



PASTOR'S PAGE

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The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

--John 1:14

Dear Friends of the Messiah,

JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO'. Many of us learned that song as children. What else do we know for the Bible tells us so? Among the wondrous things we might say about God's Word in the Bible is...

WITH OVER 5 BILLION COPIES PRINTED, our Bible is by far the best-selling book in history. Why? Because it is God's Word **for us**—for our benefit, for our guidance, for the Spirit to use in God's untiring work to save us. We need saving from ourselves, from this fallen world, and from all the forces of evil fighting against God's plans for us. *Another wondrous thing* we might say about God's Word in the Bible is...

GOD'S WORD IS ABOVE ALL GOOD NEWS! Never forget that. Good news is what we need to hear these days and all days. Among our Bible's 66 books we find a diverse collection of history, poetry, wise sayings, biographies, adventures, and a book of hymns and prayers. They came together to tell the story of God and God's people.

"WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE WORD," I keep saying every Sunday. In weekly sermons I focus on **one** ancient, inspired Bible passage seeking to shed light on what God is saying to us today. **Why not also look at a 'bigger picture' of the Bible?** Our Confirmation students do an overview of the entire Bible. **Like them let's consider what the Bible tells us from beginning to end—from Genesis to Revelation.**

****A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WILL STUDY THE WHOLE BIBLE.**** We will have 11 sessions on the Old Testament and 11 on the New Testament.

Old Testament classes 1.) Introduction and Creation, 2.) The Fall, 3.) The Promise – Abraham and Sarah, 4.) Abraham's Descendants including Joseph, 5.) The Calling of Moses, Exodus, Wilderness, the Promised Land, 6.) The Law, 7.) The Conquest of Canaan and the Judges, 8.) The United Kingdom and the Split, 9.) Prophets and Exile, 10.) Return from Exile, 11.) Writings

New Testament classes 1.) The Nativity, 2.) John the Baptist and Calling the Disciples, 3.) The Sermon on the Mount – How did Jesus Change the Rules? 4.) Parables and Miracles, 5.) The Transfiguration and Claims of Divinity, 6.) Crucifixion, 7.) Resurrection and Ascension, 8.) Acts, 9.) What Has God Done? 10.) What Is Our Response? 11.) End Times.

HERE IS THE OUTLINE FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASS SESSIONS: 1st Year Confirmation teacher Lois Graff will present the foundations of these significant Bible themes. Next, I will explore the faith implications of that content. Then, we will have discussion.

IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER this class begins on Reformation Sunday, October 31., at 9:45 As Lutherans we sing "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage". Let's grow together embracing God's Biblical Word which delivers Jesus to us, *the Word who became flesh*, bestowing God's forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Scott Peterson

OCTOBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Nov 7 LBW Setting 2 w/LS
Nov 14 WOV Service of Word/Prayer
Nov 21 Now the Feast w/LS
Nov 28 LBW Setting 1

Sundays at 11 a.m.

LBW Setting 2 w/LS
WOV Service of Word/Prayer
Contemporary Service w/LS
LBW Setting 1





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 & Kit Ministry

OUTREACH



Life Passages

- + Jan Jacobson, the mother of Diane Davis, passed away on October 14th.
- + Chance Byrd, the cousin of Claire Strand, passed away on September 29th.

Thanksgiving Bags

MLC is helping assemble Thanksgiving meal bags for families in need. Our assigned item to contribute is perhaps THE most important ingredient: French fried onions! We need 100 containers, and we've collected 40 so far. What would a green bean casserole be without a delectable layer of French fried onions resting atop it? Is a Thanksgiving meal really complete without those savory, onion-y notes tying it all together? Help us bring this crispy, crun chy goodness to families in need! **11/1 Update: We reached our donation goal!**

If you or someone you know needs a Thanksgiving meal, please notify Claire Strand.

Outreach Spotlight: Cleaning Supply Drive for Afghan Refugees

Inspiritus, a Georgia-based non-profit which MLC members have worked with on multiple missions, is helping to resettle Afghan refugees in the United States. Their efforts have expanded to Alabama with the recent opening of their new Refugee Resettlement office in Birmingham.

Each refugee household arriving in Birmingham receives a cleaning kit, among other useful things. MLC is collecting items to help assemble these cleaning kits. Our goal is to provide 12 kits to help these families start out in their new homes.

A cleaning kit consists of:

- ☞ Dish Soap
- ☞ Bathroom/Kitchen Cleanser
- ☞ Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels
- ☞ Laundry Detergent
- ☞ 2 Waste Baskets
- ☞ Trash Bags
- ☞ Mop or Broom

Items may be brought to MLC and left at the Mission Control area in the Narthex. You may donate individual items or an entire set if you wish. Thank you!



Lois Graff
 Director of Music
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WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship

In-person worship is at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The 11:00 a.m. service is livestreamed to MLC's YouTube channel, where it is also available for later viewing. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the November 7 and 21 services of worship. More information can be found on MLC's E-News, website <https://mlutheran.org/>, or by calling the Church Office.

Advent Worship

Advent begins Sunday, November 28. On the Wednesdays during Advent (December 1, 8, 15 and 22), worship using the *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy will be at 12 noon and 7 p.m. The evening service of worship will be livestreamed.

Messiah Musicians

Cherub Choir (PreK-1st Grade)

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Seraph Choir (2nd-6th Grade) on Zoom

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Notabella (7th Grade-Adult)

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Messiah Choir (7th Grade-Adult)

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Instrumental Ensemble (7th Grade-Adult)

Saturday, Nov 6 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov 20 12:00 noon

Hymn of the Month

"For All the Saints"

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) composed this well-known and masterful hymn. A chief figure in English music in the 1900s, he taught and composed music of nearly every musical genre, wrote articles and books, and was music editor/co-editor of influential hymnals and musical collections. Rector, Bishop and Author William Walsham How (1823-1897) penned the lyrics to this hymn, one of about 60. Strongly victorious and beautifully visual, the text has connections to verses in Revelation (e.g. the verses below to Revelation 14 and Revelation 7).

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 All who by faith before the world confessed,
 Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*But then there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!*



Deacon Sara Galyon
Director of MLC Youth

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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 & FAITH FORMATION

MOEs Serve!

All youth (3rd-12th grades) are invited to join the MOEs in packing weekend food program bags, after 2nd service on November 28th. After we are done we will meet in the Parish Hall and have some fun with Christmas crafts!

Junior Youth Schedule

Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 7, 14, & 21.

Senior Youth Group Schedule

Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 7, 14, & 21.

Both Jr and Sr Youth are invited to join MOEs after 2nd service November 28th to pack weekend food pantry bags and help with Christmas crafts!

Christmas Party—Save the Date!

Jr & Sr Youth: Mark your calendars for the Christmas party, December 5th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Bring a gift under \$20 for the gift exchange. Prepare yourselves for the return of the Saran wrap ball!!



Punkin Painting! These three "MOEs" pose with their painted pumpkins. The event took place on October 9th.

Sunday School Updates:

The "Let Us Love One Another" Adult class concluded. October 17th.

Dottie Hanson's Adult Bible Study continues in Room 2.

On the following Sundays, there will not be Sunday School for children Pre-K to Grade 12 due to school holidays.

November 28th

December 26th

January 2nd

MLC Sunday School Superintendent
Dorothy Seitz

Sunday School Teacher Roster

Pre K - First Grade - Deidre Hopkin & Kari Pitchko

2nd - 4th Grade - Heather Neely & Lisa Bartel

5th Grade - Glen Long

6th - 8th Grade - Chris Berry

9th - 12th Grade - Martin Campbell

NEWS FLASHES

Quilt Auction

The Comforters' Annual Quilt Auction is returning to Messiah! Quilts will be displayed in the Narthex throughout November. Interested persons can stop by to see and bid on the quilts on Sundays or weekdays during church office hours. Proceeds are used to purchase batting, backings, and other supplies needed to make the quilts sent around the world for people in need.

The first Sunday of Advent is November 28th.

Advent Midweek Services

Noon & 7 p.m.

December 1, 8, 15 & 22nd

The Advent Meditation Series will examine the liturgy of the Holden Evening Prayer Service.

Operation Shoebox

If you'd like to participate in Samaritan Purse's Operation Shoebox (filling shoeboxes with gifts for children in need worldwide), some boxes and brochures are available at the Mission Control desk in the Narthex. Please return your filled boxes to MLC by Sunday, November 14th.

MLC COMFORTERS

**Meet Tuesday mornings 9:00 a.m.—Noon
in the Fellowship Hall**

Messiah's Comforters group gathers every Tuesday morning to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Quilt Mission, plus prayer shawls, and other handcrafted items for outreach. **You do not need to know how to quilt to be a Comforter.**

Questions? Contact Jeanette Beamer

jcbeamer44@gmail.com

**PLANNING FOR MISSION
CONGREGATION MEETING IS
NOVEMBER 14th AT NOON**

**A Town Hall Meeting will take place
On Sunday, November 7th in
The Parish Hall.**

Please see details on page 8

One Table Huntsville

Outreach leaders Andrew King and Claire Strand invite you to join them and others from all walks of life to give thanks, celebrate diversity, and share a meal at this year's One Table. Meet Andrew and Claire at the red Japanese Friendship Bridge on Nov. 22 at 11:15 a.m.

one table
HUNTSVILLE
November 22, 2021
11:30 am-1:30 pm
Big Spring Park

One City - One Village - One Promise - One Table

On Monday, November 22nd from 11:30 am- 1:30 pm, Village of Promise will host One Table Huntsville, a city-wide Thanksgiving meal at Big Spring Park in downtown Huntsville. Our goal is to bring people together from all walks of life across our city and give thanks together creating unity and celebrating diversity.

Gather as strangers, eat as family.
For sponsorship info contact: christina@villageofpromise.org

MONTH IN PICTURES



The Walk to End Alzheimer's was Sat., Oct 9 at Big Spring Park. The "Messiah Lutheran and Friends" walking team included Meredith Kilby, Crystal Cole, Janice Aldaco, and Laura Peterson. The walking route toured through Huntsville's downtown Big Spring Park and canal walkways.



Council Retreat: (Above) Twelve members of MLC's Church Council and Staff gathered at Lutheranch Oct 14 -16. The two-night retreat included opportunities for study, worship, recreation and fellowship! (Above right) Rebecca Alferink hooked a whopping 30 lb. catfish while out fishing with Pastor Scott. (Right) Council VP Greg Kilby kayaking the small lake that Holy Trinity House is set on

To view a fun video of "Rebecca's Big Catch" and more pictures, [click here](#).



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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HAPC School of Applied Ministry: The Spiritual Care of the Addicted and Their Families

The HAPC School of Applied Ministry (SAM) presents "The Spiritual Care of the Addicted and Their Families," Tuesday, November 16, 6:00-8:30 p.m. (supper and registration at 5:30). The course will take place in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church at 600 Governor's Dr. (Entrance 6 on the north). Also available via Zoom.

Cost: Free to Messiah members.

Presenters: Lucy Douglas, New Horizons, Wellstone; Paul Pradat, Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church; Tom Reynolds, Director, His Way Recovery Center.

For more information or to register: malm-carl@hotmail.com or 256 883-6539.

QR Code for Giving to Messiah Lutheran Church!

Scan this image with your smartphone.



The QR Code will take you to the Vanco website below where you can quickly give to a designated ministry and if you desire, set up regular giving at intervals you control.

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YJTA/home>

If you have any questions or specific concerns about your member giving, please contact Marc Neely, MLC's Financial Secretary at fin_sec@mlutheran.org

CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, November 14, 2021

12:00 Noon | Zoom & In Person

All confirmed members are asked to attend so that the quorum is met and the meeting can be conducted without delay.

Please be on the lookout for the congregation meeting notice which will be mailed out early in November. It will include the meeting agenda and instructions on how to attend on line via Zoom.

As is customary at the November meeting, MLC's 2022 Plan for Mission (aka the annual budget) headlines the agenda. The proposed Plan for Mission will be posted to MLC's website at www.mlutheran.org at around the same time as the notices are mailed.

On Sunday, November 7th at 9:45 a.m. there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the Parish Hall and on Zoom where members can ask questions about the 2022 Plan for Mission.

Thank you for making the Congregation Meeting a priority—regardless of how you attend.

DEBT ON SIGN NEARLY COMPLETE !!!

That's good! An MLC household gave a \$14K interest free loan to complete our new tool for outreach. As of October 24th, that debt is now down to just **\$195**. Thank you for your gifts!

Please help our church staff maintain accurate member records by letting us know when things change for you! You can email office@mlutheran.org or call during office hours which are Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Thank you! Bobbey Huwaldt and Meredith Kilby 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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November 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 a.m. Comforters	3 5:00 p.m. 1st Yr. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir rehearsals 6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal	4 10:00 a.m. Women of the Word 7:00 p.m. Kit Ministry	5 7:00 p.m. Bridge Club	6 9:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal Daylight Savings Begins Set clocks back one hour tonight!
7 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Town Hall Meeting 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 12:30 p.m. 2nd Yr. Confirmation 5:00 p.m. Junior Youth mtg. 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth mtg.	8	9 9:00 a.m. Comforters	10 5:00 p.m. 1st Yr. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir rehearsals 6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal	11 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Kit Ministry	12	13
14 Congregation Meeting Today 8:30 a.m. Worship: WOV Service of Word/Prayer 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: WOVS Service of Word/Prayer 12:00 p.m. Congregation meeting 5:00 p.m. Junior Youth mtg. 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth mtg.	15	16 9:00 a.m. Comforters	17 5:00 p.m. 1st Yr. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir rehearsals 6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal	18 10:00 a.m. Women of the Word 7:00 p.m. Kit Ministry	19	20 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Band rehearsal 12 noon Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal
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28 Advent Begins 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 1 12:30 p.m. 2nd Yr. Confirmation	29	30 9:00 a.m. Comforters	Looking Ahead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Midweek Worship Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 7 p.m. • Ring and Sing Dec 12 at 6:30 p.m. • Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Worship, Friday Dec. 24th at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 			

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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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