

Pastor's Page

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

~Matthew 28:19



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Faith Formation is a Life Journey

Last month MLC had the privilege to welcome Evelyn Kay Root into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. On May 19 we will join with several MLC youth who will Affirm their Baptism in the Rite of Confirmation. We will also bless five high school seniors as they venture to the next phase of life. What amazing milestones, and we get to be a part of them!

When we are baptized and welcomed into the Body of Christ, the baptized, family, and the congregation community make a commitment to grow our faith as we encourage and support one another on the journey.

As we journey, it is important for us to ask, "What does this mean? How will we continue to welcome others? How will we include them? How will we grow in our faith together?" You see, faith formation is a lifelong journey. It is NOT just for children and youth. God wants to be an active part of our daily life at ALL phases of our faith journey. This is exactly why MLC is committed to calling a second rostered leader to emphasize Faith Formation.

Faith takes a lifetime to nurture and develop. It is not something we achieve and then place on a shelf to admire like a trophy or a diploma. God continually places opportunities in our midst to expand our relationship with God and one another. So...take a step out of your ordinary routine and welcome someone you may not know (or don't know well). Invite them into conversation, study and fellowship!

Christ has set a path before us. Let us be Christ to one another.

-Pastor Kris

May Highlights

Congregation Meeting with Elections
Sunday, May 5 at Noon. (MLC Sanctuary)
&

A Church Wide Cinco de Mayo Taco Picnic!

Wednesday Night Dinners have Concluded for the Academic Year

Graduate Recognitions & Confirmation
Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. A Festive Pentecost Service is planned for both services so be sure to wear your red!

MAY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship | WOV = With One Voice
LS = Lord's Supper

All services will include the Lord's Supper unless otherwise noted.

Date Services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (also livestreamed) unless otherwise noted.

May 5 LBW Setting Two Service of Worship

May 12 Now the Feast Service of Worship

May 19 Festive Pentecost Worship Service

----- Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Begins with a Service of Worship at 9:30 a.m. -----

May 26 LBW Setting 1 Service of Worship



OUTREACH Leadership

Dana Burton
Council Representative for Outreach

outreach@mlutheran.org

WHO TO CALL?

For MLC Outreach Missions & Ministries
questions contact Dana Burton

MLC Prayer Ministry
If you or a loved one needs to be lifted up in prayer, please contact Pastor Kris Schroeder
pastor.kris@mlutheran.org

Sarah Walker
Nursery Attendant
nursery@mlutheran.org

DONATIONS

PANTRY ITEM

Deodorant/Shampoo

KIT MINISTRY

4 oz. Bars of Soap

Members may also designate offerings to:

Food Pantry
or
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

Baptism

† Evelyn Kay Root; received into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 7.

Retirement

† Claire Strand, Messiah's Director of Outreach for eighteen years retired effective April 30.

Please contact office@mlutheran.org or pastor.kris@mlutheran.org if you have Life Passages you wish to share such as a birth, wedding, death, graduation or other important milestone in your household or family.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING 30 YEARS OF MLC RUMMAGE SALES!

First, thank you to everyone who supported this year's Annual Rummage and Plant Sale. Over **\$3300** was raised to support Southeastern Synod Disaster Relief and MLC's Youth Travel Fund. This 2024 sale marks 30 years of MLC charity sales. [Read all about it in this Madison Record article.](#) Hats off to Paulette McNamara as well as Susan Burrer, who headed up the plant sale portion of the sale, for their effort and energy and the many volunteers who make it a success every year!

Outreach Ministry Updates and Reminders

Outreach Reminders and Updates

- 1. Greet and welcome any unfamiliar faces you see at worship this summer. Summer is a time when there are new families in the area church shopping.** Introduce yourself and invite them to Fellowship Coffee after worship. Pastor Kris will follow up on Connection Cards left in the offering plates. *Members can also leave a note of guest interactions in the offering plate as well.*
- 2. Outreach missions and ministries leaders with an upcoming event or large ministry expense will coordinate with Outreach Rep Dana Burton.** Once the event is planned and approved, contact the church office to have the activity put on the church calendar and included in e-news, bulletins and announcements. *Please copy Dana on all communications sent to the office.*
- 3. Members seeking prayer support** for yourself or a loved one should contact Pastor Kris at pastor.kris@mlutheran.org
- 4. Outreach Closet Items.** Contact or stop by the church office at office@mlutheran.org if you need to borrow a wheelchair, crutches, etc. for yourself or a family member recovering from a surgery or injury.

