

# Pastor's Page

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*So that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.  
Romans 15:6*

## Transition Team Update

Many thanks! The Transition Team has received more than 80 responses to both the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Questionnaire (Part 1) and Survey (Part 2) given to the congregation in June. We would like to thank the congregation for taking the time to thoughtfully and prayerfully share your thoughts, praises, and concerns.

All responses, with names removed, have been grouped together by question and passed along to the Transition Team to review. As you can imagine, reviewing this many responses will take some time! After the team reviews and discusses the responses, we will begin the initial stages of creating a draft Ministry Site Profile. There will also be time for additional input and discussion.

At the time of this printing, the Transition Team is preparing to publish a summary of the MSP Questionnaire & Survey responses for the congregation to view. Please check the E-News for details.

There will be a town hall-style meeting between services on Aug. 21 to discuss the MSP Questionnaire & Survey summaries. There will also be a pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25 to discuss them further in smaller groups. Additional details will be announced soon.

Stay tuned for additional information in the coming weeks as we continue to work towards creating an MSP that reflects our congregation's values and beliefs.

*By Janell Zesinger*

## Transition Team Resources:

**Stay Informed at the Pastoral Transition Webpage**

[www.mlutheran.org/pastoral-transition-resource-page](http://www.mlutheran.org/pastoral-transition-resource-page)

**We are in Step 2 of the ELCA's four-step call process.** If you have questions or concerns, please speak to Pastor Bottin or a member of MLC's Church Council. **You may also email the Transition Team at [mlc.transitionteam@mlutheran.org](mailto:mlc.transitionteam@mlutheran.org)** The email will be directed to Rebecca Mast TT Chair, and John Shriver, TT Secretary.

## August Highlights

**RALLY DAY is Aug. 7**

Sunday School Resumes for  
All Ages **PLUS...**

**ALZ Bake Sale &  
Backpack Blessing at  
Both Services of Worship**

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**Kit & Quilt Blessing  
Sunday, Aug. 21**

**Both Services of Worship**  
(Congregation Kit Packing at  
9:45 AM on Aug. 14)

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**Transition Team  
Town Hall Meeting  
Sunday, Aug. 21  
Parish Hall | 9:45 AM**

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**Transition Team  
Pizza Roundtable  
Thursday, Aug. 25  
Parish Hall | 6:00 PM**

## AUGUST SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

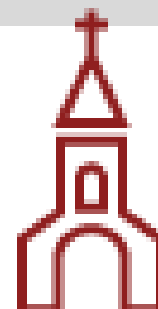
### Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

August 7 LBW Setting 2 w/LS  
August 14 WOV Bread of Life w/LS  
August 21 LBW Setting 1 w/LS  
August 28 Now the Feast w/LS

### Sundays at 11 a.m. & Livestreamed\*

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

\*All livestreamed services are available on [www.mlutheran.org/online-services/](http://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](mailto: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

† Lloyd and Deb McDaniels announce the birth of their granddaughter

### Marriage

† Karen Jackson and Paul Arnold were married July 9th.

## Pop-up Lunch to Discuss Lunches for Learning

Lunches for Learning (L4L) director Phil Dodson was passing through town on 7/13, so we shared a pop-up lunch with him. Phil told us that normal student feeding operations resumed in March for all 46 schools in the program. He was also happy to share that school trips are resuming soon. School graduation dates are set for November 13-16 or November 16-19. If you have interest in traveling to Honduras to attend graduation at Messiah's sponsored schools, please talk to Claire Strand. Our annual Handmade Market craft sale to support L4L is set for October 15th.



## OUTREACH

### PANTRY ITEM

Toilet Paper

### KIT MINISTRY

70 Ct. Notebooks

Members may also designate offerings to:

**Food Pantry  
&  
Kit Ministry**

## Outreach Spotlight: Kits and Quilts

by Claire Strand

Can we break last year's record of 3 TONS of aid for Lutheran World Relief?

The boxes are piling up! And the sewing machines are whirring!

Here's how you can help:

- School supplies are on sale in stores now. Purchase 70 ct. notebooks or 24 ct. crayons.
- Help pack kits on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
- The Comforters can always use extra hands on Tuesdays beginning at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
- The Kit and Quilt Blessing is Sunday, August 21, with a congregational school kit packing between services on Sunday, August 14, in the Fellowship Hall.
- The LWR truck arrives at MLC the last weekend of August! Help is needed loading it between services on Sunday, August 28th.



**Lois Graff**  
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### Messiah Musicians

Most of our music groups are on hiatus for the summer.

#### **Messiah Choir** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Adult)

During the summer months, choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings immediately preceding the service of worship when the choir will be singing. Sing on one Sunday or several! Questions, contact Randall Fields or Lois.

Aug. 7 8 a.m.  
Aug. 14 10 a.m.  
Aug. 21 18 a.m.  
Aug. 28 10 a.m.

#### **Other Groups**

Watch for updates soon about other music groups resuming in August and/or September.

# 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 at Messiah

The first concert of the 2022-2023 season is Faythe Freese, organ on Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. Freese is a Professor of Organ Emeritus at the University of Alabama School of Music and is in demand as a recitalist throughout the United States, Germany, Denmark, South Korea, and Singapore.

### Talent Show

Music, drama, dancing, comedy, art? What talents do you want to share? A talent show is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 at 6 p.m. A spaghetti dinner will precede the show, and donations will support Ukrainian Relief. Contact Lois Graff or Bob Gustafson for more information or to sign up.

### Valley Consort

The local acapella ensemble Valley Consort will perform a concert at MLC on Friday evening, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. (rescheduled from May). The concert will include works by Wood, Hogan, Byrd, Brahms, Whitacre, and Lasso. This group has sung at MLC before, and their music was beautiful. Donations will be accepted at the door for Valley Consort. This concert is sponsored by Music at Messiah.

### Summer Choir Schedule

See the side bar for this month's choir rehearsal schedule. If you have questions, contact Randall Fields or Lois Graff.

### Messiah Music Groups

Other Messiah music groups are resuming rehearsals in September. Watch next month's newsletter, bulletins, and E-News for announcements!

## Hymn of the Month

### "Be Thou My Vision"

In *Then Sings My Soul*, Robert J. Morgan writes, "In the eighth century, an unknown poet wrote a prayer asking God to be his Vision, his Wisdom, and his Best Thought by day or night. In 1905, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, a scholar in Dublin, Ireland, translated this ancient Irish poem into English. Another scholar, Eleanor Hull of Manchester, England, took Byrne's translation and crafted it into verses with rhyme and meter. Shortly thereafter it was set to a traditional Irish folk song, 'Slane,' named for an area in Ireland where [Saint] Patrick reportedly challenged local Druids with the gospel." This much-loved hymn is an obvious choice for beginning the school year.

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. WOV 776 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**

### **Bonnie Flowers**

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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*

**Jr and Sr youth meet weekly (check emails for cancellations) from 5-6:30 for Jr. Youth and 6-7:30 for Sr. Youth.** Special pop-up events are announced via e-news and emails to parents and youth.

**The Sr. Youth Sunday School Class will meet at Starbucks on Highway 72 across from the church.** Please contact Deacon Sara if you or your child plan to attend, and how they will get there (ride by themselves, with someone else, with Deacon Sara). **We will begin meeting on August 14th.**

**The July "MOEs Go to Altitude Trampoline Park" has been rescheduled for August 28th from 2-4 pm.** Watch emails for more details or contact Deacon Sara.



## **Faith Formation Rally Day** **Theme: Soaring High with God's Love**

Date: Sunday, August 7 between services

Youth ages PreK-5th grade will get a chance to see their classrooms, meet their teachers, and then head outside for some fun activities run by our middle and high school youth.

Adults can learn more about the Adult Class and meet others.

We are decorating the rooms with hot air balloons to go along with the theme.

## **Confirmation Classes Resume**

1st Year Confirmation Classes begin on August 10 at 5:00 p.m. This two-year program for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older is a study of the Old and New Testaments and Luther's Small Catechism and prepares them to affirm the faith they entered through Baptism. Please contact the Church Office or Lois Graff if you are interested.

2nd Year Confirmation will be held on Sunday afternoons. Start date & time will be announced soon.

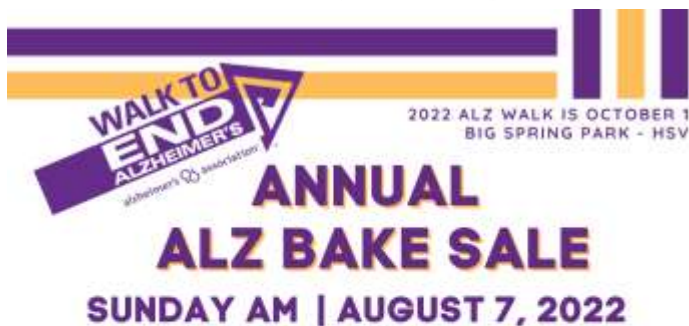
## **Pastor Led Lectionary Study?**

With the Transition Team winding up their work, Pastor Diana has a little extra time available. **Are you interested in a mid-week lectionary study?** Please let Pastor Diana know so she can gauge interest from the congregation. Thank you!

Email Pastor Diana at [pastordiana@mlutheran.org](mailto:pastordiana@mlutheran.org) or call the church office at 256.721.0041.



## MLC News Flashes...



Before and after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services

To preview or pre-order some of the items available at the sale, visit <https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/ALZBakeSale>

To join the MLC Lutheran & Friends Walk team visit [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/AL-Alabama?team\\_id=729764&pg=team&fr\\_id=15378#team-roster](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/AL-Alabama?team_id=729764&pg=team&fr_id=15378#team-roster).

Please see [www.mlutheran.org](http://www.mlutheran.org) homepage for a link to the Bake Sale order form & team site.

### Kits & Quilt Blessing Day - August 21

A Kit Packing Fellowship will take place on Aug 14 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

LWR Truck Loading Day - August 28  
If you have a hand truck please bring it help expedite the loading.

### KIT MINISTRY

will continue to meet Thursday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

### MLC COMFORTERS

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

Interested in being a Comforter? Contact Jeanette Beamer

### Reminders:

- Update your household photo for the upcoming photo church directory (see pg. 6)
- Stop by the church office if you would like a printed copy of the current church directory. It is also available on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org) (under Member Resources) It is password protected.
- Sign up to assist in Sunday Worship when you are available and wish to help.
- Don't forget to check your mailboxes when you come to church!



### Blessing of the Backpacks

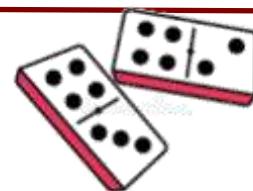
August 7th!

Bring your backpacks and book bags to worship on August 7th. The annual blessing of the learners, teachers, and backpacks will take place at both services of worship.

Each participant will receive a 2022-2023 Messiah backpack tag.

### Dominoes for Mission?

by Richard Webb



#### Anyone interested in playing dominoes at Messiah during the week?

The idea is to meet at a convenient time for most people. We can play singles or doubles. We can pay a small fee each time we meet, and at the end of the game, the winner chooses which Messiah ministry receives the funds. If there is enough interest, we can have a meeting and flush out the particulars. Let me know if you're interested.



### Coffee Thermos Fundraiser

Stop by the Mission Control Stand to purchase a custom printed MLC Insulated Coffee Thermos. They are \$10 each. Profit supports MLC's Disaster Relief Mission Trip.

### Fellowship Coordinators Needed!

**A Sunday Coffee Coordinator is sought.** There are a number of households available and willing to make coffee, so the task is just to line folks up based on their schedules. Thank you to the Rydbom family who will continue to coordinate Donut Sunday.

**A Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinator is also needed.** The work involves scheduling those willing to plan and prepare the meals, and other volunteers.

POC: Debi Peterson: [fellowship\\_rep@mlutheran.org](mailto:fellowship_rep@mlutheran.org)

## *August 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*.**

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# August 2022

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.*  
 1 John 3:1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AUGUST 7</b> <b>RALLY DAY,</b> <b>BACKPACK</b> <b>BLESSING &amp;</b> <b>ALZ BAKE SALE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. Comforters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 p.m. Kit Ministry	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Bridge Club	<b>6</b>
<b>7 RALLY DAY/ ALZ</b> <b>BAKE SALE</b> 8:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal <b>8:30 a.m. Worship:</b> LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day <b>11:00 a.m. Worship &amp;</b> <b>Livestream:</b> LBW Setting 2 w/LS  5:00 p.m. Junior Youth mtg. 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth mtg.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m. Comforters	<b>10</b> 5:00 p.m. 1st Yr. Confirmation	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting  7:00 p.m. Kit Ministry	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 KIT PACKING</b> <b>8:30 a.m. Worship:</b> WOV Bread of Life w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting 9:45 a.m. Kit Packing 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 a.m. Worship &amp;</b> <b>Livestream:</b> WOV Bread of Life w/LS  5:00 p.m. Junior Youth mtg. 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth mtg.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Comforters	<b>17</b> 5:00 p.m. 1st Yr. Confirmation	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. Kit Ministry	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 QUILT &amp; KIT</b> <b>BLESSING SUNDAY</b> 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <b>8:30 a.m. Worship:</b> LBW Setting 1 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School <b>9:45 a.m. Town Hall</b> <b>11:00 a.m. Worship &amp;</b> <b>Livestream:</b> Contemporary Service w/LS  5:00 p.m. Junior Youth mtg. 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth mtg.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Comforters	<b>24</b> 5:00 p.m. 1st Yr. Confirmation	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm. Transition Team Pizza Dinner Roundtable  7:00 p.m. Kit Ministry	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 LWR TRUCK</b> <b>LOADING DAY</b> <b>8:30 a.m. Worship:</b> Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 a.m. Worship &amp;</b> <b>Livestream:</b> Now the Feast w/LS 2:00 p.m. MOEs Go –Altitude 5:00 p.m. Junior Youth mtg. 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth mtg.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Comforters	<b>Looking Ahead:</b> <u>September 11:</u> GWOH Sunday <u>September 21 - 25:</u> Disaster Relief Mission Trip <u>September 23:</u> Valley Consort Concert <u>September 24:</u> MLC Talent Show & Spaghetti Supper <u>October 15:</u> Lunches for Learning Fall Handmade Market <u>October 15:</u> Faythe Freese Music at Messiah Organ Concert			

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**Newsletter submissions may be sent to Rebecca Mast at [newsletter@mlutheran.org](mailto:newsletter@mlutheran.org)  
Submissions are typically due the 3rd Sunday of every month. Submit photos to [communications@mlutheran.org](mailto:communications@mlutheran.org)**



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# Messenger

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