

Messiah Lutheran Church

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February 25, 2018 - Second Sunday in Lent

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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 – **toothbrushes**.
- Today's anthem is Sonata, Mvt. 2 for Alto Saxophone and Piano by Paul Creston. Performance by Elsa Larsen and Eunhee Ashley .

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* **New Information**

Bivins Family upon the passing of Lillie Bivins' brother
Lucille Johnson upon her passing (David Causey's aunt)
Connor Payton recovery from surgery on 2-13 to implant steel rod (Ann Pharr's great grandson)
Edward Wright hospitalized (Steve Wright's father)
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 28th meal is sponsored by the Wednesday Task Team. The menu will be ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, side salad, biscuits, 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 2/18/18 8:00 am 27 10:45 47
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 2/18/18 \$3,012
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 2/18/18 \$147,464
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$164,965
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$17,501)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Worship Assistant Schedule

		February 25th	March 4th
Altar		Diane Davis	Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Kathryn Willoughby	Rhonda Morton
	10:45 am	Ricky Craig & Kelly Jones	Diane Davis & Elizabeth Strickland
Crucifer	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Grayson Hataway
Greeters	8:00 am	Patt Riggins	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am	Charline Struve	Judy McCune
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	David Hataway
Lector	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Gus Dennig
	10:45 am	Diane Davis	Eliana Hataway
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Diane & Gary Davis	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones

Schedule for Week of February 25th			Schedule for Week of March 4th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
2/25	9:00 am	Refreshments	3/4	9:00 am	March Birthday
	9:15 am	Sunday School			Celebration
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		9:15 am	Sunday School
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TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	MON:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
2/27	6:00 pm	Women of Refined Gold	3/5		
	6:30 pm	S.O.M.M. (Library)	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
WED:	5:30 pm	Supper	3/6	11:30 am	Loose Ladies Lunch at Down the Street
2/28	6:15 pm	Worship			
	6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study	WED:	5:30 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	3/7	6:15 pm	Worship
	7:00 pm	Catechism Class		6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study
THU:	9:30 am	Marys & Marthas		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
3/1	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice		7:00 pm	Catechism Class
SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers	THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
3/3	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	3/8		
			FRI:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
			3/9		
			SAT:	9:00 am	Art Club
			3/10		