



Pastor Kris Schroeder

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

**September 7**

ELW 1 w/LS

8:30 a.m.\* and 11 a.m.

**September 14**

ELW 1 w/LS

8:30 a.m.\* and 11 a.m.

**September 21**

Chicago Folk w/LS

8:30 a.m.\* and  
11 a.m. (Band-Led)

**September 28**

Bread of Life w/LS

8:30 a.m.\* and 11 a.m

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

## Pastor's Page

*"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"*

John 8:12

## Be The Light

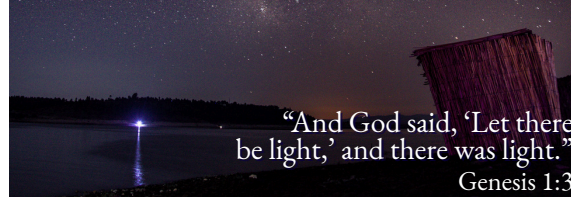
It is that time of year again when Messiah focuses on the stewardship of ourselves, our gifts, and our possessions. Each Sunday during the month of September, our worship will focus on Jesus' words:



# "I am the light of the world"

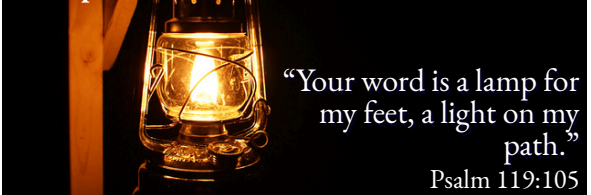
We will discover ways to care for God's creation, feed our spiritual self, share the light with others, and live a life for God's kingdom!

**September 7: Caring for Creation  
and all God Gives to us**



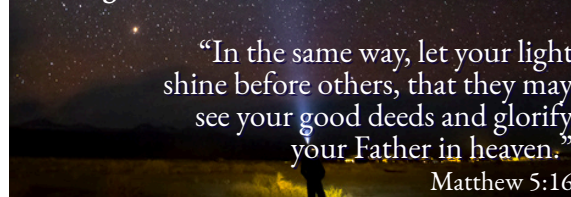
"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."  
Genesis 1:3

**September 14: Feeding  
our Spiritual Self**



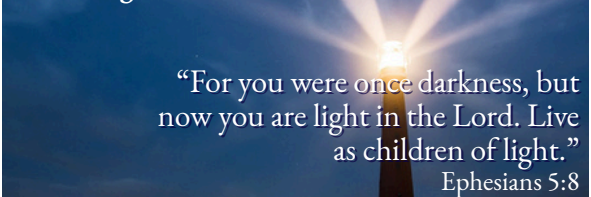
"Your word is a lamp for  
my feet, a light on my  
path."  
Psalm 119:105

**September 21: Sharing  
the Light With Others**



"In the same way, let your light  
shine before others, that they may  
see your good deeds and glorify  
your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16

**September 28: Living A Life Of  
The Kingdom, Not Of The World**



"For you were once darkness, but  
now you are light in the Lord. Live  
as children of light."  
Ephesians 5:8

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Did you know that Pastor Kris has a discretionary account to help members and non-members meet unforeseen expenses? If someone asks you for money to pay utility bills or other essential bills, please direct them to a member of the MLC staff so that we may vet that person's need and make an appropriate and equitable payment.





**Randall Fields**  
Music Director;  
Choir Director



**Livestream has moved  
from 11 to 8:30 a.m.**

## Why???



**Because  
Messiah is full  
of early birds.**

- An earlier livestream means that viewers can tune in earlier.
- The 8:30 service has more attendance
- The 8:30 service has more volunteers to manage the stream

### Hymn Request Form

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



## Music Notes

*"Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart."*

Ephesians 5:19

## Musical Groups

**Contact Randall Fields to get involved in a music group:**

### Cherub Choir (Grades PK-1)

Rehearsals resume Sunday, September 7 at 5 p.m. Lily Harper, our new music intern, will be leading this group.

### Seraph Choir (Grades 2-6)

Rehearsals resume Sunday, September 7 at 5 p.m. Laura Simeone directs.

### Messiah Choir (Grades 7 - adult)

Regular rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Randall Fields directs.

### Notabella (Bell Choir) (Grades 7 - adult)

Rehearsals resume Sunday, September 7. Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Additional ringers are welcome. Rhonda Gaede directs.

