# Introducing Pastor Kris Schroeder



Pastor Kris Schroeder (pronounced Shray-der) is a lifelong Lutheran, born and raised in CA. Pastor Kris felt the call to ministry at a young age as her home congregation and life-long pastor included children and youth in the entire life of the congregation. Deep, God-filled relationships were developed in the midst of some of life's most difficult moments, providing the reminder that God always keeps God's promises and is always present.

She has a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communication with minors in Music & Psychology. She graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in

1997 and was ordained shortly after. She has served in both large and small congregations as a part of pastoral staff, solo pastor and interim. The first half of her ordained ministry she served as a Youth & Family, Faith Formation Pastor.

She served as Chaplain & Living Donor Advocate at Mayo Clinic in AZ for 8 years. This provided the opportunity to enhance her abilities in conflict resolution, pastoral care and teaching adults.

She has a strong passion for collaborative and relational ministry that integrates all ages and places an emphasis on the discovery and utilization of our God-given gifts.

She and her husband of nearly 28 years, Bill (who is a retired ELCA pastor), currently live in OH.

Pastor Kris loves music as it provides energy, direction and inspiration. She is also an author, who published her autobiography at the end of 2015 speaking to the hope and miracles of Jesus in her life. As a child of God, it was one avenue to share with the world who Jesus is and what Jesus can do!!!!!

She is very excited for the opportunities at MLC, especially the continued efforts integrating children, youth and families into the life of the congregation as well as the many outreach projects and possibilities available to the congregation and community.

- Pastor Kris will officially start at MLC on April 1
- Her first Sunday will be Palm / Passion Sunday April 2
- Pastor Kris will be Installed on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m.
- Read her acceptance letter on Page 8

#### **March Highlights**

Pastoral Care at MLC until Pastor Kris arrives...

For urgent or emergency Pastoral Care, members should first contact Claire Strand at claire@mlutheran.org or the church office at (256) 721-0041 during business hours (M-F, 8:30 a.m. to Noon).

March 5 - Information Session on MLC Council Positions at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Organized by the Nomination Committee. (See pg. 8 for details)

#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

New Feature! "Click & Connect" on page 5 allows digital readers to explore more information on the event or activity listed. Digital editions of the newsletters are maintained on www.mlutheran.org on the news page for all others.

We continue to distribute the *Messiah Messenger* digitally except for those MLC households who wish to receive a printed copy. If you wish to receive a printed copy, please call the church office. Printed copies will also be available at the welcome center.

#### MARCH SERVICES OF WORSHIP

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

Date: Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Sundays at 11 a.m. & Livestreamed\* March 5 LBW Setting 2 LBW Setting 2 March 12 LBW 1 Word and Service LBW 1 Word and Service March 19 WOV Bread of Life w/LS Contemporary Service w/LS March 26 LBW Setting 2 LBW Setting 2 Lenten Worship Services: Wednesdays during Lent at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

\*All livestreamed services are available on <a href="https://www.mlutheran.org/online-services/">www.mlutheran.org/online-services/</a>





Claire Strand
Director of Outreach
claire@mlutheran.org

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 Paper Towels

**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

- + Joe (Rex) Shaffer passed away on January 25. An inurnment will take place at MLC at a later date.
- + Pastor Esther Ngomuo's mother passed away in Tanzania on February 1st.

### **Outreach Spotlight: Lent Designations**

This year, offerings given during midweek Lenten worship services are designated for the **Huntsville Assistance Program** and the **Kiswahili Lutheran Mission** in Nashville, TN.

The Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) is an interfaith network of Christian congregations in Madison County that provides volunteers, information, and resources to help those in need. HAP's three locations offer financial assistance with rent and utility bills, food pantries, and information about jobs and social programs. The Madison location in January served 32 families with pantry needs. When adding dependents and children as part of the count, HAP West actually provided for about 120 people. Additional requests were made for diapers and wipes. The pantry needs at least 25 packages of diapers each month for distribution. HAP's director Dr. Wendy Kirk will be at MLC in March to deliver a temple talk.

The Kiswahili Lutheran Mission in Nashville continues to develop programs to reach out to refugees and immigrant communities of east African descent in the Nashville area. Most recent is the development of organized soccer teams in October 2022 for the purpose of mentorship and faith formation through soccer games, soccer camps, soccer tours, and sports ministry training. Youth and young adults, girls and boys, ages 10-20 are invited to participate. Games begin with 15-20 minutes of songs and word and prayer with Holy communion once per month. Each game closes with prayer. The guiding scripture for this ministry is from 1 Corinthians 10:31, "so, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

## **Packing Party for Kits and Bags**



Sunday, March 26

Music, Candy, Service, Love, Fun!



