

# Messiah Lutheran Church

in the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

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### **November 11th, 2018 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widow's houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

[www.messiahlutheranmgm.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmgm.org)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **VISITORS-** Please introduce yourself and sign our Guest Book in the hallway. We hope you will return to worship with us. If you would like information about membership, please call the office at 277-4213.
- **WELCOME TO OUR LORD'S TABLE** all who are baptized children of God. As Lutherans we teach and believe that Christ is truly physically and spiritually present under the forms of bread and wine; they are his body and blood. Small children and infants are welcome to commune if they have received "first communion instruction," and should be assisted by their parents. Children who are not yet communing and those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. When we are using trays with individual glasses, for those who do not prefer wine, the glasses in the center circle of the trays are filled with grape juice; or you may choose the chalice. Those unable to partake of wine or wheat bread are assured that the fullness of our Lord is received in either of the elements. After communing, please return to your seat for silent prayer.
- **ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART** is hanging on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, place your name on the date(s) of your choice, and a brief note for what commemoration the flowers are given. We can have up to three sponsors each Sunday. Sponsors will be billed from Ricky Craig at a cost of \$45 per arrangement. You may also provide your own flowers, however they should be on par with the quality of arrangements normally used. Remember to take them home following the 10:45 service to enjoy or share with a friend (or drop by church during the week between 9am-1pm to pick them up). Please return the container to the church.

- The altar flowers for today are given: by: Ava Marie King. In honor of all Veterans and their families

We will be collecting the following items for the Friendship Mission Men's Shelter: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, hand wipes, small hand sanitizer.

- **Today's Anthem:** "Psalm 30; I Will Exalt You, O My Lord" Sung by: The Adult Choir.

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### \* New Information

Tina Ruffa ..... Recovering from Mastectomy November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Hannah Chase (age 9) ..... Bone marrow transplant, Doctors are very optimistic (friend of Kathryn Willoughby)  
Adriane Duvall ..... Having Surgery November 13th(Kathryn Willoughby's daughter)  
Pastor Jill Henning ..... Aggressive breast cancer (friend of Pastor and Doris Underwood)

Please include the names listed in your prayers at home during the following weeks. To add or update someone to the prayer chain, call the church office. We will routinely remove your prayer request from this list after 2-3 weeks, depending on the circumstances. If the need arises, please call the church office to have them returned to the list.

### **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS**

5:30 pm ..... RSVP Meal \$5 per plate (under 5, free; ages 5-12, \$3)  
6:15 pm ..... Worship  
7:00 pm ..... Choir Practice  
7:00 pm ..... Catechism

The Wednesday night meal is sponsored by. The SOMM & Choir The menu: Ground Steak Spaghetti Casserole, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert. Please **RSVP** or cancel before Tuesday noon. You can make reservations by contacting the church office (call 277-4213, e-mail [mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org](mailto:mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org)) or place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office. You may also make reservations on the website at [www.messiahlutheranmgm.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmgm.org).

### **Remember Our Senior Friends in Retirement Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or Semi-Shut-ins at Home**

Jim Lincoln ..... 1555 Taylor Rd B8, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Pastor Robert Graetz ..... 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106  
Judy Forks ..... 390 Aquil Lane, Pike Road, AL 36064-5002  
Signe Nelson ..... 5801 Eastdale Dr., #106, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Jane Stambaugh ..... 9819 Mid Pines Court, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Katherine Yaworski ..... Pine Needle Place, 600 Glendale Ave., Greenville, AL 36037

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Worship Attendance on 11/04/18 8:00 am .....33 10:45.....52  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 11/04/18 ..... \$4,469.60  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 11/04/18 ..... \$84,889.00  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$107,270.40  
Above/(Below) Y-T-D FEP Goal as of 11/04/18 ..... (\$18,727.40)  
\*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal ..... \$232,419

**Pastor Randy and Kelly wish to express their sincere gratitude for the gift they received from the congregation.**

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		November 11 <sup>th</sup> One	November 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Altar</b>		Lu Ann Marz	Diane Davis
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Iola Williams & Judy McCune	Hildredge Sims
	10:45 am		LuAnn & David Marz
<b>Crucifer</b>	10:45 am	Grayson Hataway	Lily Strickland
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke & Alice McMullan	Champ Street
	10:45 am		Katrina Matzr
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am		Tara Severance
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Pat Riggins
	10:45 am		Diane Davis
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Elizabeth & Adam Strickland	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am		Ben & Josie Severance

Schedule for Week of November 11th			Schedule for Week of November 11th		
<b>SUN</b> 11/11	9:00am 10:00am	Sunday School Worship w/Eucharist Installation of Pastor Strong 11:00 am Potluck	<b>SUN:</b> 11/18	8:00am 9:00am 10-10:45am 10:45am 4:00pm	Worship w/Eucharist Sunday School Fellowship Worship w/Eucharist Women of Refined Gold
<b>MON:</b> 11/12		<b>Office Closed Veterans Day</b>	<b>MON:</b> 11/19		
<b>TUE:</b> 11/13	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>TUE:</b> 11/20	9:00 am	Quilters
<b>WED:</b> 11/14	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilters Supper Worship w/ Eucharist Catechism Choir Practice	<b>WED:</b> 11/21	9:00 am	Quilters No Wednesday Night Services
<b>THU:</b> 11/15	6:30pm	Council Meeting	<b>THU:</b> 11/22		Thanksgiving Day Office Closed
<b>Fri:</b> 11/16			<b>Fri:</b> 11/23		Office Closed
<b>SAT:</b> 11/17	9:00 am 1:00pm	Yarnovers Girl Scouts	<b>SAT:</b> 11/24	9:00 am	Yarnovers