

Messiah Lutheran Church

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March 4, 2018 -Third Sunday in Lent

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

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 wheaten 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 – **combs**.

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
Lucille Johnson upon her passing (David Causey's aunt)
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 Choir & SOMM. The menu will be rotisserie chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, 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 2/25/18 8:00 am **26** 10:45 **49**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 2/25/18 \$2,095
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 2/25/18 \$149,559
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$169,306
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$19,747)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" by Healey Willan. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		March 4th	March 11th
Altar		Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes	LuAnn Marz
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Rhonda Morton	Kathryn Willoughby
	10:45 am	Diane Davis & TBD	Ricky Craig & Kelly Jones
Crucifer	10:45 am	Grayson Hataway	Jamie McCune
Greeters	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke	Lillie Bivins
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Alice McMullan
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	David Hataway	Judy McCune
Lector	8:00 am	Gus Dennig	Autry Talley
	10:45 am	Eliana Hataway	Mark O'Connor
Ushers	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer	Ben & Josie Severance
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Linda Jones	Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby

Schedule for Week of March 4th			Schedule for Week of March 11th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
3/4	9:00 am	March Birthday Celebration	3/11	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:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
3/5			3/13	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	WED:	5:30 pm	Supper
3/6	11:30 am	Loose Ladies Lunch at Down the Street	3/14	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:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	3/15		
	7:00 pm	Catechism Class	SAT:	8:30 am	Spring Clean Up
THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	3/17	9:00 am	Yarnovers
3/8				1:00 pm	Girl Scouts
FRI:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls			
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