Pack personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief after the early service.

Pack Weekend Food Program sacks for students after the late service.

# Music & Worship Notes

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Psalm 105:2

#### Worship & **Music Leadership**

#### Laura Peterson

Council Representative for Worship & Music worship\_music\_rep @mlutheran.com

#### Randall Fields

Interim Worship Music Coordinator/ Choir Director musicdirector@ mlutheran.org Ric Birdsong

Interim Contemporary

**Ensemble Coordinator** 

#### **Lent Mid-Week Services of Worship**

The noon services will be a Service of the Word, with a very short devotion. Mary Ann Stasiak has graciously agreed to play some hymns for us.

The evening service at 7:00 p.m. will be the Holden Evening Prayer with a short devotion. Randall has agreed to play for those services. Cantors will be Phil Pederson, Bob Gustafson, Diana Rhodes, Adam Neely, and Andrew King.

#### Girl Scout Sunday - March 5

Sunday March 5th is Girl Scout Sunday. All girls are encouraged to wear their uniforms and participate. We can always use greeters, if you have not already volunteered for another service.

#### Mission Sunday - March 12

March 12th will feature Service of the Word worship and focus on MLC missions at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. A great day to learn how MLC is God's People, Reaching Out!

#### **Music Director Job Opening**

We continue to need the services of guest accompanists since Lois has retired. Upcoming guests include Miriam Conrad and Steven Schneider. If you know someone who might be interested in applying



for the position of Music Director, see below:

Messiah Lutheran Church in Madison, Alabama seeks a part-time Music Director to accompany worship and integrate music into the congregation's mission. Together

with the pastor and worship committee, the Music Director selects liturgy and hymns. Piano or organ proficiency is required. Job description and details for applying for the position are at: www.elca-ses.org/classifieds. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass the word.

#### Music, Music, Music!

Come to sing, ring, and play instruments to the glory of God! Messiah's music groups are preparing for Easter. Below are groups and locations. Note that Cherub & Seraph choirs will not rehearse on March 15.

Cherub Choir (PK-1<sup>st</sup>) Wed 6-6:30 p.m. Room 7 Bonnie Flowers, director Seraph Choir (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) Wed 6-6:30 p.m. Room 11-12 Laura Simeone, director Notabella (7<sup>th</sup>-Adult) Sun 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Rhonda Gaede, director Messiah Choir (7<sup>th</sup>-Adult) Wed 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Randall Fields, director Instrumental Ens. (7<sup>th</sup>-Adult) Sun 12:15 p.m. (bi-wk) Sanctuary Larry Frakes, director

#### **Music Camp June 2023**

Mark your calendars for June 5 – 9 with presentations of the musical on Sunday, June 11. The musical is "Sam, the Shams, and the Shepherd King." The musical tells the story of how the child Samuel learns of God's purposes and promises, and serves the Lord as judge and prophet ushering the way for Israel's greatest king, David and his promised descendant, Jesus.

Stephanie Gillespie, Music Camp's Music Director for nearly a decade has accepted the position as Music Camp Director. Registration will open early March! Check your e-news and the Music Camp website at: https://musiccamp.mlutheran.org/



#### **Messiah Youth**

**Junior & Senior Youth:** 

Interim POC Sarah Walker youth@mlutheran.org

#### **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 Youth & Education education\_rep@mlutheran.com

#### Janet Sullivan/Chris Berry

Co - Sunday School Superintendents sundayschool@mlutheran.org

#### **HOORAY!**

A special THANK YOU to Rachel Fry, who has agreed to teach the Senior High Sunday School class each Sunday at Starbucks for the remainder of the school year.

#### We Still Need:

- Teachers for a new class for ages 2-3
- Substitute teachers to fill in when a teacher is sick or traveling
- Youth Group assistant
   If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact
   Janet Sullivan or Bonnie
   Flowers.

# Messiah Youth & Faith Formation

#### **MLC Youth Group Meetings:**

Each Sunday, Junior and Senior Youth Groups meet from 5:00-6:30.

