



Pastor Kris Schroeder

OCTOBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

October 5

Bread of Life w/LS
8:30 a.m.* and 11 a.m.

October 12

ELW 3
8:30 a.m.* and 11 a.m.

October 19

ELW 3 w/LS
8:30 a.m.* (Choir)
ELW 8 w/LS
11 a.m. (Band-Led)

October 26

Reformation Sunday w/LS
(Wear Red)
8:30 a.m.* and 11 a.m.

ELW =
Evangelical Book of Worship (Red)
LS = Lord's Supper
*Livestream

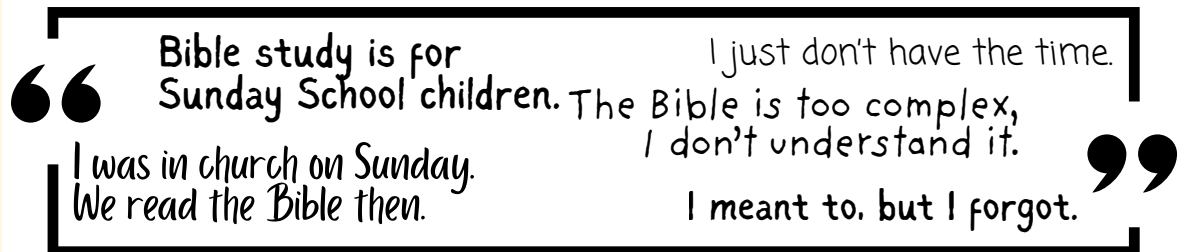
God's Word

Today I begin with a question. In fact, some may say it is a harsh question, but here it goes:

When was the last time you picked up your Bible and read it?

- Actually picked up your Bible (hard copy or digital) and read God's Holy Word?
- Read more than one verse?
- Dug into its meaning and purpose?
- Engaged in conversation with other believers?
- Prayed for what God desires you would learn about God's Word?

Unfortunately, for many who call themselves God's children, the answer often goes something like this:



Reading, studying, and digesting God's Word is how we come to know God. As with any relationship, the more time we spend together, the more opportunities we have to know, understand, and love.

Being in God's Word is how we grow in relationship with God and come to understand what God expects from our relationships with others. Each of us is struggling: with identity, direction, goals, purpose... Everything we truly need, God's Word can provide. But if we don't make an effort to be in God's Word on a regular basis, how can we expect to experience the love, joy, hope, and freedom that the Bible talks about even in the midst of the struggles of this life?

As we prepare to celebrate the Reformation later this month, we will also

place God's Holy Word in the hands of Messiah's third graders! They will hold in their hands the word of God that leads to love, freedom, and eternal life!

May we join them and commit to being in God's Word, to growing in God's Word, to allowing God to reform our faith into something new and amazing.

If your Bible remains on the shelf, it will gather dust (and so will your faith).



It's up to you!



Randall Fields
Music Director;
Choir Director

Hymn Request Form

Want to hear a favorite hymn in worship? Place your request here:



**To volunteer
for all service and
outreach
opportunities:**

Click or scan the QR code to access SignUp Genius or call the office.



Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Psalm 150:1-5

Musical Groups

Contact Randall Fields to get involved in a music group:

Cherub Choir (Grades PK-1)

Rehearses Sundays at 5 p.m. Lily Harper, our new music intern, leads this group. Additional adult volunteers are encouraged to remain for practice as they are able.

Seraph Choir (Grades 2-6)

Rehearses Sundays at 5 p.m. Laura Simeone directs.

Messiah Choir (Grades 7 - adult)

Rehearses Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Randall Fields directs.

Notabella (Bell Choir) (Grades 7 - adult)

Rehearses Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Additional ringers are welcome. Rhonda Gaede directs.

Instrumental Ensemble (Grades 7 - adult)

Rehearses 12:15 - 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays. Additional players are welcome. Mike Mabry leads this group.

The Band

Leads contemporary worship during the 11 a.m. service on the third Sunday each month. Rehearsal is the same Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. and the Saturday before at 10 a.m. Additional instrumentalists and vocalists are always welcome.

Serving Needs

We are in need of an Usher Coordinator to serve on the Worship and Music Committee and ensure that usher roles are filled each week.

If Usher Coordinator isn't the right fit, we also need volunteers for these positions: Lectors, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, and Ushers.





Mission Endowment Fund

A **church mission endowment fund** is a dedicated pool of assets established to support the church's mission and programs over the long term. It is designed to provide ongoing financial support, ensuring the church's sustainability and ability to meet its needs in the present and future. Key features include:

- **Long-term sustainability:** The principal amount remains untouched, allowing for future withdrawals to support ongoing mission and ministry.
- **Income generation:** A portion of the endowment can be used each year to support the church's **MISSION**, while the remaining amount preserves the fund's value.
- **Investment strategy:** The funds are typically invested in a diversified portfolio to generate income and growth over time.
- **Flexibility:** Endowments can be modified to adapt to changing needs and goals, ensuring they remain relevant to the church's mission.
- Provides a way for donors to create a permanent and personal **legacy** to God's mission and ministry.



Endowment Committee

Bill Havard

Pastor Bill Schroeder

Greg Kilby

Please be watching for exciting information about how you can be a part of Messiah's Mission Endowment Fund growth for our ministry and mission together.



Council Minute



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As Lutherans, we celebrate **Reformation Sunday** at the end of October to remember when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, motivated by his passion to see the church reformed to reflect the message of God's saving grace.

It's also an opportunity to discern how God is at work re-forming each of us, including MLC. In the coming months, we'll be undertaking a process of **long range planning** – looking ahead to where God is calling us in the next 5-10 years. We will be forming a **Long Range Planning Committee** and will be soliciting your input through that committee. If you'd like to serve on this committee, please let me know at council_president@mlutheran.org.

In other news, we have an update on our **Faith Formation Leader** call process! The Call Committee was working to broaden the job description for our rostered position and was preparing to submit that to the Synod. While that work was in process, the Synod provided them with a potential candidate. They are currently interviewing that candidate, and we will provide updates as soon as we can. God is truly at work in our midst! As He continues to make all things new, together we'll work to discern our call for being "God's People, Reaching Out."

Yours in Christ,
Andrew King, MLC Council President



Chili Cookoff Moving to Winter

The Chili Cookoff is moving to the chillier season this year!! It will still include costumes and games for the kids. Watch for details in January, and start working on your chili recipes!

(You could even practice your recipes at an upcoming Wednesday Night Dinner.)



All Saints Day Name Submission

Deadline: Oct. 27

All Saints Day is Sunday, Nov. 2. To celebrate our beloved friends and family who have passed away during the past year (between Nov. 1, 2024 and Nov. 1, 2025), we will read aloud their names during worship service. If you have a name to be recognized, complete the online form BY Oct. 27.



Winter is Coming...

We are collecting blankets and cold weather clothing for the homeless in our area this fall and winter. Put new and lightly used items in the donation box in the Narthex. Here's what we need:

blankets
hats
sleeping bags
gloves



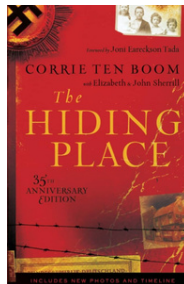
coats/jackets
scarves
sweaters
socks

Women's Book Club

Monday, Oct. 20

6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion of
The Hiding Place
by Corrie Ten Boon



November book:

Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan Henry

Hiring Nursery Attendant



We are looking for a teenager or adult who would like to serve as nursery attendant during Sunday morning worship service and

Sunday School, plus other family activities during the week. Pay is \$16 per hour. Contact Glen Long for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Janet Smith
1 Merritt Zesinger
2 Leonardo Diaz-Benites
6 James Hendrick
7 Colin Pitchko
8 Paul Quade
8 Lisa Tracy
9 Elizabeth Vaughn

10 Peggy Mabry
10 Adam Neely
10 Sheilah Scheurich
11 Virgil Burrer
14 Madeline Drucker
14 Angela Trinh
15 Bailey Sullivan
17 John Knox

18 Hannah Christensen
18 Tim Spence
19 Ryan Miller
20 William Bartel
20 Roger Joens
20 Devonee Woods
21 Claire Davis
22 Whitney Morse

23 Anderson Sullivan
24 John Burke
24 Amelia Morse
25 Stephen Strand
25 Scot West
29 Anita deJong
31 Jacob Vande Griend



Faith Formation

Adults: Sunday Morning Bible Study

Discuss the book of John with Dottie Hanson on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Pub Theology: First & Third Tuesdays

The format is simple: **Beer, Conversation, and God.**

Whether you're exploring faith, philosophy, or life's big questions, this is your chance to share, listen, and enjoy a drink (soda, tea, beer, or wine). Every voice is valued, and all perspectives are welcome. Engage with people from diverse religious traditions, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. It's more than just a discussion—it's a journey of shared discovery and mutual respect.

Pub Theology



Where Faith is Always on Tap

Oct. 7 & 21
6:30 p.m.

Youth

Secondary Youth Groups: Junior Youth (Grades 6-8) & Senior Youth (Grades 9-12)

Most youth group activities are Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. We start as a big group and then split for separate Junior and Senior Youth activities.

Oct. 5	No Meeting (Fall Break)
Oct. 12	5 p.m.
Oct. 19	5 p.m.
Oct. 26	5 p.m.

Click or scan
for a full
schedule of Jr.
& Sr. youth
activities:



Southeastern Synod Events

All TN Youth Gathering: Nov. 1-2 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church; Hendersonville, TN

MLC covers half of the registration fee. For more information about these events or to register, visit www.sesyouth.org

Confirmation Class

Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Confirmation classes with Laurie Campbell and Justin Walker every Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. in the youth room (room 5). If you have a young person who is entering grade 8 or above who would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kris or Laurie Campbell.

Elementary Youth Groups: MESY & MOES (Grades PK-5)

Oct. 19 at Noon

Field trip to go apple picking!

Click or scan
for a full
schedule of
MESY & MOES
activities:





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Outreach

"The most important one is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12: 29 - 31

NEW EXPANDED LUNCH MENU

HOMEMADE GERMAN DESSERTS

QUILT AUCTION

HANDMADE MARKET

DON'T MISS THE 4TH ANNUAL

German

FOOD FEST

BEER LIVE MUSIC MARKET

NOV. 1 11 - 2

KIDS' ZONE AND BOUNCE HOUSE, TOO!

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA

For the past three years, we have welcomed hundreds of visitors to our church for German Food Fest, and we need your help to make this year's festival a success!

Here are a few ways you can help:

- **Volunteer.** This event would not be possible without our amazing volunteers. Help is needed for many activities, both the day of the festival and in the months leading up to it. If you can lend a hand, please visit our SignUp Genius.
- **Give.** German Food Fest has a dedicated fund. Yearly costs for this event include permits/licenses, band, bounce house, decorations, and more. Contributions that help us cover expenses mean that we can donate more of our proceeds to our designated charity, Shepherds Fold.
- **Spread the Word.** Tell your friends/families/coworkers, share/interact with social media posts, put up posters. Everyone is invited!
- **Attend.** Your presence at the festival gives visitors the opportunity to meet members and contributes to a lively festival atmosphere!

HANDMADE MARKET

Saturday, October 25, 2025
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Benefitting: LUNCHES FOR Learning

Hosted by: MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA

Messiah's talented crafters and makers sell their wares at the annual Handmade Market to support the Lunches for Learning Mission in Honduras.

A wonderful array of handmade goods will be available - including seasonal decor, crocheted and knit hats and accessories for adults and children, jams and jellies, Christmas ornaments, greeting cards, and more!

