

Messiah Lutheran Church

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March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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 – **nail clippers**.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

Chuck Rowan recovery from gun shots (Bong Koczur's son-in-law)
Bivins Family upon the passing of Lillie Bivins' brother
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 Catechism

The March 14th meal is sponsored by the Marys & Marthas. The menu will be turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, 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 3/4/18 8:00 am 37 10:45 56
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 3/4/18 \$7,833
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 3/4/18 \$157,392
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$173,648
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$16,256)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "Nocturne No. 20 in C Sharp Minor" by Frederic Chopin. Performed by Junseo Park on piano.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		March 11th	March 18th
Altar		LuAnn Marz	Diane Davis
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Kathryn Willoughby	Hildredge Sims
	10:45 am	Kelly Jones & Elizabeth Strickland	Ricky Craig & Leesa Petrey
Crucifer	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Melody Jackson
Greeter	8:00 am	Lillie Bivins	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Tara Severance
Lector	8:00 am	Autry Talley	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Mark O'Connor	Tina Ruffa
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Ben & Josie Severance	Diane & Gary Davis
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones

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

<u>Schedule for Week of March 11th</u>			<u>Schedule for Week of March 18th</u>		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
3/11	9:00 am	Refreshments	3/18	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
MON:	5:30 pm	Choir Practice	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
3/12			3/20	3:00 pm	Jeff Davis Food Distribution
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	WED:	5:30 pm	Supper
3/13	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	3/21	6:15 pm	Worship
				6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study
WED:	5:30 pm	Supper		6:45 pm	Choir Practice
3/14	6:15 pm	Worship		7:00 pm	Catechism Class
	6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study	THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
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THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	FRI:	9:00 am	Art Club Drop-In
3/15			3/23		
SAT:	8:30 am	Spring Clean Up	SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
3/17	9:00 am	Yarnovers	3/24		
	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts			