

# Messiah Lutheran Church

in the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

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**March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday**

*The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.*

**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.

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

**\* New Information**

\*Nancy Brunson . . . . . aggressive ovarian cancer (friend and coworker of Doris Underwood)  
Edward Wright . . . . . dementia (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.

**NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES  
Holy Week**

**Remember Our Senior Friends in Retirement Homes,  
Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or Semi-Shut-ins at Home**

Jim Lincoln . . . . . 1555 Taylor Rd B8, Montgomery, AL 36117  
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 3/18/18 . . . . . 8:00 am **29** . . . . . 10:45 am **59**  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 3/18/18 . . . . . \$3,329  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 3/18/18 . . . . . \$163,155  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal . . . . . \$182,330  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of . . . . . **(\$19,175)**  
\*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal . . . . . \$225,742

**Worship Assistant Schedule**

		<b>March 25th</b>	<b>April 1st</b>
<b>Altar</b>		Peg Walker	LuAnn Marz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Hildredge Sims
	10:45 am	Dave & LuAnn Marz	Diane Davis & Tina Ruffa
<b>Crucifer</b>	10:45 am	Lily Strickland	Jamie McCune
<b>Greeter</b>	8:00 am	Patt Riggins	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am	Charline Struve	Alice McMullan
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Judy McCune
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Autry Talley
	10:45 am	Barbara Dorgan	Eliana Hataway
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Iola Williams & Elizabeth Strickland	Iola Williams & Elizabeth Strickland
<b>Offering Counters</b>		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones

<b>Schedule for Week of March 25th</b>			<b>Schedule for Week of April 1st</b>		
<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
3/25	9:00 am	Refreshments	4/1	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	9:15 am	Sunday School		9:45 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
<b>MON:</b>	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	<b>MON:</b>	Church Office Closed	
3/26			4/2	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
3/27			4/3	11:30 am	Loose Ladies Lunch
<b>WED:</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	<b>WED:</b>	5:30 pm	Supper
3/28			4/4	6:15 pm	Worship
				6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study
<b>THU:</b>	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
3/29				7:00 pm	Catechism Class
<b>FRI:</b>	GOOD FRIDAY		<b>THU:</b>	9:30 am	Marys & Marthas
3/30	Noon	Stations of the Cross	4/5	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Veneration of the Cross	<b>FRI:</b>	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
			4/6		
<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers	<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers
3/31			4/7	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts