

Pastor's Page

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:10*



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Biblical Stewardship

Too often in the church, we get stuck thinking that stewardship is that "one-time appeal" that leadership makes in order to put a budget together for the next year. While a financial focus is important, Biblical stewardship is much greater than finances and should never be a once-a-year topic. For God's children, good stewardship needs to be a way of life! Just as true worship is a way of life, so is Biblical stewardship! The way we live (what we choose to do and not do, what we choose to say and not say) identifies a lot about us. It tells others exactly who we are. The way we live tells others what is important to us, who is important to us, what we value, what we care about, and so much more.

When it comes to Biblical stewardship, we need to remember that our lives and all that we have ARE NOT our own. Our lives and *all* that we have been given—resources, possessions, talents, and finances—are ALL on loan to us from God. As God's people, we are to take good care of all that has been entrusted to us (including our own lives, the lives of others, and all creation) to bring God glory! God commands us to manage what has been entrusted to us for the betterment of all God has created. That means we are to care for creation and others as much as we care for ourselves, if not more.

Throughout scripture, God also commands us to be a joyful, generous giver—to prayerfully discern what God would have us do with all that is entrusted to us and then do it with a joyful heart. May we see Biblical stewardship as an honor and not a burden or something we dread. Let's get moving, People of God! God is calling us to make a difference NOW!!!!

~ Pastor Kris

October Highlights



CELEBRATION & COMMITMENT SUNDAY
October 1, 2023
2024 Online Estimate Form

MUSIC at MESSIAH
Classical Concert
BROPHY SISTERS
Saturday, Oct. 14 - 7 PM
See Page 2

HANDMADE MARKET
Saturday, Oct. 21, 9 - 2
Sunday, Oct 22 to 12:15
(after/before services)

ACOLYTE TRAINING
Oct 22 Noon

TOWN HALL
Oct 29 9:45 a.m.
Parish Hall

GERMAN FOOD FESTIVAL
Saturday, Nov 4
11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Rodent Remediation and Attic Insulation
Resumes Oct 9 Please see MLC E-News and ministry leader emails for schedule updates.

OCTOBER 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	8:30 a.m.	11 a.m. & Livestreamed
October 1	Bread of Life w/LS	Bread of Life w/LS
October 8	LBW Setting 2	LBW Setting 2
October 15	LBW Setting 1 w/LS	Band-led service w/LS
October 22	Now the Feast w/LS	Now the Feast w/LS
October 29	LBW Setting 2 w/LS	LBW Setting 2 w/LS





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

Dana Burton
Council Representative for Outreach

outreach@mlutheran.org

DONATIONS

PANTRY ITEM

Cake Mix & Frosting

KIT MINISTRY

Single Toothbrushes

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

Births

- † Greg and Jeanette Beamer became great-grandparents twice over this summer. Benjamin Levi [REDACTED] Beck George Meier was born [REDACTED].
- † Bernadine [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED]. Proud grandparents are Bob and Diane Davis.

First Communion

- † On September 10, Hannah Christensen, Eli Finch, Elliott Zomkowski, and Rose Zomkowski received their first communion.

Mission Spotlight: Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series turns Ten With Oct 14 Concert

Music at Messiah Classical Concert Series Dedicated to Bringing Live Professional Classical Musicians to North Alabama

October 14 Concert to feature sisters Linnea and Maeve Brophy on violin and piano.

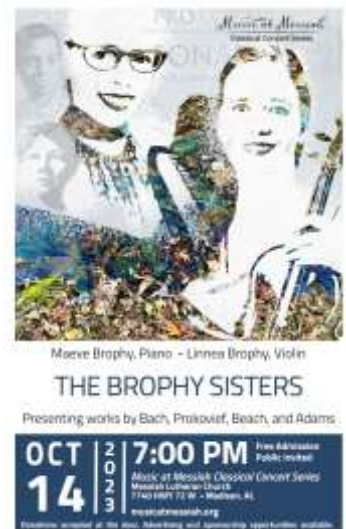
The Series is thrilled to present the Brophy Sisters in Concert at MLC at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. **The concert is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. A reception will follow.** Come—and invite a classical music-loving friend, youth, or neighbor to join you!

This will be the third time the Brophy Sisters have been featured by the Series in its ten years. The concert will feature music for piano and violin by Bach, Amy Beach, Prokofiev, and H. Leslie Adams.

The Series was established in 2013 after MLC's sanctuary was expanded and its acoustics were found to be exceptional for live music. In its ten years it has presented over 20 concerts featuring professional, and rising-professional musicians -- including Van Cliburn award winners, internationally touring vocalists and organists, collegiate-level music educators, and professional instrumentalists of local and regional symphonies.

Since its founding, the Series has relied exclusively on donations at the door, sponsorships, program advertising, and dedicated gifts. The Series committee is comprised of John Shriver, Bob Gustafson, Meredith Kilby, Andrew King, and Gretchen Perry.

For more information, visit musicatmessiah.org or the Welcome Center.



Music & Worship Notes



*But I will sing of your might;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been a fortress for me
and a refuge in the day of my distress Psalm 59:16*

Worship & Music Leadership

Randall Fields

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Choir Director
musicdirector@
mlutheran.org

Ric Birdsong

Praise Band
Coordinator

Laura Peterson

Council Representative
for Worship & Music
worship_music_rep
@mlutheran.org

Nursery Attendant

Katrina Strand
nursery@mlutheran.org

Reformation Sunday is Oct. 29. Notabella will play, and Bibles will be presented to the children by our Sunday School Superintendent.

Worship Service Openings Please contact Laura Peterson at worship_music_rep@mlutheran.org if you would like to serve in worship in any capacity. We would love to help you serve.

The Worship and Music Committee will meet October 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Laura Peterson if you have praises or comments to share.

Accompanists We are still in search of an accompanist. The job description is posted on www.mlutheran.org/music

Wednesday Child Care Continues! After a three week trial, MLC's Nursery attendant will continue to provide onsite child care to supervise children whose parents are involved in MLC Wednesday activities. The care will begin at 6 p.m. Please contact nursery attendant Katrina Strand if you have questions. nursery@mlutheran.org

Worship Change on Christmas Eve 2023 Since the 4th Sunday in Advent falls on December 24, a single 10:00 a.m. Service of Worship with the Lord's Supper will take place the morning of Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Worship with the Lord's Supper will be held at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Music, Music, Music!

Come to sing, ring, and play instruments to the glory of God!

Cherub Choir (PK-1 st)	Wed 6-6:30 p.m.	Room 6	Claire Strand, director
Seraph Choir (2 nd -6 th)	Wed 6-6:30 p.m.	Room 11-12	Laura Simeone, director
Notabella (7 th -Adult)	Wed 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Rhonda Gaede, director
Messiah Choir (7 th -Adult)	Wed 7:30-8:30 p.m.	Sanctuary	Randall Fields, director
Instrumental Ens. (7 th -Adult)	Sun 12:15 p.m. (2 nd /4 th)	Sanctuary	Larry Frakes, director

The Instrumental Ensemble is always looking for more players, but is especially in need of brass. *A permanent director is also sought!*

Sunday Worship Assistant Coordinators

Altar Guild - Jutta DeMarsh (matthew.demarsh@att.net)
Flower Guild - Linda Heideman (mmeh1976@gmail.com)
Lectors - Joan Ellsworth (joanellsworth2@gmail.com)
Ushers - Bruce Machamer (bnmacham68@gmail.com)
Acolytes - Cheryl Rydbom (cwrydbom@gmail.com)
Greeters - Open contact Laura Peterson
Stream Team - Meredith Kilby (Meredith.kilby@gmail.com)
Coffee Fellowship - Bobbey Huwaldt (jbhuwaldt@mac.com)

Acolyte Training

Acolyte training will be held on October 22 after the 11:00 service for anyone 4th grade and older who would like to serve. This is an important role in our worship both symbolically and practically. If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED].

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

POC: Whitney Morse

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Christian Education

Bonnie Flowers

Council Representative for Youth & Education

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Janet Sullivan

Sunday School

Superintendent

sundayschool@mlutheran.org

Messiah Youth & Faith Formation

Task Force Update

A town hall meeting was held on Sept. 24. We appreciate everyone who attended and/or filled out the survey. All the input from the congregation is being incorporated into our Ministry Site Profile to assist the synod office in finding the most appropriate candidate. POC: Phil Reed (philwintersreed@gmail.com)

Task force secretary Rachel Finch is now accepting nominations for a Call Committee. If you would like to nominate yourself or another confirmed member of the congregation to serve on this committee, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with the name and a few sentences about what you think makes that person a good candidate for the committee. From this list, we hope a Call Committee of 6 voting members will be elected by the Congregation Council at the November council meeting.

Youth & Ed Committee Meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday School

October 1 - (Fall Break) Craft outreach project for all ages; no regular classes

October 8, 15, 22, 29 - Regular Classes

Junior & Senior Youth

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are 5:00-6:30 p.m., starting in the Parish Hall. Small group activities follow.

Oct. 1: **No Youth Group (Fall Break)**

Oct. 8, 15, 22: Regular Youth Group

Oct. 29: Chili Cookoff

Adults: The adult class with Dottie Hanson will continue to study the book of Luke between services each Sunday.

ELCA Youth Gathering 2024: July 16-20, 2024

ELCA Youth Gathering (for youth currently in grades 8-12)

Anyone interested in attending needs to submit a registration form and \$100 for the deposit **by Oct. 25** (the other \$50 of the deposit will be paid by MLC).

Please write National Youth Gathering in the memo line of the check and submit it with the completed registration form to Bonnie Flowers or return to the office.

[ELCA YG Youth Registration Form](#) **[ELCA YG Adult Registration Form](#)**

ELCA Young Adult Gathering (ages 18-35)

Young adults interested in attending must register separately from any congregational group attending the ELCA Youth Gathering. To obtain the priority registration rate of \$260, the registration form and a deposit of \$150 must be submitted by **Nov. 1**. Talk to Bonnie Flowers about financial assistance from MLC. More information and the link to register can be found here: <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>

If you are interested in attending either of the Gatherings or helping with the planning, please complete the following form or contact Bonnie at education_rep@mlutheran.org <https://form.jotform.com/232356131842047>

All Tennessee Youth Gathering: Nov. 11-12 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tullahoma, TN.

We will gather under the theme "Spirit of Peace" to learn how serving our neighbor and learning to hold difficult conversations help us to discover who we are in Christ. We will enjoy games, crafts, and gathering Lutherans from across Tennessee and the synod. The cost is \$40 per person.

MOES (Messiah Older Elementary)

Oct. 4: A trip to Tate Farms pumpkin patch is tentatively planned for the evening. Watch for updates from Whitney Morse. If you are a parent of an older elementary student, please contact Whitney at moes_youth@mlutheran.org



MLC News Flashes...

Celebration & Commitment Sunday Oct 1!

All members are encouraged to bring their 2024 Estimate of Giving cards to Worship on or before **October 1**. Each September, we focus on stewardship. This year's emphasis is Revelation 21:5: "See, I am making all things new."

Women's Book & Social Club

Contact Janell Zesinger if you're interested!
jzesinger@knology.net

October 23: *All My Knotted Up Life*, Beth Moore

November 27: *Take My Hand*, Dolen Perkins-Valdez

December TBD, Social Gathering Only

Nursery Attendant Substitute Opportunity

Enjoy Working With Infants & Toddlers? If interested, please contact Personnel Committee Chair Laurie Campbell at [REDACTED]

MLC Comforters Group

The Comforters meet on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Interested in being a Comforter?

Contact Jeanette Beamer [REDACTED]

Kit Ministry

The group has resumed meeting 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."

POC: Rhonda Gaede/Diane Davis

October Reminders & Notes:

- Please be sure to check emails for any schedule changes due to remediation work.
- **Please mail church offerings to MLC's Official Post Office Box!**
Messiah Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 526
Madison, AL 35758

Click & Connect...

