



Pastor Kris Schroeder

NOVEMBER SERVICES OF WORSHIP

November 2

All Saints Sunday

ELW 4 w/LS

8:30 a.m.* & 11 a.m.

November 9

ELW 1 w/LS

8:30 a.m.* & 11 a.m.

November 16

ELW 8 w/LS

8:30 a.m.* (Piano-led)
& 11 a.m. (Band-Led)

November 23

ELW 4 w/LS

Pastor Bill Schroeder
leading
8:30 a.m.* and 11 a.m.

November 30

Advent 1

Advent Lessons and
Carols
no communion
8:30 a.m.* & 11 a.m.

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

"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

Psalm 100:5

How Do We Show Love to God?

Throughout Scripture, we read the word "faith" or a derivative of it.

Faith is trust and commitment **in** and **to** God. If we truly are in a relationship with the Living God, then there must be mutual trust and commitment. God repeatedly shows us love and commitment, but ***how do we show our trust, love, and commitment back to God?***

What do we do each day that tells the world around us that God is important to us—that we trust this Living God and are committed to the journey before us, hand in hand with God?

Think on this: ***What have you said or done this past week that showed others that God is a priority in your life?*** If we truly are filled with faithfulness in God, then we will never grow weary of sharing the God moments in our lives with others. More importantly, the love of God will shine through everything we say and do.

Messiah has been in the call process for over a year. The Southeastern Synod tells us to expect a call process to last 18–24 months. Messiah is also seeking to fill a very specific role in Faith Formation, which adds to the complexity of the process. But we are a people of faith—and people of faith trust in the goodness and timing of God because ***God's goodness endures forever.***

Pray on, dear friends. Pray on!

Life Passages

Condolences to Peggy Nuss on the passing of her mother on Oct. 8.

Carnell Thorne lived to the young age of 101!

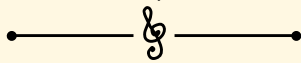
We celebrate with Justin Walker & Emily Asherbranner who were married October 18!

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Walker!!



Randall Fields

Music Director; Choir Director



New Hymnals

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the new hymnals!

We have enough to fill the pew racks in the sanctuary with the new ELW hymnals.

We'll make sure that each service uses just one hymnal for clarity and consistency.

We are now looking for used copies to put on the cart for use in the Fellowship Hall. "With One Voice" will also be kept on the cart and used on Sundays when we include liturgies or hymns not found in the ELW.

"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) Music intern Lily Harper directs.

Seraph Choir (Grades 2-6) Laura Simeone directs.

Cherub Choir and Seraph Choir both rehearse Sundays at 5 p.m. Students will be practicing for the Christmas Pageant, to be held during combined worship at 9:30 a.m. on December 14.

Messiah Choir (Grades 7 - adult) Randall Fields directs.

Rehearses Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Notabella (Bell Choir) (Grades 7 - adult) Rhonda Gaede directs.

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

Instrumental Ensemble (Grades 7 - adult) Mike Mabry directs.

Rehearses 12:15 - 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays. Additional players welcome.

The Band

Stephen Strand 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.

Upcoming Music in Worship at Messiah

November is a full and inspiring month for our music ministry. We begin by observing **All Saints Day on November 2**, and later celebrate **Christ the King Sunday**—the final Sunday of the church year—on **November 23**.

Our new church year begins the following week, with the **First Sunday of Advent on November 30**, which this year falls on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Although attendance on that weekend is often lighter, I encourage you to make worship a meaningful part of your Thanksgiving weekend. A special Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols is being planned, following the pattern of the familiar Christmas Lessons and Carols service we have enjoyed in past years.

This Advent service will include scripture readings that proclaim the comings of Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Carols from around the world will highlight the truth that Christ came for all people.

The Advent Lessons and Carols service is an addition to our regular musical offerings. We will also celebrate with a **Christmas Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 28**, featuring carol arrangements from King's College, Cambridge, where the beloved Lessons and Carols tradition originated.

As we enter this rich and beautiful season, I hope you will join us in worship and song. Your presence and participation make our music ministry—and our shared celebration of Christ's coming—all the more meaningful.

