

Pastor's Page

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*In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.*
Acts 2:17

Helping congregations through transition is Interim Pastor Diana's specialty. This month, she elected to give the Transition Team her newsletter space for a larger update.

What is the Transition Team Up To?

By Janell Zesinger

The Transition Team has been meeting weekly to begin the process of compiling information for MLC's Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which serves as our church's "resume" to aid in the search for our next pastor.

Check out "Messiah's Journey" in the church Narthex. It is an interactive timeline to visually reflect on our church's history as we look to our future. The congregation will be asked to add to the timeline with their own memories from their time at Messiah. See page 6 for details.

One significant job of the Transition Team is to look at Messiah's current constitution and take input on what we as a congregation think needs to be updated to better reflect where we are today. The Transition Team has formed a Constitution Revision Subcommittee for the process, made up of John Shriver, Mary Ann Stasiak, and Lee Smith. The subcommittee would like to thank everyone who has provided input and continues to welcome suggestions at any time. Please contact John, Mary Ann, or Lee if you have questions or concerns. If you wish for your comments to be anonymous, please talk to one of these three people and request anonymity.

Work on the constitution will take some time, and no changes will be made to the constitution without full approval by the congregation. There will be multiple opportunities for discussion before we are ready to vote on changes. If you would like to review our current constitution or get updates on this process and the Subcommittee's progress, please visit www.mlutheran.org/2022-constitution-update/

There will be a town hall style meeting on Sunday, May 8, at 9:45 a.m. on the provisional changes MLC can elect as part of this revision process. More information about this meeting can be found on page 6 with additional announcements to come via special E-News.

Please continue to read your weekly E-News and visit the Pastoral Transition Webpage at <https://mlutheran.org/pastoral-transition-resource-page/> for regular updates and announcements during this interim period. Note: The link to the Pastor Transition Page and the Constitution Update page can be found under the "About Us" top menu.

CONGREGATION MEETING

MAY 1, 2022 - NOON

With Elections see page 6

TOWN HALL MEETING

on Constitution Revision

MAY 8, 2022 - 9:45 AM

Details on page 6

MAY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

May 1 WOV Bread of Life w/LS
May 8 LBW Setting 2 w/LS
May 15 Chicago Folk w/LS
May 22 Now the Feast w/LS
May 29 ELW Setting 8 w/LS

Sundays at 11 a.m. & Livestreamed*

WOV Bread of Life w/LS
LBW Setting 2 w/LS
Contemporary Service w/LS
Now the Feast w/LS
ELW Setting 8 w/LS

*All livestreamed services are available on www.mlutheran.org/online-services/





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

Birth

- † Jon-Erik and Lauren Jaegersen announce the birth of their son Magnus Finn Jaegersen.

Deaths

- † Ken Grant's brother Wayne Grant passed away.
- † Taylor Burton's grandmother Bernice Burton passed away. She was 98.

High School Graduations

- † Graduating from high school this year are Cecile Drucker, Maisie Irvin, Lily Naefe, Brooke Ridzelski-McCombs, and Merritt Zesinger.

College Graduation

- † Patrick Jobman is graduating from Tennessee Tech this spring with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.
- † Abby Woods is graduating from William and Mary this spring with a BS in Neuroscience and a minor in History.

Outreach Spotlight: Inspiritus Supply Drive for Afghan Refugees

Inspiritus, a Georgia-based non-profit which Messiah has worked with on multiple missions in the past continues to help resettle Afghan refugees in Alabama through their office in Birmingham and our own Deacon Sara Gaylor.

The following items are being sought for recently resettled households here in Huntsville.

- Alarm clocks
- Mops and Brooms
- Shower curtains, liners, and rings, (from Dollar tree is fine!)
- Plastic hangers
- Fire Extinguishers

Items can be left by the Mission Control Center in the Narthex or brought to Claire Strand's office. Thank you!

OUTREACH

PANTRY ITEM

Shampoo/
Deodorant

KIT MINISTRY

Black and Blue
Pens
(no gel)

Members may also designate offerings to:

**Food Pantry
&
Kit Ministry**



Lois Graff
Director of Music
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Messiah Musicians

Seraph Choir (2nd-6th Grade)

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
(through May 18)

Notabella (7th Grade-Adult)

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
(through May 18)

Messiah Choir (7th Grade-Adult)

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
(through May 18)

Sunday 10:00 a.m.
May 29

Instrumental Ensemble (7th Grade-Adult)

Sundays 12:15 p.m.
(May 8 and May 22)

Dinner Theater

When: Sept. 24
MLC Parish Hall

What: Dinner
& a Show
(excerpts from
Mikado by
Gilbert &
Sullivan)

More information
coming soon!

Music & Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary [...] Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

-Psalm 150

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

Valley Consort

The local acapella ensemble Valley Consort will perform a concert at MLC on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will include works by Wood, Hogan, Byrd, Brahms, Whitacre, Lasso and others. This group has sung in our sanctuary before, and their music has been beautiful. Donations will be accepted at the door for Valley Consort. Concert is sponsored by Music at Messiah.

Messiah Choir Summer Schedule

During the summer months, choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings immediately preceding the service of worship when the choir will be singing. Please consider singing in the Messiah Choir! Questions, contact Lois.

Hymn of the Month

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

The well-known French Christmas carol tune "Noel Nouvelet" is beautifully used for this Easter hymn. The text, written by Anglican priest John M. C. Crum (1872-1958), first appeared in the Oxford Book of Carols. The symbolism of death and re-birth connects to 1 Corinthians 15:37-38 and to John 12: "Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.'"

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain.

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been,

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

-LBW 148 vs 1



Deacon Sara Galyon
Youth Director
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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!

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to join MOEs at the Insanity Complex in Madison from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 for roller skating! Cost is \$13 for skate time and rental. See you there! For more information, email youth@mlutheran.org.

Junior and Senior Youth

The Junior and Senior Youth Groups will meet every Sunday in May EXCEPT May 29th.

Junior Youth meetings: 5-6:30 p.m.

Senior Youth meetings: 6-7:30 p.m.

Messy Game Promotion Sunday

June 5th 5-7:30 p.m. - The Huwaldts' Home

It's the return of Messy Game Night! Each year, we celebrate students entering 3rd, 6th, and 9th grades as they move into their new fellowship groups. All students entering 3rd grade through 12th grade are welcome to join, as are their families. A SignUp genius will go out to help with food for the event. Wear a bathing suit and clothes that can get messy as we play messy games, celebrate promotions, and eat together! Email youth@mlutheran.org for more information.

Faith Formation / Sunday School News (Pre K to Gr. 12)

No Sunday School May 8th for Mother's Day

Youth Sunday School will conclude on May 22 with an End of Year Celebration. Keep an eye out for details in the near future.

I'd like to take a moment to thank all our wonderful Sunday School teachers. This has been a challenging year and they have been wonderful and so supportive our children. ~ Dorothy Seitz

New Adult Sunday School Class - Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith

Starting May 22, Dottie Hanson will lead a study of the book *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith*, comparing other faiths and denominations. The church office will order books for people who need them; please let them know by May 8th. MLC has used this book before, so if you have an older edition of the book, you do not need to order another one. The class will go through the summer.

God's Story Your Story - Bible class continues through June 5.

More information on next page.

MLC News Flashes...



The Class of 2022

Congratulations Graduates!

Sending baskets for MLC's high school graduates are located in the narthex.

Please fill the baskets with items the graduates may need in the next phase of their lives, such as *towels, detergent, copy paper, pizza cards, microwave foods, etc.* Graduates* and baskets will be blessed at either service of worship

Sunday, May 15th.

High School Graduates

Cecile Drucker

Maisie Irvin

Lily Naefe

Brooke Ridzelski-McCombs

Merritt Zesinger

***College graduates will also be recognized. Please let Claire know if you are or have a graduating college student to recognize this day.**

WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM

May 1 9:45 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy coffee and fellowship while helping pack bags for WFP. POC Mary Ann Stasiak This is the last packing for the current school year.

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**

MLC COMFORTERS

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

Interested in being a Comforter? Contact Jeanette Beamer

Reminders:

- **Music Camp is June 6-12! Register your child or grandchild today.** See page 3.
- **If you have signed up to go to the Faith and Family night / Trash Panda's game,** please see the email from Claire or stop by the Welcome Center. There's a QR code you can use to pay via PayPal.
- **Save the date!** Vacation Bible School for MLC children is July 12 -14 and will be held at St. Matthews Episcopal Church on Hughes Rd.



SERVE.

GIVE. GROW!

Messiah Lutheran Church has kitchen duty at Owen's House the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

Join us on May 2nd and/or May 16th. Set up and work the serving line, then enjoy the meal with the residents (relationship building is the best part!). Volunteers can meet at OH at 4:45 or meet at church at 4:15 to ride with Bill Emerson.

MLC continues to give \$1,000 each month to Owen's House so they can purchase additional nutritious ingredients for their daily meals.

Help Wanted !



Highly Caffeinated Church seeks Sunday Morning Coffee Coordinator.

Responsibilities include scheduling volunteers to make coffee and clean up after second service. A great service opportunity for a family with teens who can help. Training provided. Contact Debi Peterson: fellowship_rep@mlutheran.org

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

If so -- ANSWER! Getting involved in MLC's ministries or fellowship groups will connect you to others and support MLC's mission as a congregation. The pandemic impacted many of MLC's long running ministries. It takes leadership and volunteers to see these programs can return and prosper.

Please call the church office at (256) 721-0041 or Claire Strand (claire@mlutheran.org) if God is calling you to serve in some way at MLC.

God's Story—Your Story

New Testament

This class will continue through June 5. It is led by Lois Graff. Weekly Bible readings are posted on Tuesday's MLC 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.

More News Flashes!

MLC Council Elections

Sunday, May 1, 2022

The Nominating Committee met to secure nominees for the elections at the Sunday, May 1 Congregation meeting.

The following individuals have been nominated:

Vice-President (one-year term): Greg Kilby

Secretary (one-year term): Stephanie Kokan

Treasurer (one-year term): Mary Ann Stasiak

Church Council Representatives:

Worship & Music (two-year term): Laura Peterson

Education & Youth (two-year term): Bonnie Flowers

Property: (two-year term): Lisa Evers

Finance (two-year term): Lee Smith

Youth Rep: (one-year term): Aaron Woods

2023 Nominating Committee:

4 At-Large, 2 Outgoing Council

At-Large (one-year term): Lois Graff, Holly Martin,
Tom Fedrick, Ross Ingram

Outgoing Council (one-year term):

Rhonda Gaede, William Rydbom

Faith Formation Co-Superintendents

(one-year term): Chris Berry & Janet Sullivan

Nominations may be made from the floor provided the person is known to be willing to serve in that position. Any Confirmed member of MLC may volunteer to be on the ballot for these offices.

You Are a Part of

Messiah's Journey

as God's People, Reaching Out!

All members are encouraged to participate in this interactive display located in the church Narthex.

It is a visual timeline of MLC memories since its founding in 1990. The display will remain up through MLC's interim period. Stop by the display to add your own MLC memory to the timeline! Coming soon there be an opportunity for members to submit photo their photo memories which will be put together as a visual montage of MLC's Journey.

For more information about this project, watch Kari Pitchko's April 24 temple talk which will be posted to MLC's Pastor Transition Resource Page at

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

Town Hall Meeting Sunday May 8, 2022

9:45 a.m. | Parish Hall

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

TOWN HALL Meeting – May 8: The Transition Team has nearly completed a draft Constitution for Messiah which merges the current Constitution with the required provisions in the ELCA Model Constitution. The draft clearly shows those sections where we as a Congregation need to decide what we want in our Constitution.

These decisions will not be made by the Constitution Revision Subcommittee or the Transition Team. **A Town Hall meeting will be held during the Sunday School hour (starting at 9:45 a.m.) on May 8.**

This will give members an opportunity to present the reasoning for provisions which should be retained or changed in the Constitution. The reasons should be directed to the Congregation. Following this meeting a mechanism will be defined to determine the will of the Congregation. Any questions or concerns that you may have can be directed to members of the Constitution Revision Subcommittee (Mary Ann Stasiak, Lee Smith and John Shriver).

Please visit the 2022 Constitution Update page below for more details, the latest draft, how it was created, and initial feedback received on the MLC Constitution that was collected by Mary Ann Stasiak.

[2022 Constitution Update Page](#)



Thank you to Kari Pitchko and Sue Doubleday for organizing and this wonderful display!

May Birthdays

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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. 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*

Month in Pictures

View a large gallery of pictures from [April 2022 on MLC's Google Photo Album](#). Heard and now seen! MLC's Instrumental Ensemble. Palm Sunday include a congregation procession into MLC led by Pastor Diana. Weekend Food Program volunteers packing bags for the three local schools MLC supports. *Photos by Jack Mast*



May 2022

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” **Isaiah 43:19**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Congregation Meeting 8:30 a.m. Worship: WOV Bread of Life w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Weekend Food Packing 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: WOV Bread of Life w/LS Congregation meeting after 11:00 worship 5:00 p.m. Junior Youth 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth	2 4:45 Owen’s House kitchen duty	3 9:00 a.m. Comforters	4 5:00 p.m. 1st Year Confirmation class 6:00 p.m. Seraph Choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal	5 7:00 p.m. Kit Ministries	6 7:00 p.m. Bridge Group	7
8 Town Hall Mtg. 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School only 9:45 a.m. Town Hall 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 12:15 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Junior Youth 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth	9	10 9:00 a.m. Comforters	11 5:00 p.m. 1st Year Confirmation class 6:00 p.m. Seraph Choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal	12 7:00 p.m. Kit Ministries 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	13 7:30 p.m. Valley Consort concert	14
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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, Ala-

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