

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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

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**January 21, 2018 - Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

**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.
- Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Peg Walker in honor of Ava-Marie & Adler King.

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

\* New Information

Judy McCune ..... pulmonary fibrosis  
Gary Davis ..... continued recovery  
Margaret Carlson ..... breathing problems  
Karen Bohman's mother ..... recovery from stroke  
Rhonda Morton ..... undergoing cancer treatment  
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 1/14/18 ..... 8:00 am **22** ..... 10:45 **69**  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 1/14/18 ..... \$4,547  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 1/14/18 ..... \$130,776  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$143,259  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of ..... **(\$12,483)**  
\*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal ..... \$225,742

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		January 21st	January 28th
Altar		Diane Davis	Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes
	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Rhonda Morton
Communion Assistant	10:45 am	Leesa Petrey & Kelly Jones	Judy McCune & Ricky Craig
	10:45 am	Melody Jackson	Grayson Hataway
Crucifer	8:00 am	Champ Street	Lillie Bivins
	10:45 am	Charline Struve	Elizabeth Strickland
Greeters	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Tara Severance	David Hataway
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Beatrice Severance	Judy McCune
Lector	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Diane & Gary Davis	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer
Ushers		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones
Offering Counters			

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

Schedule for Week of January 21 <sup>st</sup>			Schedule for Week of January 28 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
1/21	9:00 am	Refreshments	1/28	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
<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
1/23	6:30 pm	Sisters of Mary Magdalene	1/30		
<b>WED:</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	<b>WED:</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
1/24	7:00 pm	Catechism Class	1/31	7:00 pm	Catechism Class
<b>THU:</b>	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	<b>THU:</b>	9:30 am	Marys & Marthas
1/25			2/1	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers	<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers
1/27			2/3	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts
				3:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls