

Messiah Lutheran Church

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November 18th, 2018 26th Sunday after Pentecost November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end of time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us. Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no other way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting in the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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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: The Bivins-Tutt Family

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:** "We Saw His Glory" By: Charles Wesley; Arranged by: Erhard Mausersberger and edited by: Paul Bunjes; Sung by: The Adult Choir.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

Tina Ruffa Recovering from Mastectomy November 2nd
 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. Wonderful Wednesdays will resume next week November 28th Please **RSVP** or cancel before Tuesday noon. You can make reservations by contacting the church office (call 277-4213, e-mail 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.

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 11/11/18 10:00.....63
 Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 11/11/18..... \$4,090.00
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 11/11/18 \$85,325.00
 Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$111,740.00
 Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 11/11/18 **(\$26,415.00)**
 *Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal \$232,419

The Southeastern Synod is currently looking to fill two Lay positions, Treasurer and Lutheran Men in Mission. If you are interested in either of these positions, see Pastor Strong.

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		November 18th	November 25 th
			Christ the King
Altar		Diane Davis	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	LuAnn & David Marz	Diane Davis & Ricky Craig
Crucifer	10:45 am	Lily Strickland	Jamie McCune
Greeters	8:00 am	Champ Street	Pat Riggins
	10:45 am	Katrina Matzr	Alice McMullan
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Tara Severance	Elsa Larsen
Lector	8:00 am	Pat Riggins	Doris Underwood
	10:45 am	Diane Davis	Ricky Craig
Ushers	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Ben & Josie Severance	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Martz

Schedule for Week of November 18th			Schedule for Week of November 25th		
SUN:	8:00am	Worship w/Eucharist	SUN:	8:00am	Worship w/Eucharist
11/18	9:00am	Sunday School	11/25	9:00am	Sunday School
	10-10:45am	Fellowship		10-10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Worship w/Eucharist		10:45am	Worship w/Eucharist
	4:00pm	Women of Refined Gold			
MON:			MON:		
11/19			11/26		
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
11/20			11/27		
WED:	9:00 am	Quilters	WED:	9:00 am	Quilters
11/21		No Wednesday Night Services	11/28	5:30pm	Supper
				6:15pm	Worship
				7:00pm	Choir/ Catechism
THU:			THU:		
11/22		Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	11/29		
Fri:			Fri:		
11/23		Office Closed	11/30		
SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers	SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
11/24			12/01	9:00 am	Hanging the Greens
				1:00 pm	Girl Scouts