Click the underlined text or box



Handmade Market October 21 (9 to 2 p.m) & October 22 (between & After services)

Fundraiser for Lunches for Learning



Wednesday Night Dinner Volunteer Sign Up

MLC ministry groups are encouraged to sign up to cook a Wednesday Night Dinner as a team. All WND grocery expenses are reimbursable. For more information reach out to Dorothy Seitz at Dorothy.Seitz@comcast.net or Kari at fellowship_rep@mlutheran.org

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS



Madison Interfaith Council COAT DRIVE

SEPT 24th --->>>> Oct 22nd
Coats - New and gently used coats all sizes- Children thru Adults
Hats & Gloves- must be new
Donations to benefit
Students in need in Madison City Schools.
Bring donations to Mission Control Center

September Month in Pictures

SEPTEMBER MONTH IN PICTURES GALLERY

Left: Sep. 10 Congratulations to MLC's newest communicants. Photo: MKilby. Below. On Sep 6, the ALS Spaghetti Dinner to support ALS patient had a great turnout and raised over \$600.



Far Left: MOES is back. Two MOES enjoy pizza with Whitney Morse, Pastor Kris and their parents. **Left:** Chris Fossum and Hadley Oltmans prep "Good Pappa's BBQ burgers" for the Sep 19 Wednesday Night Dinner. Below Left: Youth enjoy Ga-Ga Ball on Sep 17. **Bottom:** Jr. & Sr. Youth take over the kitchen to make tacos for the Sep 24 "Fourth Sunday Dinner." Pr. Bill Schroeder planned and led the youth through the preparations.



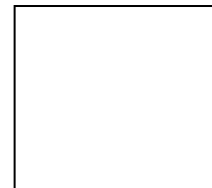
October 2023

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Celebration & Commitment Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship: Bread of Life w/LS 9:45 a.m. No regular Sunday School; outreach craft for all ages 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: Bread of Life w/LS</p>	<p>2 4:45 Owen's House kitchen duty (See pg. 2)</p>	<p>3 9:00 a.m. Comforters</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Fall Break - City of Madison Schools </p>						
<p>8 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 2 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 12:15 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Youth</p>	<p>9 Columbus/ Indigenous People's Day</p>	<p>10 9:00 a.m. Comforters</p> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid #ccc;"> <p><i>Remediation Resumes in MLC's Office/Education area and Parish Hall 8 AM - 5 PM.</i></p> </div>	<p>11 5:00 p.m. 1 & 2 Yr. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Wed. Nite Dinner 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:00 p.m. Seraph Choir 6:30 p.m. Notabella 7:30 p.m. MLC Choir</p>	<p>12 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministries 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 Noon - 6 p.m. Praise Band Set Up</p>	<p>14 10:00 a.m. Praise Band Rehearsal Music at Messiah presents the Brophy Sisters 7 p.m.</p>
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<p>22 Handmade Market/Acolyte Tr. 8:30 a.m. Worship: Now the Feast w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: Now the Feast w/LS 12:00 p.m. Acolyte Training 12:15 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Youth</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00 a.m. Comforters</p>	<p>25 5:00 p.m. 1 & 2 Yr. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Wed. Nite Dinner 6:00 p.m. Adult Study 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:00 p.m. Seraph Choir 6:30 p.m. Notabella 7:30 p.m. MLC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministries</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Reformation Sunday /Bible Presentations 8:30 a.m. Worship: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 9:45 Town Hall Mtg 11:00 a.m. Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 w/LS 5:00 Chili Cook off</p>	<p>30</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 10px; border: 2px solid white;"> <p>A Town Hall to Review items on the Nov. 5 Meeting Agenda will take place on Sun. 10/29 in the Parish Hall.</p> </div>	<p>31 Have a safe and fun Halloween!</p>	<p>LOOKING AHEAD Nov 4 - German Food Festival Nov 5 - Congregation Meeting at Noon Nov 11 - 12 : Youth Gathering in TN Dec 3 - Advent Begins Dec 24 - 4th Sunday in Advent/Christmas Eve (see page 3)</p>			

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Madison, Alabama 35758
Return Service Requested



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 communications@mlutheran.org



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

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