

Kit Ministry will not meet at MLC until CDC restrictions are lifted on church gatherings

Please continue to support Kit Ministry with your donations and by working to complete projects that can be accomplished at home.

New volunteers always sought and welcome!

POC: Diane Davis & Rhonda Gaede

Stuck at home? Think about contributing to the MLC Rummage Sale *when it happens!* Stay tuned, and keep clearing out those closets and attics. Also stay tuned for information on the associated plant sale.

Need to Connect with Your Ministry Group?

Messiah Lutheran Church purchased a large group Zoom account. It is for available for you to use if you would like to have a video meeting with your ministry group.

Please contact Sara Galyon at youth@mlutheran.org.

She can set up a meeting time and give you co-hosting instructions. She does not need to sit in the meeting once it's set up.

The paid Zoom account offers you the ability to meet longer than 40 minutes.

COMFORTERS

Comforter's will not meet at MLC until CDC restrictions are lifted on church gatherings

There may be some at home projects members can do in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

These will be communicated out by either e-mail and MLC E-news.

POC: Annette Joens & Jeanette Beamer

Fellowship Corner

Since we had to cancel the Eggstravaganza, we are planning an *Eggstremely Eggcellent Fellowship Picnic* for all! The date is still to be determined while we "STAY TOGETHER SEPARATELY." We are blessed with the knowledge that GOD is with us ALWAYS! (Matthew 28:20) Look for more information to come soon.

A great way to Fellowship now is to call a friend or family member you haven't spoken to in a while.

Call an old co-worker, call another church member, call anyone and let her or him know how much that person means to you and how much God loves them!

Think of a great way for us to Fellowship in the future and let me know your ideas!

God's Blessings of health for you,
Sonja Pedersen, Fellowship Chair

Stewardship from Tim Pitchko, Stewardship Rep.

The past several months have been an unprecedented time for us. Our lives have been thrown into a cauldron of uncertainty. We are working hard to socially distance ourselves to prevent the spread of a disease that seems to creep into every nook and cranny. Many are teleworking from home to adhere to the social distancing requirements, while others have lost their jobs from a diminishing economy. During these drastically changing times, there has been no decrease in the help needed by those suffering. God's love and care is needed no less than before. As we retract into our homes for safety, it is easy to forget that we are here to spread God's Word and love.

We are receiving stimulus checks from the government during these trying times. I trust that you are greatly considering how to best use this unexpected money we've been gifted. For some, that may be purchasing food for your own children. For others, that decision may not be as critical to their own livelihood. I encourage you to inspect the impact this money will have on your life and see how you can make it help the most.

If you are looking for ways to help others with the gift you have received, please consider these giving opportunities available at MLC: HAP or HAP-West, Owen's House, House of the Harvest, or any other mission that you are feeling called to support. Your gifts will then be disbursed quickly to facilitate helping those in need (and will be included on your giving statement).

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, for considering this opportunity, and for continuing to be *God's People, Reaching Out.*

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Did we miss a birthday? Please let us know by calling the church office at 256.721.0041. Quite often it is because we do not have it in our records.

Thank you!

April 2020 Outreach Report, Ctd.

Kiswahili Lutheran Mission. Pastor Esther Ngomuo sent us a nice note that Pastor Scott shared by reading during a Lenten service.

Disaster Response. MLC generously gave \$1270 to tornado relief.

Community Response. A card and gift were sent to the two local synagogues, Etz Chayim and Chabad, who were vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti on Easter weekend.

The Bux Family. They have settled into what their boys call "the borrowed house." They have an Amazon wish list set up called "Bux fire resupply" if anyone wants to donate.

Huntsville Assistance Program. Since most of their volunteers are senior citizens, they've temporarily closed operations. They are preparing for and expecting to have a lot of need when this is over.

Disaster Relief Mission Trip. June 10th-14th (for now at least). We currently have 6 people signed up. We'll have to see when In Spiritus will be able to resume disaster relief efforts. If folks are still interested, it's not too late to join.

Synod Sermon Dial-in. For anyone needing a low-tech option, just dial this number to listen in:

678-379-4840. Just follow the prompts! Please share far and wide!

Care-Call Plan. A Care-Call Plan to church members with limited tech is going well. DVDs of worship are available, and a few have been delivered.

Give and Take Cart. A cart on Messiah's front porch shares hymnals, devotionals, handmade masks, DVDs of worship, and other necessities. A donation bin is next to it for mask supplies or food pantry items.

Flower Guild Thank You!

The Flower Guild would like to thank the following people for providing garden flowers, plants, even photos to enhance the on-line services since March 22: Meredith Kilby, Lois Graff, Bonnie Flowers and Anita Zomkowski. For all of us to see the beauty of God's creation in the form of daffodils, trilliums, and flowering trees has been a blessing! A special Thank You to Greg Kilby for picking up the Easter lilies, bringing them over to church, and bringing them into church, and to Bobbey Huwaldt for watering them. Pastor Scott & Lois Graff helped move them to the front porch. **To those of you who dedicated Easter lilies to honor loved ones, Thank You!** We hope you came to pick up your plants and are enjoying them at home. Wishing you all God's Peace!

Flower Guild Co-Chairs Judi McMillin & Linda Heideman

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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3	<i>Those discerning big decisions.</i>
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10	<i>Pastoral Leaders</i>
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17	<i>Ministry Leaders</i>
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24	<i>Non-Profit Directors</i>
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31	<i>Government Members</i>

MONTH IN PICTURES



Seminarian William Strand delivered the sermon on Palm Sunday (April 5).



Greg Kilby gathered up the Easter Lilies for Flower Guild Co-Chairs Linda Heideman and Judi McMillin.



Easter Service of Worship 2020 in person attendance was 7, online attendance was 404 views!



Pastor Scott Peterson waving to Hwy 72 Motorists on April 4th. A short video of him waving reached over 2100 impressions on Facebook! **Thank you members and friends who share MLC Facebook Posts!**



(Left) MLC's First Ever Zoom Fellowship Coffee Hour took place at 10 a.m. on April 26th. There were 42 households in on the call. Thank you to those who attended. It sure was great to see so many faces of MLC gathered in one place. After hearing a devotional from Pastor Scott, and a few other announcements from Pastor, Lois Graff, Claire Strand, and Andrew King, the group was sent to small breakout room for fellowship and sharing on Pastor Scott's questions from his May *Messenger* article.

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ONLINE CONGREGATION MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 3 @ 10:00 AM					1	2
3 Online Service: WOV Bread of Life Available at 8:00 am 10:00 am Congregation Meeting Online 4:00 pm Jr. Youth Virtual Mtg 6:00 pm Sr. Youth Virtual Mtg	4	5	6 4:00 pm Jr. Youth Virtual Mtg 5:00 pm 1st Year Confirmation (Skype) 5:30 pm Sr. Youth Virtual Bible Study	7 5:00 pm MOEs Virtual Meeting	8	9
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A Message from the Huntsville Assistance Program: "We have prayed that all of our partners have come through this with good health. This has been quite an ordeal for everyone. When the governor lifts the stay-at-home order, we at HAP will be ready to go. We will be opening the food pantry first. When utility services begin cutoffs and landlords threaten evictions, we will be ready to start the interview process again.

In anticipation of the pantry opening, we are asking our church partners to hold food drives requesting the usual food items as well as laundry detergent, toothpaste, bar soap, and toilet paper. With God's grace and guidance, we will continue serving our communities as much as possible."

A message from the House of the Harvest:

"House of the Harvest has seen a marked increase in the number of families needing assistance. If you can help, we need diapers (sizes: newborn, 3 and 6) and pull-ups size 4T-5T. We can also use baby wipes. Thank you and take care of yourselves and your families."

If you need any assistance directing your energy into our missions as *God's People, Reaching Out* please give me a call. (U) That means hugging you. God bless you all, --Claire Strand

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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 currently online, available at 8:00 a.m.** All are welcome. Our website is www.mlutheran.org. Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., staffed by our Office Managers. The Pastor is Rev. Scott Peterson. The Church telephone is (256) 721-0041. Email: info@mlutheran.org.

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