— **Randall Fields, Director of Music**



"...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 6:20

Hymn Request Form

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



Council Minute



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This time of year is always a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on all of the blessings in our lives. We at MLC have many reasons to give thanks. God has indeed abundantly blessed us! Through that abundance, we have been blessed to bless others. The harvest is plentiful, and the mission field is ripe. This month's Council updates include:



- **Faith Formation Leader:** While the Call Committee discerned after an interview process that one rostered candidate was not called to MLC, we received another candidate who then completed a first interview. Unfortunately that second candidate elected to not continue the interview process. We remain patient and hopeful in God's plan for MLC. Please continue to pray for the Call Committee and the call process.
- **Constitution Update:** The MLC constitution is currently being updated to include the following changes:
 - Required updates approved at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly (for details on the changes, please see <https://resources.elca.org/office-of-the-secretary/amendments-to-the-model-constitution-for-congregations-2025/>)
 - Continuing resolutions approved by the MLC Council that:
 - Clarify pulpit supply and pastoral care responsibilities when there is a pastoral absence.
 - Specify our mission endowment policy.
 - Create a separate member listing for children of members when they become 26 years old.
- **Long Range Planning:** The Long Range Planning Committee members are still being finalized, and the goal is that this will be completed in the beginning of November. Council approved a charter that includes questions to help focus the direction of the committee and guide us in discerning how God is calling us to be the church over the next 5 to 10 years.

I especially give thanks for all of you. Your gifts and talents make it possible to serve all of God's missions and send love out into a hurting world. Only together are we "God's People, Reaching Out."

Yours in Christ,
Andrew King, MLC Council President



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

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





EMERGENCY ALERT

LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF
**HURRICANE
MELISSA**

RUSH AID

lwr.org/melissa-relief

Hurricane Melissa Disaster Response

As we pray for our neighbors impacted by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and throughout the Caribbean, Lutheran Disaster Response is working to assess needs and prepare a emergency response.

You can contribute to the emergency response efforts through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/ or through MLC.



Name Tag Order

No more sticky, handwritten name tags (that always fall off and get stuck to the floor). You can order your own reusable, magnetic name tag to wear at church!

We will order the name tags in one bulk order to ensure they all match. If you would like a name tag for yourself, complete this form and send in \$6.60 per name tag.

Click or scan the QR code to order a name tag.



Women's Book Club

Monday, Nov. 17

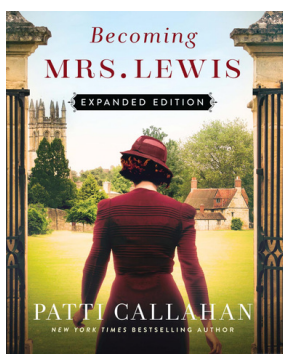
6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion:

Becoming Mrs. Lewis
by Patti Callahan Henry

December Meeting:

Social Only



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 Eva Douglass
3 Beverly Berry
3 Dennis Fry
5 Lyla Zomkowski
6 Jacob Dorminey
7 Laurie Campbell
8 Nancy Knox
9 Owen Wasmoen

10 Jeff Christensen
10 Cheryl Rydbom
10 Winnie Williams
11 Chris Fossum
11 Lydia Reed
13 Lee Smith
13 Janell Zesinger
15 Jutta DeMarsh

15 George Zomkowski
16 Deidre Hopkin
16 Jacob West
17 Joy Le
18 Debbie Gulden
20 Pat Gilliland
21 Jordon West
22 Cecilia Gillespie

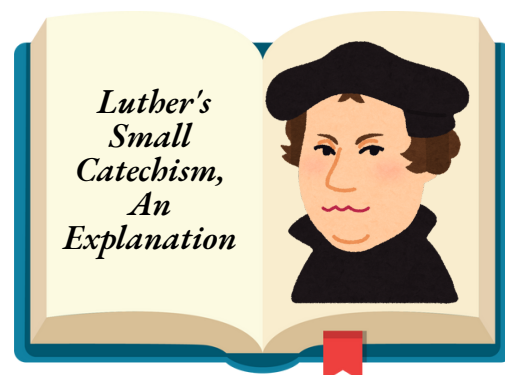
22 Abby Woods
23 Tom McNamara
24 Cooper Irvin
26 Ryan Fedrick
28 Rebecca Mast
28 Ben Stanger
30 William Schroeder
30 Elliott Zomkowski



Faith Formation

Adults: NEW Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.

On Dec. 7, the adult class with Dottie Hanson will begin a study of *Luther's Small Catechism, An Explanation*. We invite anyone who is new to Lutheran theology or who is looking for a refresher to join the class. Email Dottie Hanson at mark5h@att.net if you would like a copy of the book.



Pub Theology



Where Faith is Always on Tap

Nov. 4 & 18

6:30 p.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.

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.

Nov. 2	5 p.m.
Nov. 9	5 p.m.
Nov. 16	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	5 p.m.
Nov. 30	No Meeting

Southeastern Synod Events

All TN Youth Gathering: Olivia Sullivan will be representing MLC on Nov. 1-2 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, TN.

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)

MOES Meetup

Nov. 16 at Noon

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





"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

QUILT SALE

Our annual Quilt Sale opens November 1, during the German Food Fest, and continues throughout the month of November. Proceeds from the sale support our ongoing mission to bring comfort and warmth in times of crisis through the quilts we make and give.

Each year, the Messiah Comforters create quilts that provide relief to those affected by famine, war, poverty, and natural disasters—both here in the United States and around the world—through Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

This year's fundraiser features **88 handcrafted items**, including Christmas ornaments, pillows, table runners, wall hangings, and quilts in sizes ranging from baby to queen. **We hope to raise \$6,000 during the sale.**

The Messiah Comforters group includes about **25 dedicated volunteers** who meet weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Together, they iron fabric, cut blocks, design tops, and layer, tie, and bind quilts. While sewing machines are rarely used during these sessions—except to finish bindings—many members continue their work at home throughout the week.

Over the course of approximately **40 weeks each year**, the group spends an estimated **120 hours** quilting together. Their teamwork and creativity turn bolts of fabric, generous donations, and Thrivent grants into tangible symbols of God's love and care.

Each quilt for Lutheran World Relief measures 60 by 80 inches and requires nearly three yards of backing fabric. Wide backing fabric and large rolls of batting are purchased using funds from the sale, Thrivent Action Team grants, and congregational donations. While most fabric for quilt tops is donated, larger pieces are always appreciated.

Even smaller fabric scraps find new life in creative designs—nothing goes to waste! In addition to the quilts sent to LWR—**106 quilts last year alone**—the group also provides special quilts for **NICU babies and hospice patients**, extending the ministry's reach even further.

You can purchase items in person during the German Food Fest or between Sunday services, or online.

Pick-Up Instructions:

Purchased items can be picked up Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–Noon, or Sunday mornings between services, 9:45–11 a.m.

Shop
Online:





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Calendar

Sun.

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Sat.

NOVEMBER



All Saints Sunday

8:30 a.m.* Worship ELW 4 w/LS

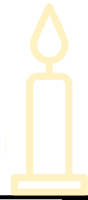
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. Worship ELW 4 w/LS

5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group

5 p.m. Cherub & Seraph Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Notabella Rehearsal



8:30 a.m.* Worship ELW 1 w/LS

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

9:45 a.m. Budget Town Hall

11 a.m. Worship ELW 1 w/LS

12:15 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group

5 p.m. Cherub & Seraph Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Notabella Rehearsal

8:30 a.m.* Worship: ELW 8 w/LS

9:30 a.m. App Help Desk

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

9:45 a.m. Band rehearsal

11 a.m. Worship: ELW 8 w/LS (Band-Led)

Noon Congregational Budget Meeting

Noon MOES Meet-up

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Advent 1: Advent Lessons and Carols

8:30 a.m.* Worship

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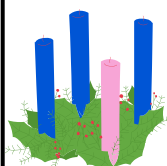
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for our up-
to-date
online
calendar:





Proof that this year's brats at German Food Fest are all homemade.



The weather finally allowed for our workday at Enable Madison County's vegetable garden. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.



The youth "showered" their Confirmation co-teacher Justin Walker and fiancée Emily Asherbranner to celebrate their engagement. The youth made dinner, gave gifts, and made matching bride and groom giraffe hats for the couple!



"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	CONTACT US <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	CONTACT US <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	CONTACT US <u>via online form</u>
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Staff

Office Manager Music Director, Choir Director Organist/Accompanist Communications Director IT Director	Jill Casey Randall Fields Melanie Payne -- Jan Morrison Chris Elegante	CONTACT US <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	Sheilah & Norm Scheurich (Shaun)	16	Beloved Ones Who Have Gone Before Us
2	Quilters and Sewers	17	Katrina & Jeremiah Pineiro Strand (Emilia Pineiro)
3	Kris & Bill Schroeder	18	Stephen & Claire Strand (Michelle)
4	Dorothy & Lee Seitz (Walter; Andrew; Hannah; Thomas)	19	Joe & Jean Stuart
5	Debbie Shipman (William; JJ Jr)	20	Anderson & Janet Sullivan (Olivia; Jackie; Elise; Bailey)
6	Christopher & Kaitlyn Shriver	21	Katie Thompson
7	John & Elaine Shriver	22	Mark & Beth Thompson (Kyle; Meghan)
8	Joey & Laura Simeone (Lydia; Joshua; Anna)	23	Fun and Memorable Gatherings for Thanksgiving
9	Our Nation's Service Men, Women, and Veterans	24	Lisa Tracy
10	Lee & Janet Smith	25	Angela & Preston Trinh
11	Tim & Kay Spence	26	Ron & Claudia Trolard
12	Reburta Spinass	27	Nick & Sonja Vande Griend (Isaiah)
13	Lon & Connie Stanger (Josh; Ben)	28	Alex & Elizabeth Vaughn (Magnus; Ingrid)
14	Karl Starkloff	29	Brian & Sarah Walker (Evelyn)
15	David Stradley	30	Our Native American Populations

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

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Submit information and photos to newsletter@mlutheran.org.



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