



Pastor Kris Schroeder

SUNDAY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

February 1

4th Sunday after Epiphany
ELW 3 w/LS
8:30* & 11 a.m.

February 8

5th Sunday after Epiphany
ELW 1 w/LS
8:30* & 11 a.m.

February 15

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Now the Feast w/LS
8:30* & 11 a.m.
(with the Band)

February 22

1st Sunday of Lent
ELW 3 w/LS
8:30* & 11 a.m.

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Genesis 3:18-20 NRS

Rising From the Ashes

As we prepare for the Lenten season, which begins February 18 with Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that nothing lasts forever; Scripture is clear on that. We are also reminded that God breathed life into simple dust, and humanity was born. Fortunately, the foundation on which we are built—as God's people and the church—never dies. Our God is all about transformation, making everything into something new!



Lent is our time to allow the Spirit of God to transform us. When we recognize that we are not in control and surrender to God's leading, we discover the amazing things He has in store for us. Allow God to purify your hearts and lives, and take this opportunity to be made new in the love and grace of Christ.

Lent & Holy Week (*From Lost to Living: A Lenten Journey of Restoration*)

February 18

Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion
Noon & 7 p.m.

March 11

3rd Wednesday of Lent
Holden Evening Prayer
(*The Living Water — God
Satisfies the Thirsty*)
Noon & 7 p.m.

March 25

5th Wednesday of Lent
Holden Evening Prayer
(*God of the Living — God
Calls Us Into New Life*)
Noon & 7 p.m.

February 25

2nd Wednesday of Lent
Holden Evening Prayer
(*The Lost Sheep — God
Seeks the Wandering*)
Noon & 7 p.m.

March 18

4th Wednesday of Lent
Holden Evening Prayer
(*The Healings — God
Mends What Is Wounded*)
Noon & 7 p.m.

March 29

Palm Sunday with Egg Hunt
8:30* & 11 a.m.

March 4

3rd Wednesday of Lent
Holden Evening Prayer
(*The Adulterous Woman —
God Restores the Broken*)
Noon & 7 p.m.



April 2

Maundy Thursday
Noon & 7 p.m.

April 3

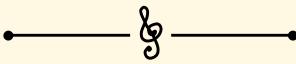
Good Friday
7 Last Words of Christ
7 p.m.

April 5

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



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.



You will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice like a flautist's playing a lively tune.

Isaiah 30:29



Musical Groups

Contact Randall Fields to get involved in a music group:

Cherub Choir (Grades PK-1) *Cherub Choir and Seraph Choir*

Seraph Choir (Grades 2-6) *are currently on hiatus.*

We are in need of volunteers with musical experience to lead the Cherub and Seraph choirs. Whitney Morse is surveying parents of children in grades PK-6 to determine the best time for children to participate in choirs.

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

Rehearses Wednesday night.

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.

Upcoming rehearsal and worship schedule below:

Feb. 15 Plays both services "Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

March 1 Rehearsal 12:15 - 1 p.m.

March 8 Plays both services "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

March 22 Rehearsal 12:15 - 1 p.m.

The Band

Stephen Strand leads contemporary worship on the third Sunday each month.

Rehearsal is the same Sunday morning and the Saturday before at 10 a.m.

Additional instrumentalists and vocalists are always welcome.

Cantors

You see them up front on Sundays, but you might be surprised by how accessible the role of cantor actually is!

Responsibilities: The cantor supports the congregation by singing the liturgy, starting at the Kyrie. It is usually a lighter role, but there are special times (like Chicago Folk or evening services) where the cantor leads prayers or the benediction.

Time Commitment: Short and sweet! On most Sunday mornings, the cantor's responsibilities are complete before the first Bible reading.

Whether it's a simple service where you only lead the Kyrie, or a more involved Sunday, we would love your help in leading our worship.

Contact Randall Fields if you are interested in becoming a cantor. Training is available for anyone interested.



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News

David Hartung Memorial Plaque

Have you ever wondered who David Hartung was and why there is a memorial plaque outside the Youth Room at MLC?

Those who worked on the roof during the construction of our facility formed a special bond, especially during the hot days of June and July 1993. David Hartung, the fifteen-year-old son of one of Messiah's founding families, was one of the strongest and most dedicated of the group.