Any other Outreach questions not covered above should be directed to Dana or the church office. We can't replace Claire, but we can do our best to assist you. :)

Dana Burton

Music & Worship Notes



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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
1 Peter 4:10-11

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

Beginning May 26th, until the end of July, we will have a single Sunday

Service of Worship at 9:30 a.m. The Worship & Music Committee and Council hopes this will allow increased fellowship between members who worship at the different times and enhance the worship experience for everyone. We also hope that as our regular volunteers travel, others will step up and see how meaningful serving at worship can be. To volunteer, please contact Laura Peterson (contact info at left) or use the SignUp Genius website. Just remember to select the tab for your group.

Summer Choir Schedule Starts May 26 - Come Sing With Us!

The choir will rehearse at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday and drop-in singers are welcome, too! If you haven't got time to attend a Wednesday night practice, we would welcome you to join us this Summer.

Musical Groups

Please join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord! **Schedule Note:** The Seraph and Cherub Choirs have concluded their rehearsals for the academic year.

Seraph Choir (Grades PK-1)

Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Director: Laura Simeone

Cherub Choir (Grades 2-6)

Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Director: Bonnie Flowers

Notabella

Rehearsals on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Director: Rhonda Gaede

Instrumental Ensemble

Rehearsals on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Interim Director: Larry Frakes

Messiah Choir (Grade 7- adult)

Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary. Director: Randall Fields

MLC Praise Band

Rehearses on May 18 at 9 a.m. They will accompany both services at the May 19 "Festive Pentecost" services.

Music Camp

This year Music Camp presents "Say What?" directed by Stephanie Gillespie. Camp will run June 3-8 with a single presentation on June 9 at 9:30 a.m. during a special worship service in the Parish Hall. Stephanie is requesting help, particularly with the afternoon activities and the non-dramatic/non-musical tasks in the morning. There will be a fee of \$100 per child, with a family plan of \$80 for a second child and \$60 for a third child per family. To volunteer, please contact Laura Peterson, Stephanie Gillespie, or Randall Fields.

Worship and Music Committee

The committee's next meeting is May 7th at 7 p.m., probably in the library. This meeting is open to anyone who might be interested in attending.

Many Hands Really Make Light Work and Foster

Community Too! Contact Laura Peterson or the church office if you feel called to get plugged in. There's room for you in MLC's Worship & Music ministries!

HYMN REQUEST FORM!

Want to hear a favorite hymn in Worship?
Place your request here.

Messiah Youth

Junior & Senior Youth:

Junior Youth - grades 6-8

Senior Youth - grades 9-12

youth@mlutheran.org

POC: Bonnie Flowers

MLC's Youth Groups

MOEs (Messiah Older

Elementary) - grades 3-5

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Messiah Youth & Faith Formation

Sunday School:

- Regular Sunday School through May 12
- May 19 - Last day of Sunday school and end of year party between services
- Adults: The adult class with Dottie Hanson will continue to study the book of Luke between the services each Sunday through May 19.

Starting on May 26, the class will begin meeting at 8:30 am. They will be moving into the book of Acts once they have completed the book of Luke.

Youth Group Meetings for April:

Senior High and Junior High Youth meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 unless otherwise noted. They begin as a large group in the Parish Hall and then split for other activities.

- May 5 - Planting flowers by the church entrance
- May 12 - No evening meeting - Enjoy time with your mothers.
- May 19 - Celebration of confirmands and graduates between the morning services (no evening meeting)

MOES (Grades 3-5):

May 11 at 12:00 p.m. - MOES and their dads will meet at the church to work together to create cards for their moms and have an End of School Year Bash to celebrate a wonderful year together.

Vacation Bible School 2024

June 17 - 20 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Ages 4 through completed 5th Grade

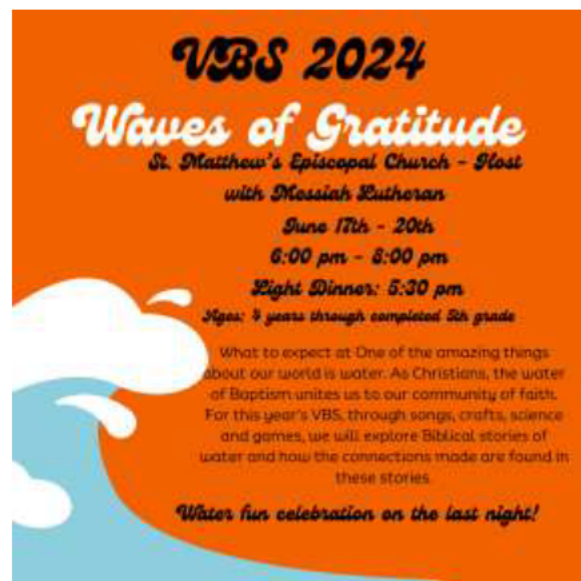
Messiah's Vacation Bible School programming will continue its partnership with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Madison. This year VBS will be at St. Matthews (786 Hughes Road).

