

Messiah Lutheran Church

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January 7, 2018 - Baptism of Our Lord

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

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 sponsored by Katrina Matzer in honor of Tina Ruffa's birthday.
- 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

*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 WEDNESDAYS

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 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 12/31/17 10:00 am **55**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 12/31/17 \$3,263
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 12/31/17 \$122,017
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$134,577
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$12,560)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" by Johann Rist, Johann Schop, and J.S. Bach. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		January 7th	January 14th
Altar		LuAnn Marz	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am	Dave & LuAnn Marz	Tina Ruffa & Diane Davis
Crucifer	10:45 am	Abbie Strickland	Jamie McCune
Greeters	8:00 am	Felton Bivins	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am	Keri Broughton	Alice McMullan
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Elsa Larsen	Judy McCune
Lector	8:00 am	Autry Talley	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Mark O'Connor	Barbara Dorgan
Ushers	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Elizabeth Strickland	Ben Severance & Iola Williams
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones

Schedule for Week of January 7th			Schedule for Week of January 14th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
1/7	9:00 am	January Birthday Celebration	1/14	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
MON:	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls	MON:		Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/8			1/15		
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
1/9	6:30 pm	Church Council	1/16		
WED:	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	WED:	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
1/10			1/17		
THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
1/11			1/18		
FRI:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
1/12			1/20	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts
SAT:	9:00 am	Art Club		3:30 pm	Women of Refined Gold
1/13	3:30 pm	Women of Refined Gold			