- March 5: Sharing highs and lows of the week, group activity, separate junior/ senior game or activity
- March 12: No Youth Group (start of spring break)
- March 19: Sharing highs and lows of the week; planning for Easter Egg Hunt, Holy Saturday Prayer Stations, and Easter Brunch
- March 26 (5:00-7:00): Fourth Sunday Dinner

#### **Other Upcoming Youth Activities:**

March 24-26: SESLYO - The Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (SESLYO) Assembly is a gathering of youth leaders (grades 8-12) from all the congregations of the Southeastern Synod. This year the assembly will be at Lutheranch in Tallapoosa GA on March 24-26. We hope to have youth representatives attend this event to participate in discussions about synod issues that are pertinent to youth. Further details about cost and registration will be sent out to parents, so check your email and the GroupMe for more information.

Thank you to all who gave donations during the Soup-er Bowl Sunday collection on February 12! Due to your generosity, we raised over \$400 and received about 80 cans of soup to be donated to House of the Harvest. For \$250, we can host a breakfast that is served at House of the Harvest during their Saturday pick-up time. We are working on scheduling a Saturday for our youth to host and serve one of these breakfasts in March or April. The remainder of the funds raised will go to House of the Harvest to be used as needed for supplies.

#### Rachel Fry, who has agreed to Messiah Faith Formation Updates:

Due to Spring Break, Children's Sunday School will run the following schedule with Pre-K thru middle school aged children meeting at the church and senior high youth meeting at Starbucks:

- March 5 Regular Classes
- March 12 No regular classes but it's Mission Sunday! Children, Families,
  Any and Everyone are welcome to join us between services to work on a
  variety of projects that will serve one or more of the missions our church
  supports and possibly crafts to be delivered to our homebound members.
- March 19 Regular Classes
- March 26 Regular Classes for Pre-K middle; high school class will help prepare kits for Kit Ministry

**CLEAR STORAGE BINS WANTED** - If anyone has clear storage bins with lids that are no longer being used, please consider donating them. We are trying to organize materials based on seasons, events, etc. We need large bins (~58Qt/55L) and small bins (~6Qt/5.7L). Storage bins may be dropped off in the Faith Formation room. Please talk to Bonnie Flowers or Janet Sullivan if you have questions.

#### **Looking Ahead - Faith Formation**

April 2 - Easter Party - crafts and activities, Easter Egg Hunt - no regular Sunday school

April 9 - Easter Brunch - *no regular Sunday school.* April 16, 23, 30 - Regular Classes

#### **Looking Ahead MLC Youth**

April 2 - Older youth will help set up the Easter Egg Hunt for younger children, Easter Party April 8: Set-up Holy Saturday Prayer Stations, Prep and

Setup for Easter Brunch 1:30-4:00 pm April 9: Easter Brunch (Youth Fundraiser) (see page 5)

## MLC News Flashes...

#### **Lenten Mid-Week Worship**

Wednesdays on March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 12:00 PM (Service of the Word) 7:00 PM\* (Holden Evening Prayer Service)

Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM | Parish Hall

#### + HOLY WEEK +

Sunday, April 2, 2022 - Palm / Passion Sunday Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM\*, Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 AM

#### **April 6 - Maundy Thursday**

Services at Noon & 7 PM\* with the Lord's Supper

April 7 - Good Friday Tenebrae

Services at Noon & 7 PM\*

#### April 8 - Holy Saturday Prayer Station Vigil

Prepare your hearts and minds for Easter by visiting the prayer stations from 2:00—3:30 PM
Prepared and organized by MLC Youth

#### **April 9 - Resurrection Sunday / Easter**

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM\*, MLC Youth Brunch Fundraiser 9 to 11:30 AM Please see details on right & reserve your time slot.

\* These services are available online at www.mlutheran.org

#### Women's Book Club Spring Schedule

Here are the dates and books for this spring's book club meetings! (Host still needed for March– contact Janell Zesinger if you can help!) Meetings typically start at 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 27 – The Book of Longings – HOST TBD

Apr. 24 – Channel of Peace – Host Bonnie Flowers

May 15-ish – Social Only POC: Janell Zesinger

#### **MLC COMFORTERS**

Tuesday mornings 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Interested in being a Comforter? Contact Jeanette Beamer jcbeamer44@gmail.com

#### **KIT MINISTRY**

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Prefer to help at home? There are many ways to be a

Kit Ministry "minion."

