



PASTOR'S PAGE

by Pastor Scott Peterson
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Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
—St. Paul writing to the Church he founded at Philippi, 4:6-7

Dear Friends of the Messiah,

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE WRONG PERSON IS ELECTED PRESIDENT? What is at stake here? What is in the balance? What are the threats? Are we most worried about personal wealth or the plight of the poor? Will we be safe? Will democracy survive? Who can we trust? What do we fear? Whom do we fear?

COUNTLESS TERRIBLE LEADERS HAVE COME AND GONE throughout human history. Some tried to stamp out Christianity (and Judaism), but all of them failed. Why? Jesus said, *"I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."* The Spirit of the risen Jesus is everywhere and is unstoppable. Our Lord is not done with us yet. We have more to learn, and God has more gifts to bestow upon us so we may bless others.

"I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE," Jesus says to us. Jesus is not asking to rule over us for the next four years. Jesus insists on being our way, our truth, our life for all of our time here--and forever in His coming kingdom. Jesus will reign regardless of who is elected president. **"Do not worry about anything,"** St. Paul tells us. Let's keep that in mind—especially now. Jesus came to earth to pour out His life for you and me. We can trust Him. Jesus will never lead us someplace where He has not already gone before us. *"Jesus is Lord"* was the earliest Christian creed.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" IS A CREDAL STATEMENT ON OUR MONEY. The 84th Congress passed a Joint Resolution declaring "In God We Trust" should be the national motto of the United States. On July 30, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed that resolution into law. "In God We Trust" first appeared on paper money in 1957. Do you think that was put on our money to remind us, *"Trust the eternal God, not this transient money in your hand"*? Three other important words are on our money.

"E PLURIBUS UNUM" MEANS "FROM MANY, ONE." Those words were on the official Seal of the United States adopted by an Act of Congress in 1782. "E Pluribus Unum" began appearing on U.S. coins in 1795. These words recognized the United States of America was formed from 13 colonies. Unity is something we need to keep praying for these days. Might all people of our divided nation unify to become **"one nation under God with liberty and justice for all?"**

REFORMATION SUNDAY IS OCT. 25. MARTIN LUTHER DEVOTED HIS LIFE to proclaiming the freedom we have in Christ. Recognizing that parents are the primary teachers of the faith to their children, Luther wrote the Small Catechism. It remains a cherished tool to teach children and adults the basics of our Christian faith. **Faith Formation** has been the mission of the church down through the ages.

A BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY ARE PLANNED FOR OCT. 25. Noah Stanley Pitchko, son of Kari and Tim, will be Baptized. Abigail Tucker and Drake Meyer, who completed Confirmation studies in May, will affirm the faith they entered when they were Baptized. *"Do not worry about anything."* Even in these turbulent times, our Lord is at work building up God's church.

Thanks be to God!

- Pastor Scott Peterson

OCTOBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

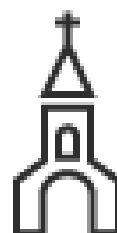
Available for Online Viewing Sundays starting at 6:00 a.m.

OR in the MLC parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

October 4	WOV Bread of Life
October 11	LBW Setting 1
October 18	WOV Service of Word/Prayer
October 25	LBW Setting 2

NEW!

**Outdoor
Worship
See pg. 3**





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
Instant Mashed Potatoes

KIT MINISTRY

4 oz. Bars of Soap

Members may also designate offerings to:

Food Pantry and/or Kit Ministry

OUTREACH

Life Passages

- † Ken Tippie passed away on September 14th. He was 75.
- † Elizabeth Aubrey Tucker passed away on September 22nd. She was 22.C



Congratulations

Some celebrations happening in the Galyon home recently. Sara, Messiah's Director of Faith Formation, has completed the second step in her candidacy journey (Endorsement) to become a Minister of Word and Service, or Deacon, in the ELCA. She has about a year left until the third step, Approval.

Also, on September 27th Philip Galyon was commissioned as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. He will be a provisional Deacon for 2 years and then fully ordained in 2022. Congratulations to Rev. Galyon!

Outreach Update - Kit Ministry Outdoor Packing Day

By Claire Strand

Kit Ministry Outdoor Packing Day is

October 17th starting at 10 a.m.

The Kit Ministry plans to assemble and box 250 personal care kits outdoors on the sidewalks of Messiah Lutheran Church. Contributions of 4 oz. bars of soap and dark-colored bath towels from Dollar General stores are requested. The kit ministry has found that DG's \$3 towels (27in x 52in) are the perfect size and weight for folding the kit.



