



Our Mission Statement

Saved by the redeeming grace of God, we proclaim Christ crucified through worship, service and love of neighbor

Our Vision Statement

We have been saved by the grace of God, redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and moved by the Holy Spirit to respond to God's love. We will proclaim to all God's saving Gospel of Christ crucified. We will worship God through Word and Sacrament, serve all in need in our communities and nurture fellow members in Christ.

Our Guiding Principles

Everything we do should incorporate at least three of the following Guiding Principles in support of the Mission and Vision of this Church:

- Pray
- Study
- Worship
- Invite
- Encourage
- Serve
- Give

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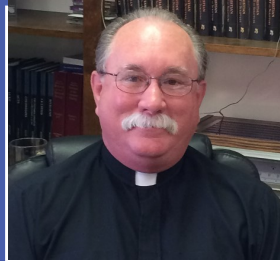
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Pastor Randy Jones

To all the Saints at Messiah:

We have made it through another season of Lent and into the glorious celebration of our Lord's resurrection. We continue to intentionally celebrate the resurrection of our Lord until May 20th when we will turn to the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We recently began studying St. Paul's epistle to the church at Rome (Romans) in Adult Sunday School. The central guiding principle of St. Paul's letter is God's righteousness which is God's faithfulness to the covenant God made with God's people. According to St. Paul this faithfulness extends to the new covenant made by Jesus in his death and resurrection.

The new covenant instituted by Jesus in and through his death and resurrection is the central tenant of Christianity. Jesus is clear that he understands the sacrifice of his life for the creation creates a new relationship between God and the creation and in particular humanity. After taking the cup and blessing it, Jesus gives it to his disciples and says, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (St. Matthew 26:27b-28) Jesus makes a new covenant to which God is faithful.

God has now made four covenants through history; first with Abraham, then with Noah, then with Israel, and now with all of creation which includes all of humanity. God has never reneged on any of these four covenants. This is God's righteousness according to St. Paul. God is always faithful to any promise made to anyone. God never breaks God's promise. This stands in stark contrast to us humans who have no problem with breaking a promise if it suits us or profits us. We do this because, in my view, we are basically insecure.

We as humans have this basic need to be constantly reassured of our security. Children especially suffer this trait of humanity. We need to be sure that boundaries exist that protect us and keep us safe. When we don't sense these boundaries are in place we become insecure and we act out in ways that are most often destructive not only to ourselves but also to others around us. So being reminded that we are secure in our lives is paramount to a fruitful life for humans.

As those who have been united with our Lord Jesus the Christ in our baptism, we have the promise of God that God will never abandon us. We know as Christians that God has made an inviolable promise to us that we will not be abandoned even in death. While this is a part of our DNA as children of God (COGs) we need to regularly be reminded of this fact and gift.

Every Sunday morning we come and worship God in the liturgy which includes both Word and Sacrament. We come to hear God's promise proclaimed to us in the readings and in the homily. Then we hear, see, touch, smell, and taste this promise as we are again fed by our Lord Jesus with his very own body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy and life giving Eucharist. In the Eucharist we truly receive the life of God again as God shows us once again just how far God is willing to go to draw us into the Son's eternal life. We think that we are going to worship to give something back to God when in reality it is God who is giving to us again and again and again . . . God keeps God's promise.

In worship on Sunday morning we are reminded that God is with us in that moment and into eternity. We experience the promise God is making through the death and

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resurrection of the Son in all of its glorious beauty. God's righteousness is revealed to us every Sunday morning as God is faithful to the promise made in and through the blood of Jesus.

So, my sisters and brothers in Christ, I exhort you to be in worship every Sunday morning in order that you may be reminded that God is faithful to the promise made by Jesus. In the hearing and in the eating we are made to feel secure as God's beloved. In this security we find peace, and life is made possible simply because we don't have to worry about anything since even death has been destroyed. We are truly free to live as God intends us to live.

I pray that you will find a sense of peace in this knowledge. St. Paul is insistent about his belief that God is faithful to us. I know this little tidbit makes all the difference to me. It is why I can't wait to get to worship every week.

May God continue to bless and keep you all.

Shalom
Pr. Randy



The total for the personal care kits is 109! THANK YOU to all that contributed and to the children for assembling the kits!

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To The Members of Messiah Lutheran Church:

Our school wants to thank you so much for once again bringing us pop-tops. You brought 3 gallons of pop-tops which brings our total to 52 gallons so far this year. We will make our delivery to the Ronald McDonald House April 24th. Thank you for helping us support the Ronald McDonald House in Birmingham. With much appreciation,
Holy Cross Episcopal School



Sunday, May 20th
Congregational Meeting

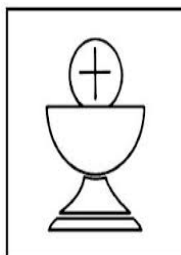
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Proposed Agenda: Budget & Elections

Messiah Lutheran Worship & Contact Information

SUNDAYS
Worship - 8:00 & 10:45 am
Sunday School
Adults - 9:15 am
Children - 9:15 am
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
Meal - 5:30 pm
Worship - 6:15 pm

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EUCHARIST EVERY SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

On the Schedule

May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00 am Quilters 11:30 am Loose Ladies Lunch at Cracker Barrel	2 Wonderful Wednesday Hosted by Council 5:30 pm-Supper 6:15 pm-Worship 6:15 pm-Kid's Bible Study 7:00 pm-Adult Choir 9:00 am—Quilters	3 9:30 am Marys & Marthas	4	5 11:00 am Beatrice Severance's Senior Piano Recital 1:00 pm Girl Scouts
6 Worship 8:00 & 10:45 am Baby Shower for Kara-Sha Jones Scrudato 9:15 am	7 6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls	8 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Council Meeting	9 Wonderful Wednesday Hosted by WTT 5:30 pm-Supper 6:15 pm-Worship 6:15 pm-Kid's Bible Study 7:00 pm-Adult Choir 7:00 pm-Catechism 9:00 am—Quilters	10	11 6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls	12 9:00 am– Noon Art Club 2:00 pm–4:00 pm Farewell Reception for John Jackson, Jr.
13 Worship 8:00 & 10:45 am	14	15 9:00 am Quilters	16 Wonderful Wednesday Hosted by SOMM & Choir 5:30 pm-Supper 6:15 pm-Worship 6:15 pm-Kid's Bible Study 7:00 pm-Adult Choir 7:00 pm-Catechism 9:00 am—Quilters	17	18	19 9:00 am Yarnovers 1:00 pm Girl Scouts
20 Worship 8:00 & 10:45 am Congregational Meeting 9:15 am	21	22 9:00 am Quilters	23 Wonderful Wednesday Hosted by M & M 5:30 pm-Supper 6:15 pm-Worship 6:15 pm-Kid's Bible Study 7:00 pm-Adult Choir 7:00 pm-Catechism 9:00 am—Quilters	24	25 9:00 am Art Club Drop In Messiah Messenger Submission Deadline	26 9:00 am Yarnovers
27 Worship 8:00 & 10:45 am	28 Office Closed for Memorial Day 	29 9:00 am Quilters	30			



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2	Johnnie Nelson	10	Bong Koczur	18	Gudrun Hanson	29	Sarah Sievers
4	Judith Forks	11	Jaheim Boykin	25	Paul Morton	29	Linda Talley
6	Signe Nelson	14	Zoe Garrison	26	Jaehee Ashley		
7	Randy Jones	15	Grayson Hataway	27	William Petrey		
9	Steve Willis	16	Bob Graetz	28	Ransom Evans		