

Pastor's Page

Pastor Diana Bottin
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⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Transition Update

The Transition Team has finished work on their portion of the MSP! At their last meeting on Sept. 15, the Transition Team made their final revisions to the MSP. They transferred control of the document over to the Call Committee the following week.

The Church Council elected the members of the Call Committee, and the Committee was officially installed during worship on Sept. 18. They are:

**Chairperson: Peter Woods, Secretary: Reburta Spinas
Dana Burton, Kari Pitchko, Justin Walker, Joanne Weber**

The Call Committee is tasked with the next steps in the call process, including answering the remaining questions on the MSP, making any changes they see fit to the existing MSP responses, and interviewing prospective pastors.

The Transition Team is now dissolved. We thank the congregation for their prayers, support, and participation over the last several months, and we thank the Call Committee for stepping up to take on the next phase of the call process!

By Rebecca Mast

Pastoral Transition Resources:

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

We are transitioning from Step 2 to Step 3 in the ELCA's four-step call process.

Growth, Unity, and Trust in God's Community

Stewardship Emphasis - Oct 2 is Planning for Mission Sunday!

Messiah is a strong church with a foundation of God's Word, which drives the mission work of the congregation. The growth of the church has been laid on this strong foundation. **Our Fall Stewardship emphasis is "Growth, Unity, and Trust in God's Community" and is based on Acts 2:42-47.**

Please bring your 2023 Estimate of Giving on Planning for Mission Sunday which is Oct. 2. or complete your estimate online below or at the QR code.

<https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/mlc-plan-for-giving23>

Questions? Contact Tim Pitchko at stewardship_rep@mlutheran.org

October Highlights

Fall Workday - Oct 1

RM/W Packing Event - Oct 2

WFP Packing Event - Oct 9

Organ Recital - Oct 15, 7 PM

Handmade Market Oct 15 & 16

Bishop Strickland Visit - Oct 16

German Food Festival - Oct 22

Chili Cookoff - Oct 30

Save the Date!

Congregation Meeting

November 13, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.
Sanctuary & Via Zoom

The agenda will include: Vote to approve MLC's 2023 Plan for Mission (Budget) & Ratification of MLC Constitution

(A Town Hall meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall)



OCTOBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

October 2	LBW Setting 2 w/LS
October 9	WOV Bread of Life w/LS
October 16	LBW Setting 1 w/LS
October 23	Now the Feast w/LS
October 30	LBW Setting 2 w/LS

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

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
LBW Setting 2 w/LS





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

PANTRY ITEM

Cake Mix & Frosting

KIT MINISTRY

Single
Toothbrushes

Members may also designate offerings to:

**Food Pantry
&
Kit Ministry**

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

†Toni Daniel's father Weyman Owens passed away

†Greyson Pitchko received his First Communion

Outreach Spotlight: German Food Fest by Dana Burton



A first-ever community German Food Festival is planned at MLC for Saturday, October 22. **Come help us share Messiah's German/Lutheran heritage with our friends and neighbors!** Interested in lending your time and talent to the effort? Here are some ways you can help:

- 1) **Tell others about the event.** We have a Facebook event that can be shared, and we will also provide posters/flyers for distribution at the Welcome Center and after both services on October 9th. Share them with your coworkers, neighbors, friends, etc.
- 2) **Help plan.** Our next planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Classroom #2.
- 3) **Volunteer at the event and/or donate baked goods.** Scan the QR code to access our SignUp Genius and see the list of tasks we need help with, or contact Dana Burton (Dana.Rizor.Burton@gmail.com; 307-214-5340). We will be holding a volunteer interest meeting between services on Sunday, October 9th in the Fellowship Hall.





Lois Graff
Director of Music
Ministries

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Hymn of the Month

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Martin Luther's Reformation hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word," published in 1542, is one of his best-known compositions. Written at a time of political and religious unrest, it is a prayer for steadfastness, protection, peace, unity, and eternal life. The three stanzas correspond to the persons of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,

For you are Lord of lords alone;

Defend your holy Church, that we

May sing your praise triumphantly.

-LBW 230 vs 2

Music & Worship

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work, at the works of your hands I sing for joy. -Psalm 92:1-4



Music, Music, Music!

Messiah music groups have all resumed rehearsals for Fall! Below are groups and locations. Join in the fun by singing, ringing, and playing to the glory of God in a musical group. Want to get involved, but not sure where? Contact Director of Music Ministries Lois Graff at 256-658-0276 or musicdirector@mlutheran.com. Or just come to a scheduled rehearsal. See you there!

Cherub Choir (PK-1 st) Claire Strand, director	Wed 6-6:30 p.m.	Room 7
Seraph Choir (2 nd -6 th) Lois Graff, director	Wed 6-6:30 p.m.	Room 11-12
Notabella (7 th -Adult) Rhonda Gaede, director	Wed 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Messiah Choir (7 th -Adult) Randall Fields, director	Wed 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Instrumental Ens. (7 th -Adult) Lois Graff, director	Sun 12:15 p.m. (bi-weekly)	Sanctuary

Talent Show

Thank you to all who supported the 2022 MLC Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner! \$680 (and counting) will support Ukrainian Relief. Be sure to check out pictures on pg 7.

Music at Messiah

International organ recitalist Faythe Freese will launch the 2022-2023 Music at Messiah classical concert series on Saturday, October 15th. Freese is Professor of Organ Emeritus at the University of Alabama School of Music and has performed throughout the United States, Germany, Denmark, South Korea, and Singapore.

The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and will include works by Guilmant, African-American composer Florence Price, J.S. Bach and Sowerby. Donations will benefit the concert series.



International Organ Recitalist

FAYTHE FREESE

presenting works by Guilmant, Price, and others.

OCT 15 | **2022** | **7:00 PM** Free Admission Public Invited
Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series
Messiah Lutheran Church
1140 HWY 72 W • Madison, AL
musicatmessiah.org
Donations accepted at the door. Advertising and sponsorship opportunities available.

Messiah Youth**Jr. & Sr. Youth:**

Interim POC
Sarah Walker
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MOES:

Currently Vacant

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**

*Council Representative for
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Janet Sullivan/Chris Berry

Co - Sunday School

Superintendents

sundayschool@mlutheran.org

**Sunday School: Soaring
High with God's Love**

- PK-1: Kari Pitchko and Deidre Hopkins; Room 9/10
- 2-3: Lisa Bartel; Room 6
- 4-5: Juanita Florio; Room 2
- 6-8: Chris Berry; Room 4
- 9-12: Multiple (will meet at Starbucks)

Subs: Heather Root and Blakeley and Hunter Williams



Messiah Youth & Christian Education

MLC YOUTH UPDATES by Bonnie Flowers***In the short term:***

Sarah Walker has volunteered to be the point person for scheduling and organizing the Junior and Senior Youth meetings and activities at least through the end of the year. **See the activity plan below.** Thank you Sarah! Contact Sarah via the youth@mlutheran.org email or text her at 256.417.3641.

We still need someone to coordinate the MOE's, so please let me know if you or someone you know might be interested. Thank you.

For the long term:

The Council is considering a partnership with the Center for Youth Ministry Training (CYMT) which acts like a graduate assistantship program for youth ministers.

A CYMT graduate student would be assigned to our church for 3 years and we would provide the funding to cover their tuition and a stipend. We would also need to provide housing. (This also feels like a unique outreach opportunity for us since we would be assisting a young person in pursuing their call to youth ministry without incurring large debts.)

