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## PASTOR'S PAGE

*We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

—Romans 8:22-25

Dear Disciples of the Living, Ruling Messiah,

**AS THE WORLD CHURNS:** Are you (like me) longing for peace? Is there any common ground between adversaries battling to hold on to power or to seize power? As they fight each other, is there any energy left to serve the people they pledged to serve? I do not know the answers to those questions, but...

**THIS I KNOW: IF A CHURCH SPLITS** into two factions fighting for power, all energy is sapped. Precious resources for life are lost when wrestling to win the war. When that happens, *Our Lord's mission is a casualty*. We do not have the resources to concurrently triumph over our foes and pour ourselves into the missions God has entrusted to us.

**THANKFULLY, CRIPPLING FIGHTS** are not prominent in the history of MLC. We stand united, confessing our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. We have done pretty well at remaining kind and patient when we disagree on less-than-ultimate matters (I am consistently proud of you and consistently grateful for the forgiveness and kindness you keep giving to me). I believe you are forgiving because that is what our Lord Jesus taught us to be as His disciples.

**FORGIVENESS: WE ALL NEED IT**, and we all need to give it. Lord knows that is true, which must be why Jesus taught us to pray, *"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."* Now, back to the question...

**ARE YOU LONGING FOR PEACE?** In our Bibles, the Hebrew word for perfect, thriving interdependence among all parts of creation is ***Shalom***. "*Shalom*" is translated as "*peace*" in our Bibles, but that is inadequate. When we hear "*peace*," we think of the ***absence*** of trouble, hostility, or fighting. ***Shalom*** speaks of what is wondrously ***present***. ***Shalom*** resonates, pulses with joy, abundance, tranquility, harmony, health, and wholeness.

**THE GARDEN OF EDEN WAS THE PICTURE OF SHALOM.** All life, all creation worked together in perfect harmony. In Genesis 3, when the humans rebelled against God by trying to be God, *Shalom* was shattered. Thankfully, that is not our Lord's last word.

**"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.** *I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid,*" Jesus said to His disciples on the night in which He was betrayed (*John 14:27*).

**SHALOM IS COMING!** Our Lord promised *Shalom*, and our Lord keeps His promises.

Grace and shalom,

*Pastor Scott Peterson*

### NOVEMBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

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

November 3	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
November 10	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
November 17	Chicago Folk w/LS
November 24	Now the Feast w/LS

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

November 3	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
November 10	Now the Feast w/LS
November 17	Contemporary Service
November 24	LBW Setting 1 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.** If you or a loved one needs to be lifted up in prayer, email [claire@mlutheran.org](mailto:claire@mlutheran.org)

**OUTREACH:**  
**PANTRY ITEM-**  
Boxed Mac & Cheese

**KIT MINISTRY**  
4 oz.  
Bars of Soap

Members may also designate offerings to:  
**Food Pantry & Kit Ministry**

# OUTREACH



## Life Passages

### Births

† Malakai Joseph and Wren Magnolia Doubleday, twin children of Adam and Aimee Doubleday, received their Baptisms on October 6th.

### Deaths

† Jutta DeMarsh's mother, Margarete Bohrer, passed away on October 1st. She was 85.

### Celebrations

† Holy Hill Presbyterian Church of Madison, a Korean mission church worshipping at Messiah Lutheran Church, celebrated 10 years of service last Sunday. During the celebration Songae Wasmoen was ordained and installed as a Kwonsa, a title in Korean culture similar to Deaconess.

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Connecting through MLC's Communication Resources

by Meredith Kilby

### Count the Ways you Can Stay Informed and Connect with MLC!

- 1. This very newsletter!** You can count on it to contain nearly everything planned at Messiah Lutheran Church each month. Members can choose to receive a printed copy, an electronic copy, or both! The paper edition is a handy reference for home while the electronic edition can be taken with you and has links to our online photo gallery. Past issues are found online at [mlutheran.org/news](http://mlutheran.org/news).
- 2. Tuesday and Thursday E-News** - Twice a week the church office sends out an e-mail news brief. Tuesday's e-news features all upcoming activities and events, while Thursday's e-news focuses in on the upcoming Sunday's worship and activity schedule. **E-news is essential reading for all MLC members!**
- 3. MLC's website at [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)** - Here is where we greet our internet visitors and share with the online world "everything MLC." Here you can read and learn about our ministries, see what's on the TeamUp church calendar, navigate to our social media sites, and locate member resources; such as the current MLC Church Directory. The directory is password protected. Call the church office for assistance.
- 4. TeamUp** is MLC's online calendar application. This web-based calendar allows staff to schedule **church events** and **facility usage**. You can view the church calendar and the facility calendar on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)! *Cool tip: You can share TeamUp events through to your personal social media accounts and save events to your smart phone's calendar app.*
- 5. SignUp Genius** - SignUp Genius is an online tool/website where MLC members can sign up to serve as a **Sunday Morning Worship Assistant** and get involved in other areas of ministry such as helping with the **Weekend Food Program** or **Lenten Soup Suppers**. When you sign up via SignUp genius, you will be able to review everything you are signed up for and receive reminders in advance.

