

Messiah Lutheran Church

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February 4, 2018 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars - it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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 Kenny Struve in honor of his mother, Charline Struve, and in memory of his dad, Ken Struve.
- The 2017 Contribution Statements are available for pick up on the table in the narthex.
- Attention Parents & Grandparents- Make sure your kids are here next Sunday, February 11th for the Annual Pancake Races at 9:15 am.

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

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

*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
 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 recovery from knee replacement surgery on February 2nd
 Robin Robinson pneumonia (Patt Riggins' friend)
 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 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 1/28/18 8:00 am **31** 10:45 **39**
 Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 1/28/18 \$2,929
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 1/28/18 \$136,607
 Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$151,942
 Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$15,335)**
 *Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty and Johann Pachelbel, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		February 4th	February 11th
Altar		LuAnn Marz	Elizabeth Strickland
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Rhonda Morton	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am	Leesa Petrey	Diane & Gary Davis
Crucifer	10:45 am	Abbie Strickland	Lily Strickland
Greeters	8:00 am	Felton Bivins	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Kay Owens	David Hataway
Lector	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Tina Ruffa
	10:45 am	Beatrice Severance	Judy McCune
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Iola Williams & Elizabeth Strickland	Ben & Josie Severance
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Linda Jones	Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby

Schedule for Week of February 4th			Schedule for Week of February 11th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
2/4	9:00 am	February Birthday Cake Celebration	2/11	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Sunday School		9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		9:15 am	Children's Sunday School w/ pancake races
MON:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
2/5			TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	2/13	5:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
2/6	11:30 pm	Loose Ladies Lunch at Blue Moon	WED:	Noon & 6pm	Ash Wednesday Service 
WED:	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	2/14	Ash Wednesday Service	
2/7	7:00 pm	Catechism Class	THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
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2/8			SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
SAT:	9am-3pm	Art Club	2/17	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts
2/10	5:00 pm	Chili Cook-Off			
		Have chili here by 4:30 pm			