Tragically, less than six months later, he died in an auto accident at the intersection of Hwy 72 and Slaughter Road. A family memorial service was held in our half-completed sanctuary, followed by a funeral at Trinity Baptist Church on Hughes Road that overflowed with people grieving the loss of this beloved young man. Although MLC has very few individual memorial items, members thought it appropriate to dedicate the Youth Room to David's memory.



Parents Night Out



The MLC youth (with adult supervision) will provide dinner, games, and activities for kids so parents can enjoy an evening out on

Saturday, Feb. 14
4-9 p.m.

Drop-off and pick-up times are flexible, with a child-friendly dinner served at 5:30 p.m. (chicken nuggets, mac 'n' cheese, and sides). The event is free, though donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of food.



Messiah's Got Talent

Saturday, Feb. 7

Doors: 6 p.m.

Performance: 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a variety show that showcases all the talented individuals at MLC: musicians, dancers, actors, comedians, and more!

PLUS a gallery featuring art, needle work, and photography.

Light refreshments provided.

The event is free, but an offering will be collected at the door for Lutheran World Relief and ELCA Youth Gathering 2027.



Life Passages

Condolences to Lisa Bartel and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Frances Dobbins.





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News & Birthdays

Sunday Service Needs

Each of our worship services relies on at least **seven volunteers** (in addition to staff).

Our late service is especially in need of some helping hands. Whether you've served before or are brand new, we'll provide all the training you need.

If you feel called to serve, there are lots of easy ways to get involved:

- Download the app and join the groups that interest you
- Sign up through SignUp Genius
- Call or email the church office
- Talk to Laura Peterson



Now Hiring: Interim Youth Leader

Messiah Lutheran Church is accepting applications for an Interim Youth Leader. The Youth Leader will work to nurture fellowship and leadership among youth (grades K-12), create Christ-centered activities, and foster discipleship through mentorship, activities, and relationships.

This role requires good communication skills, a strong personal faith, and the ability to work collaboratively with church staff and volunteers.



Messiah Mugs

Fellowship is a large part of who we are as God's people. It is a vital time to get to know one another, share stories and struggles, and give and receive care.



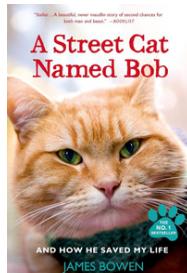
In order to keep the momentum going for Sunday Coffee, **we need your help!** We're looking for volunteers to pitch in with cleanup once a month. It only takes 15-20 minutes, and you can choose to help either before the second service or after it ends.

Please consider joining our team so we can sustain this ministry!
Contact Emily Reed to sign up: emilyfmreed@gmail.com

Women's Book Club

Monday, Feb. 16
6:30 p.m.

A Street Cat Named Bob
by James Bowen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Kimberly Dennig
3 Randall Jackson
5 Lisa Bartel
7 Audrey Gustafson
7 Joanne Weber
8 Laura Simeone

9 Daniel Hopkin
12 Rebecca Englert
14 Jeremiah Pineiro
16 Tim Kokan
17 Gabriella Ballard
19 Gabino Aldaco

20 Connie Stanger
21 Patricia Esteppe
21 Songae Wasmoen
25 Teresa Bacon
28 Sandra DeMarsh
28 Adam Myers



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Faith Formation & Youth

Faith Formation

Pub Theology



Where Faith is Always on Tap

Feb. 3 & 17

6:30 p.m.

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.

February 17th will be a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday School Schedule: Children & Youth

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Regular Sunday School classes

Sunday School Schedule: Adults

Dottie Hanson leads a discussion of *Luther's Small Catechism, An Explanation*.

Open to anyone who is new to Lutheran theology or who is looking for a refresher to join the class. Questions? Email Dottie Hanson at mark5h@att.net.

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.



MOES & MESY Hub

MOES Meetup

Feb. 15
Noon-2 p.m.

Keep up to date on events and activities for our elementary youth here:



Sunday, Feb. 1 Make cards with ArtReach
5-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8 Morning: Souper Bowl of Caring
Evening: NO YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, Feb. 14 Parents Night Out
4-9 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 15 NO YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, Feb. 21 House of the Harvest volunteering
7 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 22 Monthly Dinner
4:30-6:30 p.m.

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.

Southeastern Synod Events

All GA Youth Gathering

Feb. 20-22 at Camp Glisson near Dahlonega, GA



"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

ArtReach Collecting Christmas Cards



Messiah's ArtReach is collecting new and used Christmas cards for a Christmas Card recycling workshop.

