

Pastor's Page

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"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that God may lift you up in due time."

1 Peter 5:6-7

Wow, I can't believe it is Lent already.

This is a great time to be in the interim process. Lent is a time of fasting, alms giving, and prayer. When we fast we become aware of our life style. We also become aware of our abundance and our waste. It is in this time that we are able to see the needs of our community a little clearer, and in doing so, we are able to see where it is that God is calling us, individually and as a community, to serve others.

Ministry through Messiah Lutheran does not happen on its own. It takes everyone giving of themselves with their time, talents, and money. There are many ways to support the ministries at Messiah. Through this time of Lent, God calls us to dig deeper and to give more of ourselves for the sake of the Gospel.

Prayer is always a large part of following Christ. During Lent that practice increases. The hope is that with that increase over the next 40 days (excluding Sundays) the practice will continue. Prayer is a huge part of the interim process. We pray for the folks who will be diligently working on the Transition Team and the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), the Call Committee, the congregation itself, and for Messiah's next pastor. We pray that God will be preparing you for your next pastor, and preparing your next pastor for you.

Lent is a very somber time, but also a very rewarding time. It is a time to take a hard look at our lives and evaluate it through God's eyes. Throughout Sunday mornings we will be traveling with Jesus to the cross and his crucifixion. On Wednesdays we will be working through a series called "By My Hand, For My Sake". We will look at how various people played a part in Jesus' death that turned out to be the saving grace for all of us.

Come as we meet at the foot of the cross.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Diana

By My Hand, For My Sake

is the theme of our Lenten
midweek services

MARCH 9: Nicodemus' story

MARCH 16: Judas' story

MARCH 23: Barabbas' story

MARCH 30: Pilate's story

APRIL 6: The Thief's Father's story

APRIL 14: MAUNDY THURSDAY-
Peter's story

APRIL 15: GOOD FRIDAY – The
Centurion's story

APRIL 17: RESURRECTION OF OUR
LORD

MARCH SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Mar 6	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
Mar 13	WOV Bread of Life w/LS
Mar 20	Chicago Folk w/LS
Mar 27	LBW Setting 1 w/LS

Sundays at 11 a.m. & Livestreamed

LBW Setting 2 w/LS
WOV Bread of Life w/LS
Contemporary Service w/LS
LBW Setting 1 w/LS



Lenten Midweek Services - Wednesdays at 12 p.m. & 7 p.m. & Livestreamed

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Wednesday Mid-week Services continue on March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6. Maundy Thursday is April 14, and Good Friday is April 15.



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

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

Life Passages

Marriage

†Ryan Miller and Erica McDonald were married on January 29th.

Deaths

†Beth Mumaw's cousin Kathleen Turchetta passed away.

†Mary Mast's mother Lynda Shappell passed away .

Outreach Spotlight: CASA of Madison County

Unless otherwise designated, Lenten giving for 2022 will be given to CASA of Madison County (CASA stands for Care Assurance System for the Aging).

CASA's mission since 1979 is to enable the aging and homebound to live at home independently, safely, and with dignity.

You probably already know that they keep a large vegetable garden to provide fresh produce for their clients and they design and build wheelchair ramps to provide accessibility (Messiah ramp builders have built 41 ramps!), but CASA also provides transportation services, home weatherization, yard work, and home safety equipment such as grab bars, all at no cost to their clients.

On Sunday, March 6, CASA Executive Director Ann Anderson will give a Temple Talk at MLC.

Moving forward, be on the look-out for some hands-on service opportunities with CASA this spring.

- Claire Strand



FAST FACTS:
CASA of Madison County

Website:

casamadisoncty.org

Phone:

256-533-7775

OUTREACH

PANTRY ITEM

Peanut Butter
& Jelly

KIT MINISTRY

Bath Towels
Dark Colors
(52 x 27inch)

Members may also designate offerings to:

**Food Pantry
&
Kit Ministry**



Lois Graff
Director of Music
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Music & Worship

...but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:18b-20

Worship

In person worship is at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and the 11:00 a.m. service is live streamed to the Parish Hall and MLC's YouTube channel, available also for later viewing. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at all Sunday services of worship in March. More information can be found on MLC's e-news, website <https://mlutheran.org/> or by calling the Church Office.

Lenten Services of Worship

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. There will be a service of worship with the Lord's Supper and imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. Lent continues with worship services on March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6. Lenten services or worship will be held at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Unless otherwise designated, Lenten offerings will go towards CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound).

Messiah Musicians

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Cherub Choir (PreK-1st Grade)

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Seraph Choir (2nd-6th Grade)

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Notabella (7th Grade-Adult)

Sundays 6:30 p.m.

Messiah Choir (7th Grade-Adult)

Wednesdays 7:45 p.m.

Instrumental Ensemble (7th Grade-Adult)

Sundays, Mar 13 & 27
12:15 p.m.

Music Camp June 2022

Mark your calendars for June 6 – 10 with presentations on June 12. The musical is The Forever Adventure! God conceived and carried out an elaborate, wondrous plan to fix what we broke. Follow the thread of God's magnum opus through history ... including Dirt Adam, Mother Sarah and Father Abraham, Jacob (a.k.a. Israel), Liberator Moses, Rock Star David, and Hot John the Baptist. The campers will see God had them in mind when launching The Forever Adventure!

