

Messiah Lutheran Church

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In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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.**
- Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Steve & Liz Wright.
- The 2017 Contribution Statements are available for pick up on the table in the narthex.

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

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

*Jimmy Gutierrez recovery from bypass surgeries
*Susan Callahan recovery from total hip replacement (Kathryn Willoughby's niece)
*Edward Wright hospitalized (Steve Wright's father)
*Kathleen Spears right toe removed (Debbie Wagstaff's aunt)
*Patt Riggins knee replacement surgery on February 2nd
*Robin Robinson hospitalized with pneumonia
*Debbie Wagstaff diabetes complications
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 21st.

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 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 1/21/18 8:00 am **29** 10:45 **54**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 1/21/18 \$2,902
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 1/21/18 \$133,678
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$147,600
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$13,922)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Today's anthem is "Worthy, You Are Worthy" by Don Moen, setting by Patricia Sanders Cota. Performed by the Messiah Bell Choir.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		January 28th	February 4th
Altar		Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes	LuAnn Marz
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Rhonda Morton
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Leesa Petrey
Crucifer	10:45 am	Grayson Hataway	Lily Strickland
Greeters	8:00 am	Lillie Bivins	Felton Bivins
	10:45 am	Elizabeth Strickland	Elizabeth Strickland
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	David Hataway	Kay Owens
Lector	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Beatrice Severance
Ushers	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer	Iola Williams & Judy McCune
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones

Schedule for Week of January 28th

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
1/28 9:00 am Refreshments
9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist

TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
1/30

WED: 7:00 pm Choir Practice
1/31 7:00 pm Catechism Class

THU: 9:30 am Marys & Marthas
2/1 7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

SAT: 9:00 am Yarnovers
2/3 1:00 pm Girl Scouts
3:30 pm Pinks & Pearls

Schedule for Week of February 4th

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
2/4 9:00 am Refreshments
9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist

MON: 6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls
2/5

TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
2/6 11:30 pm Loose Ladies Lunch at Blue Moon

WED: 7:00 pm Choir Practice
2/7 7:00 pm Catechism Class

THU: 7:00 pm Bell Choir Practice
2/8

SAT: 9am-3pm Art Club
2/10 5:00 pm Chili Cook-Off