- The student would attend classes remotely from here and work 25 hours per week at Messiah as our youth minister.
- CYMT also provides an experienced coach to work with both the student and our congregation to help with planning curriculum, goals, making long term plans, etc.
- At the end of the 3 years, we would have the option to hire this person full time. They say that 70% of ministry partners hire their graduate resident at the end of the program.
- The training is through the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and they partner with mainline protestant denominations including Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, etc. They have training centers in Austin, TX, and Brentwood, TN.
- Deacon Sara is a graduate of this program and speaks very highly of it. The student would also have the option of completing the path through our synod to be ordained as a Deacon the way she was although it would depend on whether the student is Lutheran and is called to that ministry..

The council is in the process of submitting information about Messiah to explore the possibility of this partnership with CYMT. More information will be known once the application is submitted. For more information about CYMT visit their website at <https://www.cymt.org/>

October 2022 — Jr. & Sr. Youth *5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

10/2 — Fall break (No meeting)

10/9 — Pizza party; Large group game - Sheep, Shepherds & Wolves

10/16 — Planning meeting for chili cook off Halloween games (Moo-wahh hah hah)

10/23 — 4th Sunday Dinner

10/30 — Chili Cookoff / Costume Contest / Halloween Games

*There will be small group time for each age group in addition to the group activities listed.

MLC News Flashes...



**Walk to End
Alzheimer's**
October 1, 2022

Registration - 9 a.m. Ceremony and walk starts at 10 a.m. Big Spring Park in Huntsville. The walk is around the ponds and waterways of Big Spring Park.

Join our team! Find *Messiah Lutheran and Friends* online at act.alz.org. Team Leader: Janice Aldaco

Weekly Lectionary Study

The hour long study starts at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall.
(except on Oct. 12)

Come explore the weekly Sunday lectionary readings with Pastor Diana Bottin. All are welcome. Bring your favorite Bible. Come as you are able and have time.

Email Pastor Diana at pastordiana@mlutheran.org

KIT MINISTRY

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

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

MLC COMFORTERS

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

Interested in being a Comforter? Contact Jeanette Beamer

Reminders:

- Return your 2023 Estimate of Giving Cards on October 2 or use the online form.
- Update your household photo for the upcoming photo church directory
- Stop by the church office if you would like a printed copy of the current church directory. It is also available on mlutheran.org (under Member Resources) It is password protected.
- Sign up to assist in Sunday Worship when you are available and wish to help.



MAKE MLC'S LIGHT SHINE BRIGHT ON OCTOBER 1
9 AM to 12PM
MLC cleanup day and Pizza Fellowship

We will be making Messiah's light shine, so bring cleaning and/or work gloves, then share in a fellowship lunch. All helping ages welcome. Text or Call Lisa Evers at 703-608-5453 to RSVP for Pizza or to offer to bring a salad or dessert.

Some Assembly Required!

Two packing opportunities lie ahead

On October 2, between services, Rodney Smith of Raising Men/Raising Women returns with a large supply of shirts and equipment that need to be assembled into the 50 Yard Challenge Kits.

The following Sunday, October 9, at noon, you're invited to assist a community group with packing Weekend Food Program bags in the Fellowship Hall.



HANDMADE MARKET

Saturday, Oct. 15, 9-2 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 16 after both services of worship until 12:30 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church Parish Hall

Come shop a wide range of hand-crafted gifts donated by their makers to raise money for the three schools MLC sponsors through *Lunches for Learning*.



Month in Pictures...



GWOH Weekend

Above: Donations to HAPC **Right:** A little rain didn't thwart Andrew King, Heather Root, and Claire Strand from helping out at the CASA Garden.



Above Right: Messiah's Domino Club kicked off on September 14. Richard Webb organized the group to raise money for MLC missions.

The domino game is "All Fives." and all are welcome to come, learn, and have some fun (M. Kilby) **Left:** Scenes from the Sep. 24 Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show (L. Peterson, B. Flowers)



Below Right: MLC's Disaster Relief Team traveled to Mayfield Kentucky to help the rebuilding efforts following the devastating tornado outbreak last December 10th. C.Strand)



Left: MLC Youth gather with Deacon Sara to bid her farewell on Sep 25. Deacon Sara served MLC's Youth and Education program for over five and a half years.

MORE PICTURES FROM DEACON SARA'S FAREWELL

on the next page and also on the online photo gallery at the link below.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tDGBhgaBrzMtYEn99>

October Birthdays

God Speed Deacon Sara



Deacon Sara with boys Chris and Nathan, also pictured Ana Ballard and Hannah Seitz. (B. Flowers)



Enjoying games led by Deacon Sara at the picnic held at the Huwaldt home. (J. Huwaldt)



Once games were done it was time to enjoy hotdogs and the potluck sides! (J. Huwaldt)

1	Janet Smith, Merritt Zesinger
2	Emma Lakso, Lalo Diaz
5	Tammy Stender
6	James Hendrick
7	Colin Pitchko
8	Vicki Grewe, Paul Quade, Lisa Tracy
9	Elizabeth Vaughn
10	Sheilah Scheurich, Jennifer Merry, Adam Neely
11	Virgil Burrer
14	Madeline Drucker
15	Bailey Sullivan
16	Michael Spence
17	John Knox
18	Tim Spence, Hannah Christensen
19	Ryan Miller
20	Roger Joens, Devonee Woods, William Bartel
21	Claire Davis
22	Marsha Wade, Elizabeth Joens, Whitney Morse
23	James West, Anderson Sullivan
24	John Burke, Amelia Morse
25	Scot West, Stephen Strand
28	Jon-Erik Jaegerson
29	Anita deJong
31	Jacob Vande Griend

Nursery Note: The nursery is available to parents of infants and toddlers (through Pre-K) during each service on a self-serve basis. In room audio is available so that parents can listen to the service while the little one sleeps, plays, or needs a diaper change. Thank you for your patience as we seek to find volunteers and hire a new attendant(s).

Are you or someone you know interested?

Paid Nursery Caregiver(s) Sought

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in the paid Nursery Caregiver position, please contact the church office at 256-721-0041 or contact Gary Heideman.

The Personnel Committee is receptive to high school and young adult members of Messiah working in this paid position. An orientation will be provided. Nursery caregivers may job share the position with a teammate and alternate Sundays if desired. Please see the job description below for details. The pay is \$15.00 per hour.

<https://mlutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Job-Description-Nursery-Attendant.pdf>

In the interim... we would love some nursery volunteers Can you help staff MLC's Nursery on Sunday mornings until a new nursery attendant can be hired?

There are two slots per Sunday Morning so that the volunteer can still attend a service of worship. You can also do both if you wish! Audio of the service taking place is also available in the nursery. The times slots are "Early" - 8:20 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. & "Late" 10:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. **Please see the sign-up genius link here below**

[Nursery Helpers: Sunday Nursery Care \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

A background check will be required if you have not done one through MLC and is a simple process. If you have questions, please contact the church office at (256)721-0041.

MLC PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Plans are underway for an updated MLC Photo Directory to be produced and printed for MLC members. This will also be a great tool for MLC's next called pastor to put faces with names. There is the option to upload your photo at the link below. Additional photo opportunities will be announced via E-News.

<https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/churchdirectoryphoto>

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*.**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<h1>October 2022</h1>						1 FALL WORKDAY & PIZZA LUNCH 9:00 am ALZ Walk 9:00 Register 10:00 Walk
2 Planning for Mission Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults 9:45 a.m. Raising Men/Raising Women packing session 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 12:15 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	3 <i>Oct 3—7</i> <i>Fall Break</i> <i>City of Madison</i> <i>Publish Schools</i>	4 9:00 a.m. Comforters	5 9:30 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:00 p.m. German Food Fest planning meeting 6:30 p.m. Notabella 7:30 p.m. Messiah Choir	6 10 a.m. Women of the Word 7 p.m. Kit Ministry	7 7:00 p.m. Bridge Club	8
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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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