Donations can be brought to the church's outdoor Sunday service or dropped off during office hours.

Ministry Spotlight - HandyMoM Ministry

by Mark Zesinger

The HandyMoM Ministry provides "handyman" services such as yardwork, home repairs and maintenance, or other manual work for our church family members in need of assistance.

While the HandyMoMs are organized through our Men of Messiah (MoM), anyone with a desire to serve can participate in volunteering and providing handyman services.

Church members needing HandyMoM assistance or those interested in volunteering can contact the MoMs through Mark Zesinger



Lois Graff
Director of Music
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LBW and WOV Hymnals for worship are available to borrow – ask Lois Graff.

The Music at Messiah concerts are currently suspended.

Hymn of the Month

“Your Word, O Lord, Is Gentle Dew”

Carol Bernhard Garve (1763-1841), a notable hymnwriter and ordained in the Moravian Church, wrote this hymn, which was translated by Catherine Winkworth in the 1800s. The tune is Swedish, published in the Koralpsalmboken in 1697. Although we have not sung this together as a congregation, the beautiful poetry describes God’s Word with imagery from Deuteronomy, Hebrews, and Matthew. May it refresh you this month.

*Your Word, a wondrous star,
supplies*

*True guidance when we need it;
It points to Christ and so makes
wise*

*All simple hearts that heed it;
Let not its light e’er sink in
night,*

*But keep it brightly burning,
And fill our deepest yearning,
-LBW 232 vs 3*

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Outdoors and Online!

Worshipping outdoors at 8:30 a.m. at Messiah began September 20!

You have two options:

- Drive in, park, watch, and listen to the service of worship on 98.5 FM
- Bring a lawn chair and radio, sit, watch, and listen with dial on 98.5 FM

This is new to all of us! But we are learning together. As we learn how best to be the church during these challenging days, we remember that being fed with the Word of God comes first. God’s Word leads and guides us.

Online worship continues weekly, via the mlutheran.org webpage or directly on YouTube. Or at 11 a.m., participate in worship together with others through Zoom worship - link is listed in MLC E-news.

Have questions? Need help accessing the online services of worship? Contact Lois Graff at musicdirector@mlutheran.org or (256) 658-0276, or contact the Church Office at (256) 721-0041.

MLC Music Groups in October

Seraph Choir Zoom Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 5 p.m. (no rehearsal Oct 7)

Cherub Choir Zoom Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 5 p.m. (no rehearsal Oct 7)

Messiah Choir Zoom Fellowship & More

Wednesday, October 14 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28 7:30 p.m.

Contemporary Team Zoom Fellowship & Music

Saturday, October 17 11:00 a.m.

Instrumental Ensemble OUTSIDE Rehearsals

Saturday, October 3 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 17 9:30 a.m.

Please email musicdirector@mlutheran.org for more information or if you would like to receive Zoom links. Watch E-News for updates.

Zoom Talent Show Oct. 1

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, click the Zoom link on your E-News to watch the Zoom Talent Show! Singing, Shakespeare, and piano are some of the fun acts to expect. Enjoy fun, fellowship, and laughs with friends from Messiah.

Postponed to January!

MLC YOUTH & FAITH FORMATION



Sara Galyon
Director of Faith
Formation

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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

Youth Group Meetings

October 4th Virtual Youth group game night! 5-6:30 check your emails for the zoom link!

October 11th no youth (Fall Break)

October 18th Jr youth 5-6 pm, Sr Youth 6-7 pm Location TBA.

MOEs will meet Saturday October 17th at 3pm for some socially distanced fun. Keep an eye on your emails for a location.

Please email Sara at youth@mlutheran.org if you have a 3rd-5th grader and you aren't receiving emails for MOEs.



Sara Galyon and two of her MOEs demonstrate the "Faith Five" daily practice of sharing highs and lows, reading a passage from the Bible and praying for one another.

KIDS & GROWN UPS! Virtual Costume Contest! All MLC Encouraged to Participate

Join us Sunday, November 1st, 3-5 pm for our Virtual Costume Contest via Zoom!

Prizes will be awarded for various categories, including (but not limited to) prizes for age groups, best couple costume, best group costume, "pun-iest" costume. If anyone would like to donate any prizes please let Sara know at youth@mlutheran.org.