POC: Rhonda Gaede: gaeder@uah.edu

## Click & Connect...

Click each of the graphics for more details & info.

## FEBRUARY MONTH IN PICTURES VIEW THE ONLINE GALLERY!



#### Click the banner above to go to MLC SignUp Page!

If you do not see the signup you are looking for, browse the tabs at the top of the page. There are also additional tabs to the left and right of what is shown.



- "Forty for Lent" invites you to commit to the following over the 40 days of Lent:
- Walk, bike, run, dance, skip.... 40 miles
- Donate \$40 to ELCA World Hunger





## **AARP Tax Preparation Service at MLC**

For a tax appointment, please call 256-384-4627 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Last day of appointments is April 13.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Item Drop Off Starts April 19 - 7 PM Parish Hall Stage POC: Paulette McNamara

SALE DETAILS >>>>





Thank You Troop 8 for clearing & removing the deteriorated privacy fence at MLC's Parsonage! Not only did the Scout youth and leaders clear the fence, they also tackled some much needed tree debris and spring cleanup around the yard. They also swept off the back deck! Bravo Scouts!

#### Speaking of MLC'S Parsonage...

Congregation Authorizes Sale of Parsonage At the February 12 Special Congregation Meeting, the Congregation approved the Council's recommendation to sell MLC's parsonage. Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting as well as the two town hall meetings!

The Council's Parsonage Subcommittee members are Lisa Evers, Lee Smith and Jay Perry.



#### Scout Sunday Recap

by William Rydbom (Scout Charter Rep)

As you may have noticed, we had quite a few Scouts BSA members joining us during our services on February 5th in celebration of Scout Sunday. Scout Sunday is typically held in early February, around the time of the birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. It's a time for scouts to focus on the 12th point of the Scout Law: reverence.

#### At Messiah, we are fortunate to charter two troops:

Troop 8, made up of boys, has called Messiah home for many years, and Troop 404 is a girls' troop that we began chartering last year. Each troop is made up of youth aged 11-18. Scouts progress through ranks that require them to learn and demonstrate different skills, but the last several ranks, culminating with the Eagle rank, are about leadership and service. Troop 404 has the first female Eagle Scout in Madison County.

Our troops wanted to take a minute to thank Messiah for its support as our charter organization and sponsor. The work you're helping with truly does make a difference. Thank you!

-Troops 404 and 8

#### ALL ABOUT SCOUTS BSA

The Scouts BSA program is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Through a unique approach that allows the scouts to plan and lead all activities, the program emphasizes character, self-reliance, service, and duty to God. While scouts certainly learn to set up a tent, they also learn to set up an idea. They also learn to leave no trace in the forest, but are encouraged to make a big impact on the world.

How big an impact is evident with just a few statistics:

- 68% of West Point graduates were scouts...
- ...as were 70% of Annapolis graduates...
- ...72% of Rhodes Scholars...
- ... and 85% of FBI agents!
- According to NASA, over 2/3 of all current and former astronauts have been in Scouting.
- Martin Luther King Jr, Steven Spielberg, and former presidents John F Kennedy, George Bush and Gerald Ford were scouts.
- And perhaps most important to our mission as a church, 83% of former scouts have said the values they learned in Scouting still affect their lives today.

