

Messiah Lutheran Church

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February 11, 2018 - Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved Son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

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 Sarah & Paul Brehm in honor of Henry's baptismal anniversary.

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

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

*Adler King recovery from the flu
Robert Bohman upon his passing (Jeff Bohman's father)
Connor Payton surgery to implant steel rod (Ann Pharr's great grandson)
Jimmy Gutierrez recovery from bypass surgery
Edward Wright hospitalized (Steve Wright's father)
Patt Riggins recovery from knee replacement surgery on February 2nd
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 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 2/4/18 8:00 am 24 10:45 46
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 2/4/18 \$4,256
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 2/4/18 \$140,863
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$156,283
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of (\$15,420)
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742


Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "Lead Me, Guide Me" by Doris M. Akers and arranged by Richard Smallwood. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		February 11th	February 18th
Altar		Elizabeth Strickland	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Hildredge Sims
	10:45 am	Diane & Gary Davis	Dave & LuAnn Marz
Crucifer	10:45 am	Lily Strickland	Melody Jackson
Greeters	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	David Hataway	Elsa Larsen
Lector	8:00 am	Tina Ruffa	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Mark O'Connor
Ushers	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Ben & Josie Severance	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones

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

Schedule for Week of February 11th			Schedule for Week of February 18th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
2/11	9:00 am	Refreshments	2/18	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
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
2/13	5:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	2/20	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
WED:	Noon & 6pm		WED:	5:30 pm	Supper
2/14	Ash Wednesday Service		12/21	6:15 pm	Worship
				6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study
				7:00 pm	Choir Practice
				7:00 pm	Catechism Class
THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
2/15	8:30 am	Rose Bush Trimming	2/22		
FRI:	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls	SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
2/16			2/24		
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2/17	9:00 am	Yarnovers			
	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts			
	3:30 pm	W.O.R.G			