

Messiah Lutheran Church

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March 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future; a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

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 **soap, nail clippers, or bath towels.**
- Today's anthem is "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" music by Hans Leo Hassler; harmonized by J.S. Bach. Performed by the Messiah Handbell Choir.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

Chuck Rowan recovery from gun shots (Bong Koczur's son-in-law)
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
6:45 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Catechism

The March 21st meal is sponsored by Council. The menu will be Costco chicken pot pie, lima 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 3/11/18 8:00 am **23** 10:45 am **51**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 3/11/18 \$2,434
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 3/11/18 \$159,826
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$177,989
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$18,163)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742



We need your help at the Jeff Davis Apartments on Tuesday, March 20th at 3:00 p.m. to distribute food. For questions please contact Jim Willoughby, 334-300-2326 (C) jmsnwo@gmail.com.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		March 18th	March 25th
Altar		Diane Davis	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am	Ricky Craig & Leesa Petrey	Dave & LuAnn Marz
Crucifer	10:45 am	Melody Jackson	Lily Strickland
Greeter	8:00 am	Champ Street	Patt Riggins
	10:45 am	Keri Broughton	Charline Struve
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Tara Severance	Judy McCune
Lector	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Doris Underwood
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa	Barbara Dorgan
Ushers	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Diane & Gary Davis	Iola Williams & Elizabeth Strickland
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Linda Jones	Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby

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

Schedule for Week of March 18th			Schedule for Week of March 25th		
SUN: 3/18	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist Refreshments Sunday School Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN: 3/25	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist Refreshments Sunday School Worship w/ Eucharist
MON: 3/19	5:30 pm	Choir Practice	MON: 3/26	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
TUE: 3/20	9:00 am 3:00 pm	Quilters Jeff Davis Food Distribution	TUE: 3/27	9:00 am	Quilters
WED: 3/21	5:30 pm 6:15 pm 6:15 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Supper Worship Kids Bible Study Choir Practice Catechism Class	WED: 3/28	6:45 pm	Choir Practice
THU: 3/22	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	THU: 3/29	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
FRI: 3/23	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Art Club Drop-In Pinks & Pearls	FRI: 3/30	GOOD FRIDAY Noon 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Veneration of the Cross
SAT: 3/24	9:00 am	Yarnovers	SAT: 3/31	9:00 am	Yarnovers