## 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*.

| Data | Drayer Household  |  |  |  |
|------|---|--|--|--|
|      | Prayer Household  |  |  |  |
| 1    | Paul & Julie Pedersen   |  |  |  |
| 2    | Phil & Sonja Pedersen - Heather   |  |  |  |
| 3    | Steve & Linda Peirce  |  |  |  |
| 4    | Congregations and Rostered Ministers in transition                          |  |  |  |
| 5    | MLC's Nominating Committee  |  |  |  |
| 6    | Jay & Gretchen Perry - Ashlyn   |  |  |  |
| 7    | Jayson and Allyson Perry - Jack   |  |  |  |
| 8    | Bruce Peter   |  |  |  |
| 9    | Kevin & Debi Peterson - Shane; Amanda                                       |  |  |  |
| 10   | Laura Peterson  |  |  |  |
| 11   | Congregations and Rostered Ministers in transition                          |  |  |  |
| 12   | Missions of Messiah   |  |  |  |
| 13   | Tim & Kari Pitchko - Greyson; Colin; Noah                                   |  |  |  |
| 14   | Paul J. Quade   |  |  |  |
| 15   | Phil and Emily Reed - Lydia; Nathan   |  |  |  |
| 16   | Jonathon & Julie Refer  |  |  |  |
| 17   | Rachel Reid - Miranda   |  |  |  |
| 18   | Congregations and Rostered Ministers in transition                          |  |  |  |
| 19   | People burdened with guilt and shame  |  |  |  |
| 20   | Jonnianne & Mark Ridzelski-McCombs - Brooke;<br>Sebastian                   |  |  |  |
| 21   | Art Rockett   |  |  |  |
| 22   | Betty Roenfeldt   |  |  |  |
| 23   | Dale & Tammy Rohe   |  |  |  |
| 24   | Evan and Heather Root   |  |  |  |
| 25   | Congregations and Rostered Ministers in transition                          |  |  |  |
| 26   | Those who are grieving and suffering  |  |  |  |
| 27   | Bob & Peggie Rowell   |  |  |  |
| 28   | William and Cheryl Rydbom - Logan; Sarah                                    |  |  |  |
| 29   | Matt and Jennifer Saari - Katelyn   |  |  |  |
| 30   | Sherry and Greg Sarratt - Zachary Mahafza; Jacob<br>Mahafza; Jordan Mahafza |  |  |  |
| 31   | Congregations and Rostered Ministers in transition                          |  |  |  |
|      |   |  |  |  |

## March Birthdays

- 1 Katelyn Saari, David Stradley
- 3 David Cobb, Rose Zomkowski
- 4 Mark Zesinger, Shane Peterson, Maisie Irvin
- 5 Nora Musser
- 6 Jonnianne Ridzelski-McCombs, Linda Heideman
- 8 Joe Stuart, Maddie Wade, Danie Blue, Hadley Oltmans, Phillipe Reed
- 10 Trista Kuske
- 11 LeeLinda Baggett
- 12 Heather Root, Casie Joens, Janice Aldaco
- 15 Mark Bartel, Natalie Zesinger
- 16 Reburta Spinas, Garen Grashot
- 17 Gary Heideman
- 18 Katy West, James Wessels
- 19 Isaac Bux
- 21 Rebecca Meyer, Blakeley Williams, Amelia McDaniels
- 22 Madison Hendrick
- 23 Jan Allen
- 25 Lucas Grashot
- 26 Alison Bartel, Jennifer Stender, Morgan Sutko
- 28 Ryan West
- 29 Kit Baker, Rafe Jaegerson, Lincoln Trexler
- 30 Peggie Sue Rowell, Georgann Trexler, Katrina Strand
- 31 Lily Naefe, Madelyn Oltmans, Lydia Simeone

#### Messiah Lutheran Church Needs You

There are several opportunities available as we embark on the next phase for Messiah Lutheran Church. For the first time in our history, we will be electing a lay President of the congregation. The Nominating Committee will be contacting individuals we think might be interested in serving as president or in other open positions. We also want to encourage you to nominate yourself or others.

You might be asking yourself, "How much of a time commitment is council?" or "What does an outreach representative do?" or "What does it mean to serve on the executive committee?" To answer your questions, there will be an **information session on March 5, 2023 between services.** At that time, any available outgoing council members will share their perspectives with you. Since it is Girl Scout Sunday, **we will provide Girl Scout cookies as refreshments.** In addition to the council positions that will be filled, we will also be electing next year's nominating committee and the Sunday School superintendent(s). The complete list of service opportunities is:

#### **Executive Committee Members (1-year term):**

- President open
- Vice President open
- Secretary open
- Treasurer Mary Ann Stasiak is eligible for one more term

#### **Committee Representatives (2-year terms):**

- Outreach open
- Fellowship open
- Stewardship open
- Education and Youth not up for election
- Finance not up for election
- Worship and Music not up for election
- Property not up for election

#### Other (1-year term):

- Sunday School Superintendent
- Youth Representative
- Nominating Committee 2 outgoing council members, 4 members at large

If you think you might be called to serve in this way, come chat with us as a group on March 5th or individually at any time.

Thank you,

MLC's Nominating Committee: Rhonda Gaede, Tom Fedrick, Neda Ballard, Holly Martin, Russ Ingram, William Rydbom February 2, 2023

To the Messiah Lutheran Church Family,

I write this letter as a formal acceptance of the Call to serve as Pastor of MLC. Bill and I wish to thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality during our recent visit. We are both very excited to be in your midst as we discover God's path that is before all of us.