### Instrumental Ensemble (Grades 7 - adult)

Rehearsals take place 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.

**Welcome  
TO  
New Music Intern**

We are excited to welcome our new student music intern, Lillian (Lily) Harper, to MLC this semester! Lily is a high school senior who plans to study piano performance at The University of Alabama next year. During her internship, she will direct the Cherub Choir, assist with service planning, and later help with accompanying. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with local schools in providing dedicated, talented young musicians like Lily meaningful, hands-on experience in sacred music.



## News Flashes

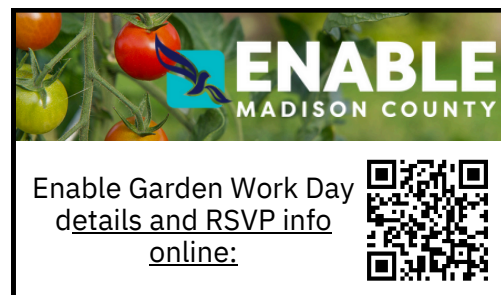


Pastor Kris will be on vacation Thursday, Aug. 28 - Thursday, Sept. 4. If the need for emergent pastoral care arises, please contact the church office. If you have a prayer request for the Sunday bulletin or for the prayer chain, please contact the church office or

[prayerchain@mlutheran.org](mailto:prayerchain@mlutheran.org)

### SAVE THE DATE

September 6 Enable Garden Work Day  
October 25 Handmade Market  
November 1 German Food Fest



### Book Club is Back!

Monday, Sept. 15  
6:30 p.m.  
Book Discussion  
of  
The German Wife:  
A Novel  
by Kelly Rimmer



(psst: it's partially set in  
Huntsville!)

### 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.

### COMING SOON: Cold Weather!

We will be collecting blankets and cold weather clothing for the homeless in our area this fall and winter. A box will be put in the Narthex in the next few weeks for donations. Here's what we need:

blankets hats coats/jackets  
sleeping bags gloves scarves  
sweaters socks



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Aaron Woods  
2 Ella Ingram  
2 Hunter Ingram  
3 Amy Drucker  
3 Jeffrey Long  
3 Thomas Porter  
5 Oliver Bux  
5 Jacob McDaniels  
5 Colleen Miller

5 Terry Ramsey  
6 Kevin Peterson  
7 Michael Mahanna  
8 Craig Boehme  
8 Bill Havard  
8 Tammy Rohe  
9 Dorothy Seitz  
11 Wayne Walker  
12 Cory Mahanna

12 Janet Sullivan  
13 Hannah Seitz  
14 Tera Jackson  
14 Nathan Reed  
15 Susan Burrer  
15 Cecile Drucker  
15 Jackie Myers  
17 Keith Bux  
18 Allyson Perry

18 Greyson Pitchko  
20 Camille Cobb  
20 Elise Sullivan  
20 Linda Zutter  
21 Matt Boehme  
21 Dan Byers  
22 Jeanette Beamer  
25 Tien Le  
25 Mike Mabry

26 Greg Beamer  
26 Sue Doubleday  
27 Jeff Moore  
27 Evelyn Walker  
29 Adam Doubleday  
29 Chris Drucker  
29 Helen Hopkin  
29 Diane Oliver  
30 Jack Gulden





## Life Passages

Sympathies and condolences to the Huwaldt family on the death of Joe's mother, Virginia, on August 7.



Dean James Burgett, son of Shannon and Susanna Burgett was received into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 10.

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

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



## Council Update

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
St. Paul writes, "Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it." (1 Cor. 12:27) This is likely a familiar passage to many where Paul explains how all members serve differently, but all are needed for the body to function...and all are needed to serve God's mission. As we begin September's service and stewardship emphasis, Council also wants to help enable you to thrive in your unique role in the body of Christ. Feel free to send questions or feedback to my email or to any Council member. Some updates from Council include:

- **Faith Formation Leader:** Based on a Synod recommendation, the Call Committee is working to broaden the job description for our rostered position. The current job responsibilities are very specific, so broadening the language may help us to attract more interest. A parallel "hybrid" option (hiring a non-rostered Faith Formation leader and part-time rostered leader to support congregational needs) is also under consideration.
- **Fellowship Hall Refresh:** The Fellowship Hall has a new coat of paint! Thank you to *Stephanie, Caroline, Matthew, and Tim Kokan* for all of their hard work on this project!
- **Endowment Fund:** Council approved a continuing resolution outlining the policy for Messiah's Mission Endowment Fund. Stay tuned for more details from the Endowment Committee on how this fund will be used and how you can participate.
- **App Update:** Our MLC app has 254 downloads! If you haven't downloaded the app yet, please do so. Not only is it a connection to our many ministries, worship live streams, and MLC resources, but it also provides us a communication tool in the event of an emergency.
- **Fellowship Representative:** We are still in need of a Fellowship Council Representative. Do you have ideas for fellowship opportunities? Would you like to help coordinate volunteers to make those ideas happen? If so, please reach out to any Council member.

Messiah is so richly and generously blessed with all of our congregation's talents and gifts. Yours are appreciated and needed as together we continue being "God's People, Reaching Out."

Yours in Christ,

Andrew King, MLC Council President



*"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

## Outreach Spotlight: Kit & Comforters Ministries

While our Kit and Comforters Ministries do enjoy their time together, they don't just make beautiful quilts, shop for supplies, and chat. These groups partner with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to provide life-changing support for people around the world.

Last year alone, our congregation sent **more than 5,000 pounds of aid** — including Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits, and School Kits — offering comfort and hope to families in crisis.

This year, we've already prepared **4,709 pounds of kits**, and we're not done counting!

So far, we have counted **120 quilts and 1,832 kits** that will go to those in the most need.

### What Goes Into the Kits

Kits are lovingly packed here at Messiah and then shipped to LWR's warehouse in Maryland. From there, they travel wherever the need is greatest. Visit the LWR website to see where relief has traveled around the world.

We focus on three types of kits:

- Baby Care Kits – cloth diapers, blankets, soap, and clothes to give little ones a strong start
- Personal Care Kits – towels, soap, and hygiene essentials to support health and dignity
- School Kits – supplies tucked into hand-sewn backpacks to keep kids learning, even in times of crisis

### Quilts

Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents, or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering.

### How You Can Get Involved

These ministries are only possible because of so many willing hands and hearts. Whether you love to sew, assemble, or organize — there's a place for you! We even have ways to participate off-site, like shopping and work-from-home tasks.

- Join Kit Ministry on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (no meetings in September or December).
- Participate in special kit-assembly events throughout the year.
- Join Comforters on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. to make quilts, lap robes, and prayer shawls for both global and local distribution. You can even learn from the group!



*Every stitch, every kit, every contribution is a way to share God's love in a hurting world.*



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1</b> <b>Labor Day:</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b> 9 a.m. Comforters <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Pub Theology	<b>3</b> 5 p.m. Confirmation Class <b>6 p.m.</b> Wed. Night Dinner <b>7 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 11 a.m. ArtReach <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Kit Ministry	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 a.m. Enable Garden Work Day (God's Work, Our Hands)
<b>7</b> ELW 1 with First Communion <b>8:30 a.m.*</b> Worship w/LS <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>11 a.m.</b> Worship w/LS <b>5 p.m.</b> Cherub & Seraph Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Notabella Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9 a.m. Comforters	<b>10</b> 5 p.m. Confirmation Class <b>6 p.m.</b> Wed. Night Dinner <b>7 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Kit Ministry <b>7 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> ELW 1 <b>8:30 a.m.*</b> Worship w/LS <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>11 a.m.</b> Worship w/LS <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal <b>5 p.m.</b> SR/JR Youth Group <b>5 p.m.</b> Cherub & Seraph Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Notabella Rehearsal	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Women's Book Club	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. Comforters <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Pub Theology Pot-luck	<b>17</b> 5 p.m. Confirmation Class <b>6 p.m.</b> Wed. Night Dinner <b>7 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 11 a.m. ArtReach <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Kit Ministry	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Chicago Folk <b>8:30 a.m.*</b> Worship w/LS <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>11 a.m.</b> Worship w/LS <b>5 p.m.</b> SR/JR Youth Group <b>5 p.m.</b> Cherub & Seraph Choir Rehearsal <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Notabella Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 a.m. Comforters <b>11 a.m.</b> Worship & Music Meeting <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Men of Messiah (MoMs)	<b>24</b> 5 p.m. Confirmation Class <b>6 p.m.</b> Wed. Night Dinner <b>7 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Kit Ministry	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Bread of Life / Commitment Sunday <b>8:30 a.m.*</b> Worship w/LS <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>9:45 a.m.</b> Youth Committee Meeting <b>11 a.m.</b> Worship w/LS <b>12:15 p.m.</b> Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal <b>4:30 p.m.</b> SR/JR Youth Group <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Notabella Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	ELW = Evangelical Book of Worship (Red) LS = Lord's Supper *Livestream			



## Faith Formation

### Adults: Sunday Morning Bible Study

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

### THANK YOU Sunday School Volunteers!

Thank you to all who have responded to our requests for additional help with Sunday School! We greatly appreciate all who teach Sunday school classes, as well as substitute teachers and helpers with other special events throughout the year. We could still use one more person to share the role of hall monitor and some additional help with the Christmas Program.