Please place cards in the collection box at the Mission Control center. Bundle any new Christmas Cards with their envelopes with rubber bands.

If there is an excess of new cards, we'll bundle them up and give them to area assisted living nursing homes for their residents.



Messiah ArtReach gathers to craft and get creative twice monthly in the Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This month, we meet on February 5 and 19. Questions? Contact Peggy Mabry, Beth Thompson, or Meredith Kilby.

Winter Collection Continues

The North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (NACH) (part of the Alabama Continuums of Care Network) hosts a collection drive each fall and winter for blankets, sleeping bags, jackets, and other cold weather gear to make life a little warmer for those who live outdoors or in shelters.

Thanks to your generosity, Messiah has **13 deliveries** to these organizations across town: NACH, Enable Madison County, Christmas Charities Year Round, First Stop, Downtown Rescue Mission, Foster Closet, and Rose of Sharon Soup Kitchen.

Thank you for your support!

--Jacquie Fry

We will continue collecting through February, so keep these items coming:

blankets
hats
sleeping bags
gloves



coats/jackets
scarves
sweaters
socks

Synod Revival Days: 2026

The ELCA Southeastern Synod invites members to register for Synod Revival Days, designed to jumpstart a revival through the church by offering fresh ideas and tool kits to revive congregational ministries and community collaboration.



February 21
Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
Birmingham, AL

March 14
Messiah
Lutheran Church
Knoxville, TN

April 25
St. John
Lutheran Church
Nashville, TN



Details and registration:





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Calendar

February



Click or scan
for our up-to-
date online
calendar:

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
4th Sunday after Epiphany ELW 3 8:30 a.m.* Worship w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Worship w/LS 5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Notabella Rehearsal	1	2 9 a.m. Comforters 6:30 p.m. Pub Theology	3 5 p.m. Confirmation Class 6 p.m. Wed. Night Dinner 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4 11 a.m. ArtReach 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministries	5	6 6 p.m. Doors Open 6:30 p.m. Talent Show MESSIAH'S GOT TALENT Saturday, Feb. 7	
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1st Sunday of Lent 8:30 a.m.* Worship w/LS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Worship w/LS 4:30 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Notabella Rehearsal	22	23	24 9 a.m. Comforters 5:30 p.m. Men of Messiah (MoMs) Meet-up	25 Noon Holden Evening Prayer 5 p.m. Confirmation Class 6 p.m. Wed. Night Dinner 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer	26	27	28



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Recent Photos



We got him! Lots of folks coordinated to surprise Pastor Bill Schroeder with a celebration for the 30th anniversary of his ordination. Thanks to everyone who helped pull it off.



Members are sharing the love this Valentine's! ArtReach made cards for those who receive food from House of the Harvest, while the youth baked treats and delivered them to homebound members.



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"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

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Outreach
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Education and Youth
Fellowship
Property
Finance
Youth Representative

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Bonnie Flowers
--
Peter Woods
Dennis Fry
Hannah Seitz

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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

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Whitney Morse
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Marc Neely
Mike & Peggy Mabry

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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
Hannah Seitz
Jan Morrison
Chris Elegante

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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 Peace in a Troubled World	15 African Americans and the Pursuit of Equal Justice
2 Tom and Lisa Fedrick (Ryan; Katie)	16 Elected Leaders and Civil Servants
3 Randall Fields	17 Ian & Heidi Goebel (Walker)
4 Aaron and Rachel Finch (Eli; Mae)	18 Benedict Gremillion
5 Jeff & Bonnie Flowers (Anna)	19 Jack & Debbie Gulden
6 Shirley Forbes	20 Bob & Audrey Gustafson
7 Chris Fossum (Staci)	21 Peggy Hanna
8 Scout Troops Youth and Leaders	22 Mark & Dottie Hanson
9 Norma Freymuth	23 Kids to Love Foster Families and Children in their Care
10 Dennis & Jacquie Fry	24 Bill & Claudia Havard
11 Glen Long & Rhonda Gaede (Jeffrey Long; James Long)	25 Gary & Linda Heideman
13 Gary Garrison	26 Daniel & Diedre Hopkin (Dock; Helen)
14 David & Stephanie Gillespie (Cecilia; Austin; Pat Gilliland)	27 Joe & Bobbey Huwaldt (Jonathan; Jacob)
	28 Ross and Kelley Ingram (Ella; Hunter)

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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