We plan to move to the Madison area the beginning of March where we will take time to get settled before my official start date of April 1, 2023. No, this is not an April Fool's Joke!

## I will begin leading worship, Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday).

This is an exciting time to be God's Church! Bill and I covet your prayers during this time of transition, as you will also remain in ours.

May our upcoming Lenten journey draw us closer to God as we listen for God's still small voice.

Blessings to all,
Pastor Kris Schroeder

#### A Note From Lois Graff:

#### THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful message filled card, the flowers, cards, gifts, proclamation, sending, and reception on January 8th. I was overwhelmed and will always be. Your love, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, and support have blessed my life for over 30 years.

It is impossible for me to find adequate words to express my thanks to you. You are in my heart and will always remain in my heart.

May God bless, protect, guard, and keep you in His love today and forever. From Paul's letter to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."

With love. Lois Graff

# March 2023



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                              | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------|---|
| Looking Ahead: April 2 - Holy Week Begins - Easter Egg Hunt/Party April 8 - Holy Saturday Prayer Stations April 9 - Resurrection of our Lord / Easter Sunday Easter Brunch April 22 - MLC Rummage Sale April 28 - Valley Consort Vocal Concert April 30 - Installation / Reception for Pastor Schroeder |   |                                      | 1<br>12:00 p.m. Lenten<br>worship<br>5:30 p.m. Lenten<br>soup supper<br>6:00 p.m. Cherub<br>and Seraph Choir<br>7:00 p.m. Lenten<br>worship<br>7:45 p.m. Messiah<br>Choir rehearsal   | 2<br>8:30 a.m. AARP<br>Tax Session<br>7:00 p.m. Kit<br>Ministry  | 3      | 4:30 p.m. 1st<br>Year Confirma-<br>tion   |
| 5 Girl Scout Sunday<br>8:30 a.m. Worship<br>LBW Setting 2<br>9:45 a.m. Nominating Committee<br>info session w/ Girl Scout cookies<br>9:45 a.m. Sunday School All Ages<br>11:00 a.m. Worship &<br>Livestream<br>LBW Setting 2<br>5:00 p.m. Jr & Sr. Youth<br>6:30 p.m. Notabella reh Mearsal             | 6<br>8:30 a.m. AARP<br>Tax Session<br>4:45 Owen's<br>House Kitchen<br>Duty                        | <b>7</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>Comforters  | 8 12:00 p.m. Lenten worship 5:00 p.m. 2nd Year Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Lenten soup supper 6:00 p.m. Cherub and Seraph Choir 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship 7:45 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal | 9<br>8:30 a.m. AARP<br>Tax Session<br>7:00 p.m. Kit<br>Ministry<br>7:00 p.m. Church<br>Council Meeting   | 10     | Time to<br>Spring Ahead<br>BEFORE<br>YOU GO<br>TO BED                               |
| 12 Mission Sunday<br>8:30 a.m. Worship<br>LBW 1 Word and Service<br>9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 a.m. Worship &<br>Livestream<br>LBW 1 Word and Service<br>6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal<br>(No Youth - Spring Break)   | 8:30 a.m. AARP<br>Tax Session<br>(Spring Break City<br>and County<br>Schools through<br>March 17) | 9:00 a.m.<br>Comforters              | 15 12:00 p.m. Lenten worship 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship 7:45 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal   | 16<br>8:30 a.m. AARP<br>Tax Session<br>7:00 p.m. Kit<br>Ministry   | 17     | 7:15 a.m. House of the Harvest Food Distribu- tion 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Rehearsal |
| 19 8:30 a.m. Worship WOV Bread of Life w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School All Ages 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream Contemporary Service w/LS 4:00 p.m. 1st Year Confirmation 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Youth Meet 6:30 p.m. Notabella rehearsal   | 8:30 a.m. AARP<br>Tax Session  4:45 Owen's<br>House Kitchen<br>Duty                               | <b>21</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>Comforters | 12:00 p.m. Lenten worship 5:00 p.m. 2nd Year Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Lenten soup supper 6:00 p.m. Cherub and Seraph Choir 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship 7:45 p.m. Messiah Choir rehearsal   | 23<br>8:30 a.m. AARP<br>Tax Session<br>12:00 PM Organ<br>Recital (Lois Lee)<br>American<br>Guild of<br>Organists.<br>7:00 p.m. Kit<br>Ministry | 24     | 25  |
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