



Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.
Luke 24:5b

A Bright Easter Sunday

Easter is upon us! It begins as a day in the life of our faith on which everything changed, and it turns into a season of hope and expectation. It is a time of fulfilled promises, because Jesus promised to rise again and did just that.

Jesus the Christ changed the course of everything! Sins would be forgiven, eternal life would be victorious over death, and God triumphed over the grave.

May this season fill you with hope for tomorrow as you recognize the risen Jesus standing right in front of you.

Now is the time to experience; **now** is the time to dream.

People of God, **now** is hope!

Christ is risen indeed! Christ is life!



Pastor Kris Schroeder

SUNDAY SERVICES OF WORSHIP

**April 5
Easter**

ELW 3 w/LS
8:30* & 11 a.m.

April 12

Second Sunday in
Easter
ELW 3 w/LS
8:30* & 11 a.m.

April 19

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

April 26

ELW 4 w/LS
8:30* & 11 a.m.

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



Holy Week

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.

Support the Messiah Mission Endowment Fund!

We are excited to announce that the Messiah Mission Endowment Fund is officially active as of March! With an initial deposit of \$115,000, this fund is designed to provide a secure and dependable financial base for our church's future.

Why it Matters

By generating steady income from investments, the Endowment Fund ensures long-term stability for:

- **Our Ministries:** Supporting our outreach and mission work.
- **Our Programs:** Ensuring the continued success of church initiatives.
- **Our Home:** Providing for the ongoing maintenance of our facilities.

Our Goal

We aim to grow the fund to \$230,000 before we begin dispersing our first grants. This foundation will allow us to confidently adapt to economic changes and plan for generations to come.

We need your help to reach this milestone!

How to Help

If you have questions or would like to contribute, please reach out to Pr. Bill, Dennis Fry, Greg Kilby, or Bill Havard.



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

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 at 7 p.m. **(NO rehearsal April 8)**

Notabella (Bell Choir) (Grades 7 - adult) Rhonda Gaede directs.
Rehearses Sundays at 6:30 p.m. **(NO rehearsal April 5)**

Instrumental Ensemble (Grades 7 - adult)

Upcoming rehearsal and worship schedule below:

- Sunday, April 5: Play at both services
- Sunday, April 12: Play at both services.
- Sunday, April 26: Rehearsal at 12:15 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. 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) in which 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 in which 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.



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.





Life Passages

With deep sadness, we mourn the death of our brother in Christ,

Rev. James Edward Korzun.

Pastor Jim entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026.

Pastor Jim and his wife were members of MLC in recent years, and he also provided pulpit supply before moving to Southern Alabama a year ago.

A memorial celebration will be held this spring in Daphne, Alabama.

Ministry Spotlight: Disaster Response

Did you know that MLC supports the Southeastern Synod's disaster recovery efforts, both nationally and internationally?

Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities throughout the entire disaster cycle: response, recovery, mitigation, and preparedness. They provide essential financial support, technical assistance, and advocacy.

The Southeastern Synod of the ELCA supports a more local response by distributing funding to those affected, providing grants for coordinators, and offering education and emotional/spiritual care programs (such as disaster chaplains, support groups, children's camps, and the Listening Line Ministry).

After establishing the Synod Disaster Ministry, Pastor Morgan Gordy, Assistant to the Bishop for Disaster Ministry, is retiring on April 15. Davin Henrik has been named the new Director for Disaster Ministry—we look forward to working with Davin!

How can you help?

1. Join our annual disaster recovery mission trip! This year's trip will take place in early September; planning is currently underway. We focus on long-term recovery, and everyone has unique gifts that can be used as we rebuild homes and lives.
2. Give extra to Kits and Comforters. They share their kits and blankets to support disaster response efforts.
3. Contribute to the dedicated disaster fund or directly to Lutheran Disaster Response.
4. Pray for all those impacted by disasters.
5. Prepare your household. Ensure you and your family have a plan and emergency supplies. Visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more information.

Yours in Christ,
-Andrew King
MLC Council President

Synod Revival Days: 2026

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



April 25
St. John
Lutheran Church
Nashville, TN

Details and registration:





Casting Call for Singing & Nonspeaking Roles

A grateful shout-out of thanks to everyone sharing their gifts, time, and talent for our production "The Tragedy of Orpheus: A Comedy."

We still need several **singing and non-speaking cameo cast members** to fill spots as Learned Players, the Courier, and Singers (easy, short songs that anyone can sing!). Anyone age 10 and older is welcome.

Those in cameo roles will not need to be present at every rehearsal; we will bring you on board as we get closer to the performance on Saturday, Aug. 8. For the main cast, rehearsals will begin on May 4 at 7 p.m.

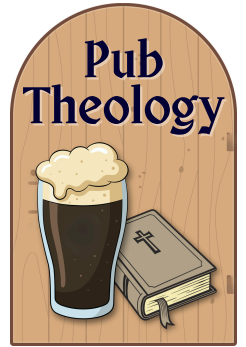
Please let Pr. Bill (prbillschroeder@gmail.com) or Laura Peterson (lpeterson256.lp@gmail.com) know if you are interested by April 1.



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.



April 7 & 21
6:30 p.m.

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: emilymreed@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5 Mikayla Mast
- 5 Tracy Porter
- 6 Justin Walker
- 7 Matthew Jr DeMarsh
- 8 Scott Lakso
- 10 Allen Nuss

- 10 Lindsey Porter
- 10 Paul Zomkowski
- 11 Paul Zutter
- 12 Anastasia Ballard
- 12 Randall Fields
- 15 Bradley Meyer

- 15 Gerry Myers
- 18 Ross Ingram
- 18 Gretchen Perry
- 20 Dagmar Miller
- 22 Heather Walker
- 24 Kelley Ingram

- 25 Michelle Strand
- 26 Andrew King
- 26 Andrew Seitz
- 27 Jackie Sullivan
- 29 Stephanie Kokan
- 29 Linda Peirce
- 30 Anita Zomkowski



Faith Formation

Sunday School: 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.

Sunday School: Children & Youth

April 5 Easter Breakfast: no regular class

April 12, 19, 26 Regular Sunday School classes



Support our Youth When you Shop!!

Did you know you can link your Kroger rewards card to MLC and help support our youth group every time you buy groceries or gas at Kroger? Just choose "Messiah Lutheran Church" as your community rewards when you register your card. All funds raised are dedicated for MLC youth.



Click to Sign up

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.



Sat., April 4 2-4 p.m. Prep for Easter Breakfast

Sun., April 5 Serve Easter Breakfast
NO YOUTH GROUP

Sun., April 12 5 p.m. Youth Group

Sun., April 19 5 p.m. Youth Group

Sun., April 26 5 p.m. Youth Group

Southeastern Synod Events

AFFIRM
June 14-19, 2026
LaGrange, GA

MOES & MESY at Panoply

April 26
1 p.m.

MOES & MESY will meet up at Panoply to enjoy the festival together.

- Cost: \$15 for ages 13+; Kids 12 & under are FREE.
- Chaperones: The church will cover one adult chaperone per child.
- Deadline: Complete the ticket form by April 10.

Details and registration:



MOES & MESY



Questions? Contact Whitney Morse at 256-509-1452 or c.whitney.morse@gmail.com.

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.



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



SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Music • Drama • Crafts • Fieldtrips

for youth Rising K to 9th Grade

MON., JUNE 1 - FRI., JUNE 5

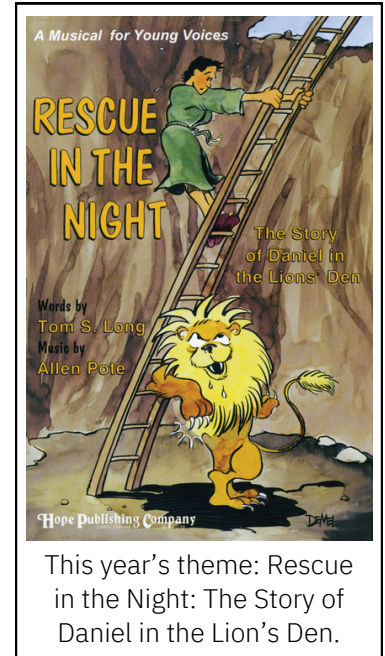
8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

PLUS

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE

SAT., JUNE 6 & SUN., JUNE 7

Our teams are READY for summer!
Summer Music Camp is scheduled and OPEN for registration:



This year's theme: Rescue in the Night: The Story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

In one week, campers learn a musical, then perform it for the congregation during worship on Sunday, June 7.

Register to attend:



Register to volunteer:



Save the Date

VBS at
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
June 22-25
5-8 p.m.



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Calendar



APRIL



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



Sun.

Mon.




Tues.

Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Sat.

					1 Maundy Thursday 11 a.m. ArtReach Noon Worship 7 p.m. Worship	2 Good Friday 7 p.m. Worship	3 2 p.m. Youth Group: Easter breakfast prep	4
Easter Sunday ELW 3 w/LS 8:30 a.m.* Worship 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast 11 a.m. Worship		5 Office Closed	6 9 a.m. Comforters 6:30 p.m. Pub Theology	7 5 p.m. Confirmation Class	8 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministries	9	10 8 a.m. Rummage Sale  	11
Second Sunday in Easter ELW 3 w/LS 8:30 a.m.* Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group		12	13 9 a.m. Comforters	14 5 p.m. Confirmation Class	15 6:30 p.m. Kit Ministries 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting	16	17	18
Now the Feast w/LS 8:30 a.m.* Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/the Band 5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group		19 6:30 p.m. Book Club	20 9 a.m. Comforters 5:30 p.m. Men of Messiah (MoMs) Meet-up 6:30 p.m. Pub Theology	21 5 p.m. Confirmation Class	22 11 a.m. ArtReach	23	24 SES Revival Nashville	25
ELW 4 w/LS 8:30 a.m.* Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. MOES & MESY at Panoply 5 p.m. SR/JR Youth Group		26	27 9 a.m. Comforters	28 5 p.m. Confirmation Class	29	30		



Our youth volunteered at House of the Harvest on Feb. 21. They delivered all the donations collected during the Souper Bowl of Caring and the Valentines created by ArtReach.

After working hard, the youth played hard at paintball.

Adult and youth members represented Messiah Lutheran Church at the Southeastern Synod Revival Day Feb. 21 at Shepherd of the Hills in Birmingham.

The next one is:

April 25

St. John

Lutheran Church # Women Together... Forward in Faith

Nashville, TN



2026 Chili Cookoff

Youth entertained children with carnival games while our judges determined the winners of this year's chili cookoff.



Congratulations to our winners:

Best Chili

1st Dorothy Seitz

2nd Thomas Seitz

3rd Greg Kilby

Hottest: Martin Campbell




“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	 <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 -- Bonnie Flowers -- Peter Woods Dennis Fry Hannah Seitz	 <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	-- Whitney Morse -- Marc Neely	 <u>via online form</u>
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Staff

Office Manager Music Director, Choir Director Interim Youth Leader Organist/Accompanist Nursery Attendant Communications Director	Jill Casey Randall Fields Connor Campbell Melanie Payne Hannah Seitz Jan Morrison	 <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	Gerry & Jackie Myers (Noah; Adam; Luke; Evin)	16	Paul Quade
2	Marc & Deborah Neely (Adam)	17	Terry & Kathy Ramsey
3	Ellie Nelson	18	Phillippe & Emily Reed (Lydia; Nathan)
4	Allen & Peggy Nuss	19 Disaster Relief Workers	
5 Thank You God for Eternal Life		20	Arthur Rockett
6	Diane Oliver	21	Betty Roenfeldt
7	Don & Lizzie Palmer	22	Dale & Tammy Rohe
8	Steve & Linda Peirce	23	Heather & Evan Root (Evelyn)
9	Jay & Gretchen Perry (Ashlyn)	24	William & Cheryl Rydbom (Logan; Sarah)
10	Bruce Peter	25	Matt & Jennifer Saari (Katelyn, William)
11	Kevin & Debra Peterson (Shane; Amanda)	26 Meal Preparers and the Families They Serve	
12 Wisdom for Our World Leaders		27	Sheilah & Norm Scheurich (Shaun)
13	Laura Peterson	28	Kris & Bill Schroeder
14	Kari & Tim Pitchko (Greyson; Colin; Noah)	29	Dorothy & Lee Seitz (Walter; Andrew; Hannah; Thomas)
15	Tracy Jr. & Lindsey Porter (Tracy III; Thomas; Tristan)	30	Debbie Shipman (William; JJ Jr.)

If you or a loved one needs to be lifted up in prayer, please contact the office or Pastor Kris. For the prayer chain, please contact the church office or email prayerchain@mlutheran.org.

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Submissions are due the third Sunday of every month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Submit information and photos to newsletter@mlutheran.org.



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