The camp runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Saturday morning dress rehearsal and Sunday presentations during worship. Weekday mornings are full of music, crafts, drama, recreation, worship, and a snack. After a sack lunch (from home), campers will enjoy afternoon activities like roller skating, bowling, movies, etc. Cost is \$95. Family plans: \$75 second child, \$55 third child. For more information, contact Lois Graff at musicdirector@mlutheran.org or visit musiccamp.mlutheran.org.



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
MUSIC CAMP 2022
JUNE 6 - 10

Hymn of the Month

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

Lutheran Book of Worship hymn "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God" is a setting of the *Agnus Dei* dating from the 16th century in Germany. Martin Luther used much of the Catholic mass when he published the *Deutsche Messe* to be sung in German. This Gregorian chant tune has been often used by composers such as Bach and Mendelssohn in larger works.



Deacon Sara Galyon
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Messiah Youth **MLC's Youth Groups**

MOEs (Messiah Older Elementary) - grades 3-5
Junior Youth - grades 6-8
Senior Youth - grades 9-12

Christian Education

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Messiah Youth & Christian Education

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:7-9

MOEs GO Bowling!

MOEs will GO bowling on March 27th at 1pm at Madison Bowling Center on Highway 72. Cost is \$10 and includes bowling and shoe rental. Come have some fun with us!

YOUTH Please join us for our time of building community together on Sunday evenings.

Junior Youth

The Junior Youth will meet from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. on March 6, 20, & 27.

Senior Youth

The Senior Youth will meet from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on March 6, 20, & 27.

Sunday School

Sunday School for Pre-K to Grade 12 will not take place on March 13 due to Spring Break week – Mar 14-18 for City of Madison Schools.

God's Story—Your Story

This 22-session overview of the Bible class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It is led by Lois Graff. You may also attend by Zoom. Weekly Bible readings are posted on Tuesday's E-News as are any changes to the meeting schedule.

If you miss a class or want to catch up, visit the class session library at <https://mlutheran.org/gods-story-your-story-session-library/> for each session's readings, handout, and video recording.

MLC News Flashes...

Pastor Transition Notes:

- ◆ Nomination Forms for MLC's Transition Team are due to the church office by March 6.
- ◆ Information and nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center and at the page link below.

www.mlutheran.org/pastoral-transition-resource-page

- ◆ If you have a concern or question, please speak to Pastor Bottin or a member of MLC's Church Council.

Updates will be included in MLC E-News and also posted to the Pastor Transition Resource Page.

MLC PLANT SALE

Saturday & Sunday | April 23 & 24

This is a fundraiser for improved landscaping around the electronic marquee.

If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact Mary Ann Stasiak mastasiak@gmail.com

MLC COMFORTERS

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

Interested in being a Comforter? Contact
Jeanette Beamer

KIT MINISTRY

**Meets Thursday evenings in the
Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

Prefer to help at home? There are many ways to be a Kit Ministry "minion." **POC: Rhonda Gaede**

*Thank you
Thank you
Thank you*

To those who worked on the parsonage prior to our moving in, those who helped unload the trailer, those who gave us such wonderful gifts and cards, and to all for your warm welcome.

~ Pastor Diana and Inge Duerr



**40-40-40 For Southeastern Synod
Disaster Response
March 2 to April 16**
For details : <https://www.elca-ses.org/fortyforlent>

Mask Policy

Effective January 9, 2022 MLC Council requires non-cloth, surgical style masks to be worn at all times while inside Messiah Lutheran Church.

All are encouraged to bring and wear their own non-cloth surgical style masks (KN95, N95) if possible. Disposable surgical masks are available at each entrance.

Please continue to sit in the pews marked with ribbons and maintain physical distance from others wherever possible.

MLC's Covid-19 Task Force will continue to meet regularly and recommend changes of its Covid-19 safety precautions to MLC's Church Council.



Pastor Diana's Office Hours

Pastor Bottin will be in the office (or making home visits) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 - 2 PM and by appointment. She will be taking Mondays off, and working remotely on Fridays. You can reach Pastor Diana via email at: pastordiana@mlutheran.org or by phone:

(425) 231-2456

March Birthdays

Prayer Families

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

Did we miss a birthday? It may be because we don't have it in our records.

Please help us keep our member records complete and up-to-date.

If you have moved, have new contact information or wish to update your families' church record, please let us know. Email the office at office@mlutheran.org or call 256-721-0041 during office hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Thank you! Bobbey Huwaldt and Meredith Kilby. MLC Office Managers

March 2022

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on Earth." Ephesians 1:7-10

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The installation of Pastor Diana as MLC's Interim Pastor takes place on Sunday March 6 by Jonathan Hemphill, Asst. to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Comforters</p>	<p>2 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Service 5:00 p.m. First Yr. Confirmation class 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service & Livestream 7:45 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 a.m. Women of the Word 7 p.m. Kit Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bridge Club</p>	
	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 12:15 p.m. 2nd Year Confirmation class 5:00 p.m. Junior Youth 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth 6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>International Womens' Day</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Comforters</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 5:00 p.m. First Yr. Confirmation class 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:00 p.m. Seraph Choir 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship & Livestream 7:45 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7 p.m. Kit Ministry</p>	<p>11</p>
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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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Find up-to-date information at www.mlutheran.org

