

Messiah Lutheran Church

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February 18, 2018 - First Sunday in Lent

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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.**
- ALTAR FLOWERS** - During the season of Lent there will be no altar flowers.
- Personal Care Kits-** This Lenten season Messiah is joining with Lutheran World Relief to make Personal Care Kits to give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. For next Sunday, we ask you bring the featured item of the week – **bath towels** (light-weight, maximum 52 x 27", dark color recommended).
- Today's anthem is "Would You Be Free" by Lewis E. Jones. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

*Lucille Johnson David Causey's 95 year old aunt
Robert Bohman upon his passing (Jeff Bohman's father)
Connor Payton recovery from surgery on 2-13 to implant steel rod (Ann Pharr's great grandson)
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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm RSVP Meal \$5 per plate (under 5, free; ages 5-12, \$3)
6:15 pm Worship
6:15 pm Children's Bible Study
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm Catechism

The February 21st meal is sponsored by Council. The menu will be taco salad bar and dessert. Please **RSVP** or cancel before Tuesday noon. You can make reservations by contacting the church office (call 277-4213, e-mail mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org) or place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office. You may also make reservations on the website at www.messiahlutheranmgm.org.

**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 2/11/18 8:00 am **28** 10:45 **49**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 2/11/18 \$3,389
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 2/11/18 \$144,252
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$160,624
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$16,372)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Worship Assistant Schedule

		February 18th	February 25th
Altar		Peg Walker	Diane Davis
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Kathryn Willoughby
	10:45 am	Dave & LuAnn Marz	Ricky Craig & Kelly Jones
Crucifer	10:45 am	Melody Jackson	Jamie McCune
Greeters	8:00 am	Champ Street	Patt Riggins
	10:45 am	Keri Broughton	Charline Struve
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Elsa Larsen	Judy McCune
Lector	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Doris Underwood
	10:45 am	Mark O'Connor	Diane Davis
Ushers	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer	Diane & Gary Davis
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Linda Jones	Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby

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 18th			Schedule for Week of February 25th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
2/18	9:00 am	Refreshments	2/25	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
2/20	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	2/27	6:00 pm	Women of Refined Gold
				6:30 pm	S.O.M.M. (Library)
WED:	5:30 pm	Supper	WED:	5:30 pm	Supper
12/21	6:15 pm	Worship	12/28	6:15 pm	Worship
	6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study		6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Catechism Class		7:00 pm	Catechism Class
THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	THU:	9:30 am	Marys & Marthas
2/22			3/1	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers	SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
2/24			3/3	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts