



PASTOR'S PAGE

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*"...my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."
--Psalm 23*

Dear Friends of the Living Messiah,

"WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE PANDEMIC OF 2020?" children will ask.

What will those stories be? We might complain, *"There were so many things we could not do. We were isolated and bombarded with bad news. It was miserable."* OR we might be anxious to tell a child, *"It was an amazing time! That virus clearly showed us what was 'essential and vital' vs. 'not so important.' When we were forced to pause, we realized how precious friends and community are in life. Once again, God used a tragic time to make people creative in caring for each other."*

FAITHFUL JEWS SEEM TO AGREE: "The best time in our history was out in the wilderness. That's when the Lord used Moses to lead us out of slavery in Egypt and into freedom in the Promised Land." What made those *"the best of times"* for Israel? As Israel wandered in the wilderness, the Lord provided *"daily bread."* The Lord led them to new life as a nation. They had no choice but to rely on the Lord. Their time in the wilderness was not easy, but the wilderness was where they learned to trust the Lord for nourishment and new life.

MLC ORGANIZED AS A CONGREGATION 30 YEARS AGO ON MAY 20, 1990. Some of us have stories to tell about those days. Some would say, *"Those were the 'good old days'! All we had to hang on to were faith in our Lord and each other, so we did. We had no building, no traditions, no easy comforts, yet together we learned that the Lord provides all we need for life and a future."* On the other hand, some might say, *"Oh! It was a miserable time: No building, few church programs, a shabby meeting place—it was like fighting for survival in the wilderness."*

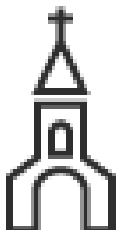
MLC CELEBRATED AND USED THE GIFTS GOD PROVIDED rather than whine about what we lacked. Since those early days, we have learned from experience: The more we invest in missions, the more our Lord provides for us to grow in missions. God's divine accounting practices and generosity are blessings to us which lead to ongoing miracle.s

SOME PEOPLE SAY, "JESUS WAS POOR." JESUS NEVER SAID THAT. He came on a mission, totally giving Himself away so that we might be filled to overflowing with blessings and life. **What is our story these days?** *"This we lack"* OR **"God provides?"**

JESUS SAID, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." --Luke 6:37-38

Grace and peace,

Pastor Scott Peterson



JUNE SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

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

June 7	WOV Bread of Life
June 14	LBW Setting 1
June 21	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
June 28	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.



Claire Strand
Director of Outreach

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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

College Graduations

- † Claire Davis graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a BS in Video and Film Production and a minor in writing.
- † Will Bartel graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in Public Policy Leadership.

Marriage

- † Leah Pedersen and Matthew Blaha were married on April 3rd.

Deaths

- † Audrey Gustafson's brother, Bob Halverson, passed away on May 10th.
- † Sue Doubleday's uncle, Paul Ford, passed away on May 18th.
- † Lisa D'Antonio's father, Tim McMeans, passed away on May 21st.

Outreach News by Claire Strand

Disaster Relief Mission Trip - TBD

Given the current circumstances, the disaster relief mission trip has been in a state of flux. *Inspiritus social services* is having discussions regarding when they'll begin a "soft restart" of activities (maybe end of June). We're looking into a possible virtual option that might take the form of a good gifts-esque project for a specific site, which could allow us to involve the whole congregation. More to come.

Rummage Sale

When new ELCA/Synod guidelines came out in May, discussions on having a rummage sale were held again. The decision was made to move it to the right again and resume another talk on its possibility in early fall. If you've been storing donations, it's much appreciated, and we understand if you can't hold them any longer.

HAP West Food Pantry Reopened

In late May, Huntsville Assistance Program's (HAP) Madison location began giving out food on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 1-3 p.m.

The address of the pantry is 103 Gins Oaks Ct. Please share this information with anyone you may know who is food insecure.

Some food bags will also be available on Messiah's Give and Take cart.



Lois Graff
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Seraph Choir
Zoom
Wednesday
June 3, June 17
6:00 p.m.

Instrumental Ensemble
Zoom
Thursday
June 4, June 11
7:15 p.m.

Messiah Choir
Zoom
Wednesday
June 3
7:30 p.m.

Contemporary Team
Zoom
Sunday
June 21
12 noon

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Together

Continue to worship! Online service of worship videos are available Sundays (and later) at mlutheran.org and on YouTube (search "Messiah Lutheran Church Madison AL"). Hymnals for use at home are available on the cart next to the main church entrance. Also, DVDs are available for those without computer access. If you would like worship supplies delivered to you, please contact Lois or the Church Office.

MLC Music Groups Continue "Apart"

Some of Messiah's music groups are continuing to stay connected through this separation using Zoom. See left panel and calendar page. Contact Lois if you would like to be included in these times of fellowship.

Talent Show June 24

Yes, a Talent Show! On Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m., we will be having our first-ever online Talent Show. For this historic occasion, get your family-friendly acts ready to be performed at your own homes. Solos, household ensembles, skits, presentations, young, old, novice, pro. Does your pet have a special talent? To sign up, contact Lois at musicdirector@mlutheran.com or **(256) 658-0276**. The show will be limited to 15 acts, so sign up soon!

Music Camp 2021

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

A Few Words on Liturgy... The Prayer of the Church

The Prayer of the Church generally follows the offertory. The placement here encompasses three parts: offering of gifts, offertory response, and prayers (offering of intercessions to Christ, "the high priest," as Clement of Rome called Him). The prayer, with petitions, is composed to highlight the scripture text(s) and season of the church year. The petitions are timely, congregational, and universal in scope, revealing the mind of the Church. Petition responses involve the congregation liturgically.

Hymn of the Month

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

Washington Gladden (1836-1918), a Congregational minister, wrote the text for this hymn in 1879. According to hymnary.org, "Throughout his ministry he emphasized applying the gospel to life in America." The tune "MARYTON" may be the only one that Anglican priest Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898) ever composed. During these days we are called to serve while still finding our paths. As we do, we learn more about patience, which makes this verse especially speak to us today:

*Teach me your patience; share with me
A closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.*



Sara Galyon
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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

SUMMER IS HERE!!!!

Youth will continue meeting via zoom.

Junior Youth

On Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Jr Youth are encouraged to bring a psalm every week that fits with how they are feeling. **On Sundays at 4 p.m.** Jr. Youth will meet for games and fellowship.

Sr. Youth

Sr. Youth will meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (note the time change) and Sundays at 6 p.m.

MOEs will also continue to meet this month as well. Sara is currently polling MOEs households to determine which day and time best fits everyone's schedule.

These new meeting times begin the week of May 31st.

Please see Sara's emails for the Zoom meeting links.

A note about promotion. Normally we would promote the new youth into their groups in June, but with only virtual meetings we have decided to leave students in the grades they just finished, until we are back together, or kids are moved to their new grade in school (whichever comes first).



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.

****** It is possible that this VBS may be canceled due to Covid-19 ******

NEWS FLASHES

MLC PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 12 9 a.m. to Noon & Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. to Noon
Parish Hall Sidewalk & Porch

Physical distancing measures will be used. Many kinds of plants will be available for both sun and shade. If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact Mary Ann Stasiak. All proceeds will benefit the Electronic Sign Fund. POC Mary Ann Stasiak at 703-402-7810 or masta-siak2019@gmail.com

ONLINE TALENT SHOW!

Zoom on in Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. to see MLC members share their talents. Details on page 3!

ONLINE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS FOR JUNE

Women's "Tea and Talk" Zoom Fellowship. Saturday, June 13th at 10 a.m. Dress up, wear a fancy hat and grab that dainty tea cup you've not used in years. Mad hatters welcome!

"Fishing Stories" A men's online Fellowship event will take place Saturday, June 20th at 10 a.m. Come prepared to tell your favorite fishing story, joke, or other tale.

Meeting information will be shared via e-news.

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

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

Stuck at home?

Think about contributing to the MLC Rummage Sale when it happens! Stay tuned, and keep clearing out those closets and attics.

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 the 40 minutes allowed on free Zoom accounts.

MONTH IN PICTURES



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Whose who? Try to guess the identify of these cardboard selfies. Hint they all have birthdays in June!



On Eagle's Wings

Thank you for continuing to support the *On Eagle's Wings* mission. Borders into Canada and between the provinces and territories remain closed to non-essential travel, but God has provided a way for Bible Camps to still take place!

The curriculum will be offered as a virtual Bible Camp by video, accompanied by activity packs for the children. Two northern bishops are helping to coordinate this production and distribution.

Please contact me if you would like to be a part of this process by taking a video of yourself telling one of the Bible stories or leading a craft, skit, or song. God is continuing to bless *On Eagle's Wings* to walk beside the people of the far north in Canada.

-Lois Graff, *On Eagle's Wings* Board member

PRAYER FAMILIES

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

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 person.

MISSION UPDATES....

Lutheran World Relief has set a goal of 75,000 face masks to send overseas. If you'd like to participate in this mission, please contact Diane Davis dianemdavis@knology.net

To read more about the mission, please visit <https://lwr.org/story-hub/lutheran-world-relief-launches-75000-face-mask-challenge-inhibit-covid-19-vulnerable>

Madison City Schools is continuing its summer feeding program for their students. Messiah's Weekend Food Program is asking for your donations of 6-packs of granola bars, 4-count of Mandarin oranges, and small tubs of peanut butter. These sizes are specifically requested according to the alternative way the bags are currently being packed and delivered.

MONTH IN PICTURES, CONTINUED...



The May 3, 2020 Congregation Meeting with Council Elections was a huge success! Quorum was quickly achieved and it is estimated there were about 130 confirmed members attending online via the Zoom conferencing app.



Pastor Scott Peterson and **Lois Graff** with the 164 cardboard members (and guests) which were made by MLC members and placed in the pews by staff to mark MLC's 30th Anniversary as a congregation on May 20, 2020. Pastor Scott has served as MLC's pastor since its first service on April 23, 1989. Lois Graff has served as MLC's Music Director since that first service in the Union Hall. Learn more about MLC's history by visiting

https://mlutheran.org/history_messiah_lutheran_church_madison/

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Members— Be Scam Savvy

Periodically members will notify the church office that they have received an email from Pastor Scott that looks like it is from one of our @mlutheran.org domain webmails.

Pastor Scott will never contact you via email and request that you help him with an "urgent" matter by purchasing gift cards or making a money transfer!

June 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:00 pm Jr. Youth Virtual Mtg 4:30pm "When You Pray" Class w/ Pastor Scott 6:00 pm Sr. Youth Virtual Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Seraph Choir Zoom Meet	4 11:00 a.m. MOES Zoom Meeting 7:15 pm Inst. Ensemble Zoom Fellowship	5	6
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14 FLAG DAY Online Service: LBW Setting 1 Available at 8:00 am 4:00 pm Jr. Youth Virtual Mtg 6:00 pm Sr. Youth Virtual Mtg	15 Items for Grad Baskets due to MLC	16	17 4:00 pm Jr. Youth Zoom Bible Study 4:30pm "When You Pray" Class w/ Pastor Scott 6:00 pm Sr. Youth Zoom Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Seraph Choir Zoom Meet	18 11:00 a.m. MOES Zoom Meeting 7:15 pm Inst. Ensemble Zoom Fellowship	19	20 10:00 a.m. "Fishing Stories" Men's Fellowship event.
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28 Online Service: LBW Setting 2 Available at 8:00 am 4:00 pm Jr. Youth Virtual Mtg 6:00 pm Sr. Youth Virtual Mtg	29	30	Grad Baskets - This year MLC has nine High School graduates (2 girls, 7 boys) Please consider donating nine similar items a young person graduating highschool might find useful! The deadline to have items to church is June 15th. Drop off instructions: Members can call (256) 721-0041 during business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon) and leave items on the front porch. Alternatively, you can choose to order items online and have them shipped to MLC. Here's our mailing address. Messiah Lutheran Church 7740 Highway 72 West, Madison, AL 35758			

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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



The monthly newsletter and calendar for Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) Madison, Alabama

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