*A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Please register through St. Matthews to attend!

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/aazpcna>

For information or questions, please contact Bonnie Flowers.



Please Support the ELCA Youth Gathering Region 9 "Lantern Fundraiser"

One of the offerings being collected at the Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16 - 19, is to provide gifts to support people in the host city. Organizers are asking each region of the country to donate different items needed to form disaster relief kits for New Orleans residents. As part of Region 9 we have been asked to donate small lanterns. **If you would like to contribute to purchasing lanterns for this effort, watch for a basket in the Fellowship Hall or just place your offering in an envelope labeled "Lanterns."** Donations will be accepted through June 9, 2024. Thank you so for your support.

If you have questions, contact Bonnie Flowers

MLC News Flashes...

CONGREGATION MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 PM | SANCTUARY & ZOOM

Members, Please Attend. Quorum Required. Members should refer to the Official E-Notice emailed on Thursday, April 27 for slate of council nominations, agenda, details & instructions.

A Cinco de Mayo Taco church picnic will immediately follow the meeting in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday Night Dinners Conclude for the Academic Year

Between the decline in attendance and the difficulty in finding volunteers during the busy month of May, the decision was made to conclude Wednesday Night Dinners for the remainder of the academic year. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in to support this ministry this past year. ~
Kari Pitchko, Council Representative for Fellowship

Women's Book & Social Club

Contact Janell Zesinger if you're interested!
jzesinger@knology.net
May 13 – *Trials to Triumph*.

Pastor Kris will host a discussion of her book. Please RSVP
After the May meeting, the group will break for summer and resume once school starts.

Comforters

have their regular meetings on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
POC: Jeanette Beamer

Schedule Note: Comforters will not meet in June and July

Kit Ministry

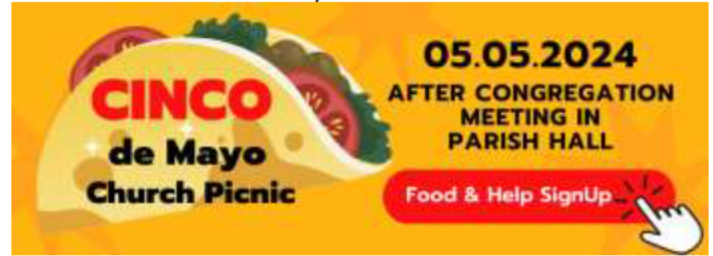
Meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Prefer to help at home? There are many ways to be a Kit Ministry "minion" that you can do at home.
POC: Rhonda Gaede/Diane Davis

Messiah Artreach Workshop May 18 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Parish Hall

Come enjoy card crafting, creativity and fellowship. Along with making greeting cards to support MLC ministries, crafters are given an opportunity to make and take cards home for loved ones. Crafters of all ages are welcome. Supplies are provided. Feel free to bring your coffee and any snacks, too!
POC Peggy Mabry

Click & Connect...

Click the underlined text or box for details.



CINCO de Mayo Church Picnic

05.05.2024
AFTER CONGREGATION MEETING IN PARISH HALL

[Food & Help SignUp](#)

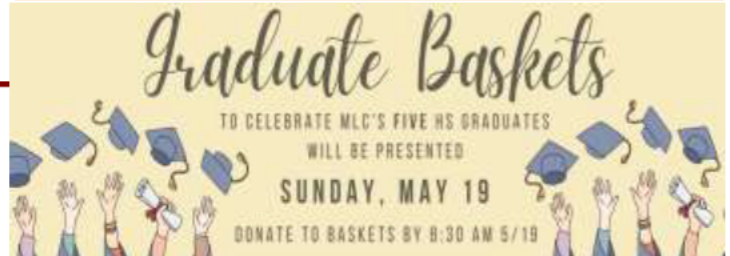


Music Camp 2024

June 3 - June 9
\$100 for a week of fun, music, & play!

musiccamp@mlutheran.org
to register or volunteer!