If you plan to participate in the contest please let us know by filling out this form <https://forms.gle/A3kLx5TUCxPAXnNM7>, although last minute entries are absolutely welcome!

Check your enews for the Zoom link closer to the date!

NEWS FLASHES

Help MLC's Kit Ministry make 250 Personal Care Kits!

OUTDOOR KIT PACKING DAY!



**SAT. OCT. 17TH
10 AM - TIL DONE!**

Donations of dark colored bath towels wanted!
See the full list on www.mlutheran.org



MASKS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

If you are interested in sewing up pre-made mask kits, or sewing up masks to support Lutheran World Relief, please contact Elaine Shriver.

- A limited number of fabric masks are available at the Church office. Please call if you need one.

Kit Packing Event

See page 2 for details on the event & donations needed.

Halloween Costume Contest

See page 4

for all the details.



Messiah Lutheran Church

ANNUAL COSTUME CONTEST

SUNDAY | NOV 1 | 3 - 5 PM

LIVE ON ZOOM

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

THE HAND-MADE MARKET to support *Lunches for Learning* will have an online component this year starting in mid-October on www.mlutheran.org

Stay tuned! You will be able to shop online and then pick up your items on Saturday, October 31st from 10 a.m. to Noon under the porch of MLC. POCs are Elaine Shriver & Theresa Meyer.



COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS

Members and friends! **In an effort to keep you, the church, and the 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. Masks are required when you are in the building. Please sanitize your hands upon entry and maintain a 6 ft. physical distance from others.



Messiah's outdoor altar prepared and ready for the in-person, Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. service of worship which is transmitted via limited range FM signal (98.5) to cars and boomboxes.

Do You Want to Come into MLC's Building to Pray?

Please call 256-721-0041 during regular office hours (8:30—Noon M-F) to schedule a time when the sanctuary is available for individual prayer. A mask is required for all who enter the building.

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.

Staying connected as a church community relies on having accurate information!

If you have recently moved, gotten rid of a land-line, or would like to add an additional email address to our E-News subscription list, please just call or email the office.

Thank you! *Bobbey Huwaldt, Meredith Kilby*

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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*.**

THE ELECTRONIC SIGN IS COMING!!!!

Thank you to everyone who continues to give to the Electronic Sign Fund.

The MLC Council decided to move ahead with the construction of the sign using a temporary loan from MLC's own savings.

The sign fund is currently over \$47K. More gifts are welcomed to fully fund the sign.

Through this sign, we will be getting God's Word out to hungry souls on life's highway.

"And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?" --Romans 10:14b

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Above: The Sep 27 In-person, outdoor worship included the Lord's Supper. Left: Task Force chairperson Rhonda Gaede ensures social distancing with her "soft touch" 6 ft. pole.

MONTH IN PICTURES—SEPTEMBER

The 2020 "God's Work. Our Hands." Day of Service was a beautiful day with safe teamwork. Our intergenerational bunch planted seeds, harvested grapes and vegetables, maintained the grounds, and bagged produce to be delivered to the elderly and homebound. We were joined by John, an exchange student from China. It was great to be together as God's People Reaching Out.



Sara Galyon doing a "grape" job wahahaha



Do you have pictures of you or others involved with church ministries or missions? **Please send them to newsletter@mlutheran.org . Thanks!**

L-R: Rebecca and Mikayla Mast

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Looking Ahead Costume Contest—Sunday Nov. 1 from 3—5 p.m. (Zoom) Congregation Meeting — Nov. 15				1	2	3 9:30 am Instrumental Ensemble Outside Rehearsal
4 Online Service Available at 6 a.m. In-Person Outdoor Worship at 8:30 a.m. WOV Bread of Life 5:00—6:30 pm Virtual Youth Group Game Night	5	6	7 NO 2nd Year Confirmation Class	8 7:00 pm Council Meeting	9	10
11 Online Service Available at 6 a.m. In-Person Outdoor Worship at 8:30 a.m. LBW Setting 1 No Youth this Week (Fall Break)	12	13	14 3:30 pm 2nd Year Confirmation Class 4:00 pm 1st Year Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Cherub Choir Zoom Rehearsal 5:00 pm Seraph Choir Zoom Rehearsal 7:30 pm Messiah Choir Zoom Fellowship & More	15	16	17 Kit Ministry Outdoor Packing Day 9:30 am Instrumental Ensemble Outside Rehearsal 11 am Contemporary Team Zoom Fellowship & Music 3:00 MOES gather
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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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