### Pub Theology



Where Faith is Always on Tap

**Sept. 2 &  
16 (Bring a dish  
to share)  
6:30 p.m.**

## Youth

### Standards for Youth Activities Policy

A task force appointed by the youth committee has spent several months updating our Standards for Youth Activities. Thank you so much to all who helped create this document and spent many hours thinking about how to keep our youth safe in all MLC sponsored youth events. A copy of the new policy can be accessed on the youth page of our website.

SPECIAL  
REPORT

Click or  
scan to  
access the  
policy:



### 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.

<b>Saturday, Sept. 6</b>	9 a.m. - Noon	Enable Garden Work Day (God's Work, Our Hands)
<b>Sept. 7</b>	--	NO MEETING
<b>Sept. 14</b>	5 p.m.	TBD
<b>Sept. 21</b>	5 p.m.	Planning for next week
<b>Sept. 28</b>	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Wedding Shower. Prepare a meal and celebrate with Justin Walker and Emily Ascherbranner

Click or scan  
for a full  
schedule of  
youth activities:



### 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: MOES (Grades 3-5)

**September 21 at Noon**  
MOES event in classroom 6





## Last Month in Pictures



The Youth Group had a fun time literally kicking off the year with Messy Kickball and a picnic.



Our Comforters created 120 handmade quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The congregation blessed them before sending them around the world and bringing God's loving presence to those in need of comfort.



On Sunday, Aug. 3, we "rallied" together to kick off the new school year with games and backpack blessings. Thanks to everyone who set up and managed the activities!





*"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	<b>CONTACT US</b> <u>via online form</u>
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## Council Representatives

Worship and Music Outreach Stewardship Education and Youth Fellowship Property Finance Youth Representative	Laura Peterson Dana Burton Michael Montgomery Bonnie Flowers -- Peter Woods Dennis Fry Hannah Seitz	<b>CONTACT US</b> <u>via online form</u>
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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	<b>CONTACT US</b> <u>via online form</u>
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## Staff

Office Manager Music Director, Choir Director Organist/Accompanist Nursery Attendant Communications Director IT Director	Jill Casey Randall Fields Melanie Payne Katrina Strand Jan Morrison Chris Elegante	<b>CONTACT US</b> <u>via online form</u>
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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	Mike & Judy Kidd	16	Cory & Lori Mahanna (Michael)
2	Greg & Meredith Kilby	17	Craig & Holly Martin (Alecander)
3	Andrew King	18	Jack & Mary Mast (Mikayla)
4	Nancy & John Knox	19	Rebecca Mast
5	Tim & Stephanie Kokan (Caroline; Matthew)	20	Lloyd & Deb McDaniels (Erin; Morgan Handley)
6	Mike & Trista Kuske (Cooper Irvin; Charlea)	<b>21 Our Hispanic Members, Neighbors and Friends</b>	
<b>7 Suicide Crisis Line Workers</b>		22	Ryan McDaniels (Alex; Amelia)
8	Erik & Victoria Lakso (Emma; Sophie)	23	Caitlyn McGill
9	Scott & Robin Lakso	24	Tom & Paulette McNamara
10	Adam Le	25	Bryan & Jennifer Merry (Olive; Charlotte)
11	Tien & Joy Le (Alex)	26	Bradley & Theresa Meyer (Rachael Shiely; Rebecca; Drake)
12	Glen & Rhonda Gaede Long (Jeffrey; James)	27	Dagmar & Patrick Miller (Ryan; Colleen)
13	Mike & Peggy Mabry	<b>28 Librarians and Archivists</b>	
<b>14 Downtown Rescue Mission and Those They Serve</b>		29	Karen Miskelly
15	Bruce & Karen Machamer	30	Jennifer Moe (Maddy)

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

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