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Graduate Baskets

TO CELEBRATE MLC'S FIVE HS GRADUATES
WILL BE PRESENTED
SUNDAY, MAY 19
DONATE TO BASKETS BY 8:30 AM 5/19

Members may fill baskets with items young adults may need in the next phase of their lives such as towels, detergent, copy paper, etc. Baskets will be blessed and delivered to the graduates on May 19. **Graduates are Ana Ballard, Randall Jackson, Olivia Sullivan, Aaron Woods and James Zesinger.** Baskets are located in the Narthex. Please have all items to MLC by 8:30 AM on May 19. There is also a tag on each basket to sign and leave a short greeting. POC: Dana Burton.

May Reminders & Notes:

- **Members -- Do you need a church directory?**
Please just call or email the church office and one can be printed or emailed to you.
- **Please mail church offerings to MLC's Official Post Office Box!**
Messiah Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 526
Madison, AL 35758

April 2024
Month in Pictures

Photos Always Welcome! If you are involved in a mission or ministry and have pictures to share, contact communications@mlutheran.org and Meredith will send you a link to that month's shared photo gallery.

Top Right: Claire Strand poses with the cake from the April 21 Reception. Kari Pitchko decorated the tables with bible verses and MLC ministry signs that Claire has helped nurture. Pastor Esther and members of Christ Kiswahili of Nashville pose with Claire after the reception. Videos and pictures from April 21 and the reception can be found in the [Claire Retirement Gallery](#).

Below: A pair of hand painted die-cut lilies wait to be mounted on cards at the April 20 Artreach Workshop. **Bottom:** Plants at the April 6 "Rummage Sale and Plants, too!" The number of plants donated by Messiah's green thumb gardeners is growing each year. **Below Right:** April 20—20 of Messiah's Jr. and Sr. Youth enjoyed an overnight lock-in which started off with a trip to Urban Air Park, a local indoor ropes park then back to MLC for dinner, worship, and fellowship. Several youth served as worship assistants the following morning. Thank you youth and youth leaders.



May 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Looking Ahead: May 30 - June 2: Southeastern Synod Assembly June 3 - 9: Music Camp - "Say What?" June 11 - 15: Disaster Relief Mission Trip June 17 - 20: Vacation Bible School St. Matthew's Episcopal			1 5:00 p.m. 1 & 2 Yr. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. MLC Choir WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS HAVE CONCLUDED	2 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry	3	4
5 Congregation Meeting at Noon & Cinco De Mayo Picnic 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. Worship LBW Setting 2 w/ Lord's Supper 9:45 a.m. Sunday School All Ages 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream LBW Setting 2 w/ Lord's Supper 12:00 Congregation Meeting 5:00 p.m. Jr & Sr. Youth meeting 6:30 pm. Notabella Rehearsal	6 4:45 Owen's House Kitchen Duty	7 9:00 a.m. Comforters 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting	8 5:00 p.m. 1 & 2 Yr. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. MLC Choir	9 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	10	11 12:00 p.m. MOES Mother's Day Card Making/ End of Year Party
12 Happy Mother's Day! 8:30 a.m. Worship Now the Feast w/ Lord's Supper 9:45 a.m. Sunday School All Ages 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream Now the Feast w/ Lord's Supper 6:30 pm. Notabella Rehearsal No Youth Tonight	13 6:30 p.m. Ladies Book Club @ Pastor Kris'	14 9:00 a.m. Comforters	15 5:00 p.m. 1 & 2 Yr. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. MLC Choir	16 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry	17	18 9:00 a.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. -1:00 pm Messiah Artreach Workshop
19 Pentecost Sunday Confirmation & Graduate Recognitions 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. Worship: Festive Pentecost Worship 9:45 a.m. Reception for Graduates, Confirmands, & End of Year 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: Festive Pentecost Worship 6:30 pm. Notabella Rehearsal	20 4:45 Owen's House Kitchen Duty	21	22	23 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry	24	25
26 Summer Worship Schedule Starts! 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class 9:30 a.m. Worship & Livestream LBW Setting 1 with LS 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee	27 Memorial Day (Office closed)	28	29	30 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry SES Assembly Columbus, GA	1 SES Assembly Columbus, GA	2 SES Assembly Columbus, GA

Executive Committee

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Financial Secretary: Marc Neely—finance_sec@mlutheran.org

Members! MLC staff, officers, or council reps will never solicit you directly for cash, gift cards, etc.

Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) is located at 7740 Highway 72 West, just east of Hughes Road. **Sunday Services of Worship are at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. Staffed nursery and hearing assist devices available. Our website is www.mlutheran.org. Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., staffed by our Office Managers. The Church telephone is (256) 721-0041.
 Email: office@mlutheran.org.

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 (256) 617-8530.



The monthly newsletter and calendar for Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) Madison, Alabama

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