

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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

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**January 14, 2018 - Second Sunday after Epiphany**

*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where - or rather whom - we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God and...the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

**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.**
- 2018 FLOWER CHART-** The new chart is hanging on the bulletin board the narthex. Please enter your name on the Sunday(s) of your choice to sponsor altar flowers, and write in a brief message of commemoration for the bulletin.

THE NAVE IS OPEN FOR PRAYER MONDAY- FRIDAY, 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

\* New Information

Judy McCune ..... pulmonary fibrosis  
Gary Davis ..... COPD complications & UTI  
Margaret Carlson ..... breathing problems  
Karen Bohman's mother ..... recovery from stroke  
Rhonda Morton ..... recovery from surgery to remove cancer on 12/13  
Chris Jaworowski ..... undergoing rectal cancer treatment (son-in-law of Gary & Diane Davis)  
Pastor Jill Henning ..... aggressive breast cancer (friend of Pastor and Doris Underwood)  
Joey Froden ..... colorectal cancer (Bill Froden's son)

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.

**NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

Wonderful Wednesday activities will resume on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Pastor Robert Graetz ..... 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106  
Ardes Anderson ..... c/o Keith Anderson, 122 Langford Dr., Brandon, MS 39047  
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 1/7/18 ..... 8:00 am **24** ..... 10:45 **43**  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 1/7/18 ..... \$4,212  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 1/7/18 ..... \$126,229  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$138,918  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of ..... **(\$12,689)**  
\*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal ..... \$225,742

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "O Day Full of Grace" by Nikolai F.S. Grundtvig and Christoph E.F. Weyse. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

**Worship Assistant Schedule**

		<b>January 14th</b>	<b>January 21st</b>
<b>Altar</b>		Peg Walker	Diane Davis
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Hildredge Sims
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa & Diane Davis	Leesa Pretrey & Kelly Jones
<b>Crucifer</b>	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Melody Jackson
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Charline Struve
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Elsa Larsen	Tara Severance
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Barbara Dorgan	Beatrice Severance
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Champ Street	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Ben Severance & Lola Williams	Diane & Gary Davis
<b>Offering Counters</b>		Gary Davis & Linda Jones	Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS-** Please remember to sign up for your preferred Sundays in February using the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in narthex.

<u>Schedule for Week of January 14th</u>			<u>Schedule for Week of January 21st</u>		
<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
1/14	9:00 am	Refreshments	1/21	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Sunday School		9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
	3:30 pm	Women of Refined Gold			
<b>MON:</b>		Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
1/15			1/23	6:30 pm	Sisters of Mary Magdalene
<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>WED:</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
1/16			1/24	7:00 pm	Catechism Class
<b>WED:</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	<b>THU:</b>	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
1/17	7:00 pm	Catechism Class	1/25		
<b>THU:</b>	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers
1/18			1/27		
<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers			
1/20	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts			
	3:30 pm	W.O.R.G			