

Messiah Lutheran Church

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December 2nd, 2018 28th Sunday after Pentecost First Sunday of Advent

Advent is about the "coming day." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

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: The Willoughby's in honor of their granddaughter Katie's birthday.

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:** "Thy Kingdom Come" by: Fredrick Lucian Hosmer. Sung by: The Adult Choir.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

Tina Ruffa Healing after Mastectomy
Hannah Chase (age 9) ... *Bone marrow transplant was successful and is home (friend of Kathryn Willoughby)
Adriane Duvall *Sucessful surgery November 13th Long healing process(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 Council The menu: Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Salad, French Bread 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) 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 Aqui 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 11/25/18 8:00 am20 10:45.....35
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 11/25/18 \$3,579.00
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 11/25/18 \$92,483.00
Fiscal Y-T-D Financial Expense Plan Goal \$120,679.20
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 11/25/18 **(\$28,196.20)**
*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal \$232,419

Pastor Strong will be using his personal phone and email. If you need to contact him, his number is 770-940-1442. His email address is: pastordevinststrong@gmail.com. He is available even if he is not here.

Adriane Duvall wishes to express sincere gratitude for the prayers during her surgery and healing process.

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		December 2nd	December 9th
Altar		Lu Ann Marz	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Kathryn Willoughby	Rhonda Morton
	10:45 am	LuAnn & David Marz	Judy McCune & Ricky Craig
Crucifer	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Grayson Hataway
Greeters	8:00 am	Pat Riggins	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Charline Struve
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Duane Brookhart	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Elsa Larsen	Duane Brookhart
Lector	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Chris Sellers
	10:45 am	Mark OConner	Eliana Hataway
Ushers	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Jaehee Ashley & Iola Williams	Diane Davis

<u>Schedule for Week of December 2nd</u>		<u>Schedule for Week of December 9th</u>	
SUN:	8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00am Worship w/Eucharist
	9:00 am Sunday School	12/09	9:00am Sunday School
12/02	10-10:45 am Fellowship		10-10:45 Fellowship
	10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am Worship w/Eucharist
	3:00 pm Pastor's Open House		
	4:00 pm Women of Refined Gold	MON:	
MON:		12/10	7:00pm Bell Choir Practice
12/03	6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls	TUE:	
		12/11	9:00 am Quilters
TUE:			4:30 pm Gathered by Grace
12/04	9:00 am Quilters		
	11:00 am Loose Ladies	WED:	
	Luncheon @ The Little Donkey	12/12	9:00 am Quilters
	7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice		5:30 pm Supper
WED:			6:15 pm Worship w/ Eucharist
12/05	9:00 am Quilters		7:00 pm Catechism
	5:30 pm Supper		7:00 pm Choir Practice
	6:15 pm Worship w/ Eucharist	THU:	
	7:00 pm Catechism	12/13	
	7:00 pm Choir Practice	Fri:	
THU:		12/14	
12/06	9:30 am Marys & Marthas		
Fri:		SAT:	
12/07	6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls	12/15	9:00 am Yarnovers
			1:00 pm Girl Scouts
SAT:			
12/08	9:00 am Art Club		