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## M<sup>3</sup> Groups

### **Cherub Choir**

(PreK-1st) - Wed 6 p.m.

### **Seraph Choir**

(2nd-6th) - Wed 6 p.m.

### **Guitar with Ric**

(7th-12th) - Wed 6:30  
p.m.

### **Notabella**

(7th-Adult) - Wed 6:30  
p.m.

### **Messiah Choir**

(7th-Adult) - Wed 7:30  
p.m.

### **Instrumental Ensemble**

(7th-Adult) - Sun 12:15  
p.m. (biweekly)

### **"I Used to Play"**

(7th-Adult) - Thurs 7  
p.m.

There are other music opportunities at Messiah like the Contemporary Band, Sound Team, Messiah Minstrels! Talk to Lois.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES

## **Music at Messiah – Valley Consort November 16**

Valley Consort will perform the first concert of the Music at Messiah season on Saturday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Liturgical in structure, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Mass in G minor* is the central work throughout this concert. Works by Renaissance composers William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, and Peter Philips book-end the Kyrie and Gloria while the "Three Motets" of Charles Villiers Stanford will serve as an offertory before the communion portion of the mass. A new work written for the Choir of Trinity College Cambridge by Owain Park rounds out the program, using the same text as the second of the Stanford motets, "Caelos ascendit."

Other concerts this season:

- ♪ Lopez Tabor Duo, violin and piano - Saturday, February 1, 2020
- ♪ Melody Ng, piano - Saturday, May 9, 2020

Sponsorships are always welcome. Find info at [musicatmessiah.org](http://musicatmessiah.org).

## **Advent Mid-Week Services of Worship**

Advent services of worship will be held at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 11 & 18.

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Worship**

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Candlelight services with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## **Ring and Sing Concert**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Ring and Sing Concert will be on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in ringing bells with Notabella, please contact Rhonda Gaede at [gaeder@uah.edu](mailto:gaeder@uah.edu). Many other musical groups will also be participating! Try out a musical group (left panel) in preparation for this fun concert.

## **Talent Show!**

A Talent Show is scheduled for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>! Info, talk to Lois Graff.

## **A Few Words on Liturgy...**

### ***This Month's Topic: Offertory***

The term "offertory" has been and still is used to describe different portions of the liturgy, depending on tradition: 1) verses of the Psalms sung after the offering, 2) the offerings of bread and wine, and 3) the action of bringing those elements to the altar. In Lutheran tradition, the offertory response is sung after an offering is collected. This portion of the liturgy also includes the Prayer of the Church and looks forward to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

## Hymn of the Month

### **"Rise, O Children of Salvation"**

Justus Falckner (1672-1723) was the first Lutheran clergyman to be ordained in America. Although he studied theology at the University of Halle in Germany, he did not accept the call to serve in ministry until he was in his 30's and living in America. Falckner is commemorated on November 24 in the Lutheran Calendar of Saints. The tune "Unser Herrscher" was composed by Joachim Neander (1650-1680).



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### November Schedule

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

Nov. 2  
Bowling 12:45 p.m.  
Nov. 3, 10, 17  
Youth Group 6-7:30 p.m.  
Nov. 24  
4th Sunday Dinner 6-7:30 p.m.

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

Nov. 2  
Bowling 12:45 p.m.  
Nov. 10  
Fellowship/Gaga Ball 5-6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 24  
4th Sunday Dinner 5-7:30

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

Nov. 23  
MOEs GO! 12:45 p.m.

# MLC YOUTH & EDUCATION MINISTRIES

## Junior and Senior Youth

### Bowling - Sat., Nov. 2nd

Junior and Senior Youth are going bowling at the Madison Bowling Center (8661 Highway 72 W Madison, AL) on November 2. We will meet at 12 p.m. on November 2 and bowl for two hours. Cost is \$15 per person and includes shoe rental, bowling, pizza, and a drink.



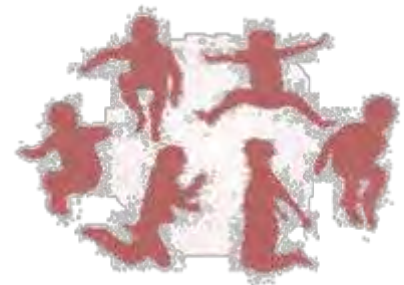
### 4th Sunday Dinner - Sun., Nov 24

November 24th is our 4th Sunday Dinner. Junior Youth will meet at 5:00 p.m. to prepare and cook. Senior Youth will meet at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stay until 7:30!

## MOEs (Messiah Older Elementary)

### MOEs GO! Jumping Sat. Nov 23

MOEs are heading to Altitude Trampoline Park (6275 University Drive NW Huntsville, AL 35806) on November 23 from 1-2 p.m. (this is a date change from previous notices in the E-News). Cost is \$14 per jumper for 60 minutes. Meet at the park at 12:45



**SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!**

**Can you help? Please let Dorothy know by emailing her at [sundayschool@mlutheran.org](mailto:sundayschool@mlutheran.org)**

### Mission Spotlight - MLC Communications, Ctd.

**6. Social Media** - MLC is on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#)! Since these are publicly accessible pages, the focus is to share visual stories and glimpses of MLC ministries in action. *Please note:* These social media sites are not intended to keep members fully informed of what is happening at MLC, your e-news is! Facebook is however a great tool for members to share MLC community events like the **Quilt Auction** or the upcoming **Music at Messiah Concert!** *Do you Instagram?* Members who are on Instagram are encouraged to "tag" MLC with our #mlcmadison hashtag. So if you are on Facebook or Instagram, please Like or Follow our page and share!

**6. Bulletin Inserts, Welcome Center, Bulletin Boards, & More!!!** - *Take home your bulletin and insert! We rarely run out any given Sunday, and if we do that's a happy problem!* Take a stroll around MLC's building and you'll find helpful information about MLC missions and ministries.



# NEWS FLASHES

## CONGREGATION MEETING

**Sunday, Nov 10, at  
12:00 p.m.**

All members are asked to attend and vote  
on the Messiah Lutheran Church  
**2020 Plan for Mission**

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**Fellowship Potluck Luncheon  
will follow in Parish Hall**

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## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, November 11 @ 7 p.m.

Hosted by TBA

*"Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Un-  
learning and Relearning God."* By Sarah Bessey.

Mark your calendars!

~ Weekend Food Packing on Nov 17 ~

December 9 (Social only) Location TBA

All MLC Women, Guests Welcome! POC Janell Zesinger

## KIT MINISTRY

MLC's Kit Ministry will meet Nov. 7, 14, and 21 at  
7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Rhonda  
Gaede or Diane Davis if you have questions!

**Kit Ministry Bake Sale!  
Sunday morning, November 10  
Church Narthex**

December 15 - Save the Date!

**Sunday School Children's Christmas Program**

9:45 a.m. | Parish Hall

**Annual Ring and Sing**

6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary



Bid on a lovely selection of handmade quilts and more. The silent auction is located in MLC's Narthex through November 30th.

All monies raised support Messiah's Comforters Ministry to help pay for notions, thread, backing, etc.

**Visit the Pinterest Auction Page and Share the Quilt Auction Event on Team Up!**

## COMFORTERS

The Comforters will meet each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.  
Contact Annette Joens at 256-232-3449 for info.

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

## CASA RAMP BUILD

SAT., NOV 23

The next CASA Ramp Build is planned for Saturday, November 23, 2019. Additional details to follow on MLC E-News and the CASA distribution list. If you'd like to be added to the CASA distro list, please email Joe Stuart at [jastuart101@gmail.com](mailto:jastuart101@gmail.com) or (256)-665-5264.

**All MLC members and friends are welcome to participate! Invite a friend or co-worker today!**



## On Eagle's Wings - Update Annual Board Meeting

The On Eagle's Wings Joint Board (Canada and US) had their annual board meetings at MLC from October 9-11. The mission is doing good work and is in a much more financially secure position due in great part to Executive Director Lesley Hand's responsible administration.

Teachers are needed. Air travel costs continue to rise, affecting the number of those who are willing to teach. The ministry is also currently searching to hire a ministry person who will be based in Yellowknife, NWT. Recently a grant was received for a Youth/Young Adult curriculum to be developed out of concern for the great number of suicides among the young in northern communities. This curriculum is almost complete.

The board members were very grateful for the hospitality of MLC and its people. Special thanks to Sue and Mike Doubleday, Elaine Shriver, and Chris Berry. God continues to bless this ministry in unexpected and wonderful ways.

*Submitted by Lois Graff*

## HAPC Class: "The Spiritual Care of the Lonely and Isolated"

"The Spiritual Care of the Lonely and Isolated," will be presented by the Huntsville Association of Pastoral Care (HAPC) School of Applied Ministry on Tuesday, November 12, 6:00-8:30 p.m. (registration and supper at 5:30) in the Community Room of First Baptist Church (600 Governor's Dr. in Huntsville). Attendance is free for Messiah members.

The presenters will be Rev. Jamie Mackey (Minister of Youth, First Baptist Church) and Mary McGhee-Pasternak (Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Coordinator of CHATI [Connecting Hearts across the Internet]).

To register or get more information, email [malm-carl@hotmail.com](mailto:malm-carl@hotmail.com) or call (256) 883-6539.

# 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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<b>3</b>	<b>Saints of Today and Long Ago</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Our Veterans</b>
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<b>17</b>	<b>Recipients of St. Mark's Turkey Bags</b>
18	
<b>24</b>	<b>Indigenous American Populations</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>All who are traveling</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Our Country and its Blessings</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Messiah Comforters Group</b>



# MONTH IN PICTURES

Digital viewers: View more pictures online!



**Doubleday - Double Baptism! Oct. 6**



**CASA**

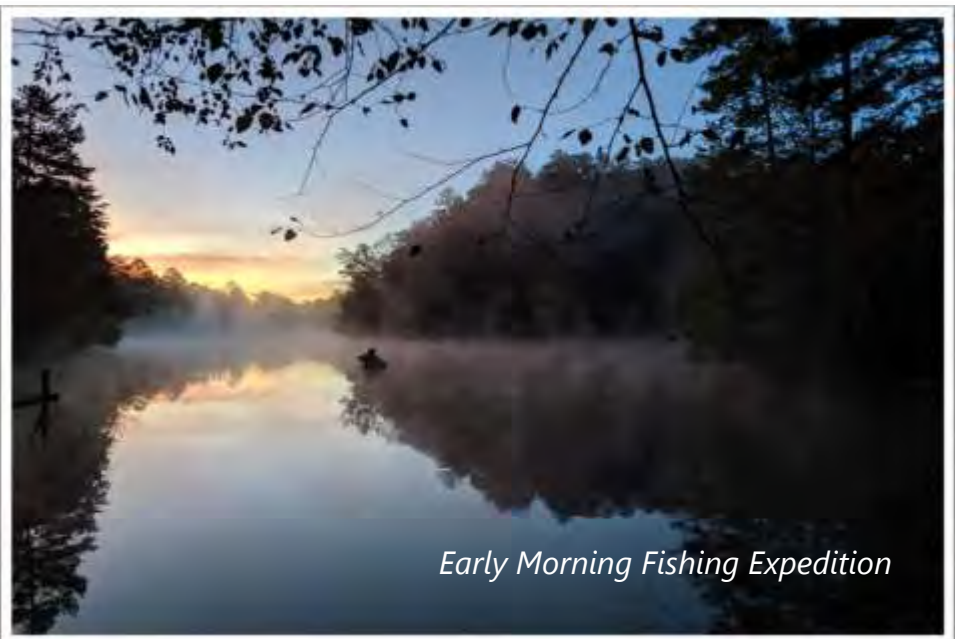
**Ramp (left)** MLC's Wheelchair Ramp Team poses on their Oct. 5 project – an unusually long ramp built on an unseasonably hot day! **Council Retreat (below)** Oct. 17-19



*Discussing the book, "Future Faith"*



*Got fish? Janell Zesinger offers up some fish filets..*



*Early Morning Fishing Expedition*



# November 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Looking Ahead</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advent begins Dec. 1</li> <li>Advent services of worship are at Noon &amp; 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 11, &amp; 18</li> <li>Fellowship Cookie Exchange - Dec. 7</li> <li>Sunday School Children's Christmas Program is Dec. 15 (<i>Rehearse on Dec 1, Dec 8</i>)</li> <li>Annual Ring and Sing Concert - December 15 at 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24</li> </ul> <p><i>Stay up-to-date by visiting MLC's online Church Calendar on <a href="http://mlutheran.org">mlutheran.org</a></i></p>					1	2  12:00 pm Jr./Sr. Youth Bowling
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**Submissions are typically due the 3rd Sunday of every month! Submit photos to [communications@mlutheran.org](mailto:communications@mlutheran.org)**



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# Messenger

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