**Come shop on Saturday, Oct. 25 OR
between services on Sunday, Oct. 26.**



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>ELW = Evangelical Book of Worship (Red) LS = Lord's Supper *Livestream</p> 		<p>Click or scan for our up-to-date online calendar:</p> 		1 5 p.m. Confirmation Class 6 p.m. Wed. Night Dinner 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	2 11 a.m. ArtReach 6 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry	3 4
5 (Bread of Life w/LS) 8:30 a.m.* Worship w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Worship w/LS and New Member Recognition 6:30 p.m. Notabella Rehearsal	6	7 9 a.m. Comforters 6:30 p.m. Pub Theology	8 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting	10	11
12 (ELW 3) 8:30 a.m.* Worship (lay-led service) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Worship (lay-led service) 12:15 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal 5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Notabella Rehearsal	13	14 9 a.m. Comforters	15 5 p.m. Confirmation Class 6 p.m. Wed. Night Dinner 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	16 11 a.m. ArtReach 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry	17	18 10 a.m. Contemp. Worship Setup & Rehearsal
19 8:30 a.m.* Worship: ELW 3 w/LS 9:30 a.m. App Help Desk 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Worship: ELW 8 w/LS Noon MOES & MESY Field Trip 5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group 5 p.m. Cherub & Seraph Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Notabella Rehearsal	20 6:30 p.m. Women's Book Club	21 9 a.m. Comforters 6:30 p.m. Pub Theology	22 5 p.m. Confirmation Class 6 p.m. Wed. Night Dinner 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	23 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministry	24	25 9 a.m. Baking Day for German Food Fest 9 a.m. 
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Labor Day weekend, families packed food for Weekend Food Program. Single, ready-to-eat (or “just add water”) items such as ravioli, mac & cheese, soup, fruit, and oatmeal go to families with students at Liberty Middle School and Monrovia Middle School. MLC currently supports almost 50 students a week between the two schools.

The program operates all year long and needs donations and funding to keep it going. Make a note that your contribution is for WFP on the check or online gift.



Six youngsters received their first communion in September:

Dean Burgett
Nora Christensen
Bastian Oskam
Fiona Oskam
Robert Montgomery
George Zomkowski



One was just baptized a month earlier and was SO EXCITED to take this important step in his spiritual formation.



"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."
2 Corinthians 9:10

Executive Committee

Pastor (Ex-Officio of All Committees) President Vice President Treasurer Secretary	Kris Schroeder Andrew King Lee Smith Rhonda Gaede Joanne Weber	Pastor.Kris@mlutheran.org council_president@mlutheran.org vicepres@mlutheran.org treasurer@mlutheran.org secretary@mlutheran.org
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Council Representatives

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Non-Council Positions / Committees

Sunday School Superintendent MESY (Messiah Elementary Student Youngsters) MOES (Messiah Older Elementary Students) Personnel Committee Financial Secretary Stephen Ministry	-- Whitney Morse -- Marc Neely Mike & Peggy Mabry	sundayschool@mlutheran.org Moes_youth@mlutheran.org personnel.committee@mlutheran.org finance_sec@mlutheran.org stephenministry@mlutheran.org
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Staff

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



Prayer Families



Please lift these Messiah households in your daily prayers. On Sundays and holidays (including staff vacations), please pray for the groups or individuals **listed in bold**.

1 Jennifer & Michael Montgomery (Robert; Emily)	17 Kevin & Debra Peterson (Shane; Amanda)
2 Whitney Morse (Amelia)	18 Laura Peterson
3 Beth Mumaw	19 Hospice Patients and Hospice Care Givers
4 Jan Murphy	20 Kari & Tim Pitchko (Greyson; Colin; Noah)
5 Individuals in Broken Relationships	21 Tracy Jr. & Lindsey Porter (Tracy III; Thomas; Tristan)
6 Nora Musser	22 Paul Quade
7 Gerry & Jackie Myers (Noah; Adam; Luke; Evin)	23 Terry & Kathy Ramsey
8 Marc & Deborah Neely (Adam)	24 Phillippe & Emily Reed (Lydia; Nathan)
9 Ellie Nelson	25 Arthur Rockett
10 Allen & Peggy Nuss	26 Lutherans Worldwide
11 Diane Oliver	27 Betty Roenfeldt
12 The Unchurched	28 Dale & Tammy Rohe
13 Don & Lizzie Palmer	29 Heather & Evan Root (Evelyn)
14 Steve & Linda Peirce	30 William & Cheryl Rydbom (Logan; Sarah)
15 Jay & Gretchen Perry (Ashlyn)	31 Matt & Jennifer Saari (Katelyn)
16 Bruce Peter	

If you or a loved one needs to be lifted up in prayer, please contact the office or Pastor Kris.

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More information on our website:
<https://mlutheran.org/>

