

Messiah Lutheran Church

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April 1, 2018 - Resurrection of Our Lord

This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

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.**
- The altar flowers for today are sponsored by the Hataway Family in celebration of Melissa's birthday.
- Many thanks to those who donated items for the Lutheran World Relief's Lenten campaign for Personal Care Kits. The children will be assembling the kits on April 15th during the Sunday School hour. Thanks to your generous contributions we should be able to assemble **100 kits!!!**

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

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)
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 April 4th meal is sponsored by the Wednesday Task Team. The menu will be baked potatoes with pulled pork, salad, fresh fruit, bread, 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

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 3/25/18 8:00 am **39** 10:45 am **73**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 3/25/18 \$2,813
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 3/25/18 \$165,968
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$186,671
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$20,703)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Choir Notes

Today's anthem performed by the Adult Choir is "A Joyful Alleluia" by Gordon Young. The Children's Choir will sing "Alive, Alive", traditional, in place of the psalm.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		April 1st	April 8th
Altar		LuAnn Marz	Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am	Diane Davis & Tina Ruffa	Leesa Petrey & Ricky Craig
Crucifer	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Melody Jackson
Greeter	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke	Felton Bivins
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Duane Brookhart
Lector	8:00 am	Autry Talley	Gus Dennig
	10:45 am	Eliana Hataway	Beatrice Severance
Ushers	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Iola Williams & Elizabeth Strickland	Ben & Josie Severance
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Linda Jones	Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby

Schedule for Week of April 1st			Schedule for Week of April 8th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
4/1	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast	4/8	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:45 am	Easter Egg Hunt		9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
MON:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	MON:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
4/2			4/9		
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
4/3	11:30 am	Loose Ladies Lunch at Sommer's Place	4/10	6:30 pm	Council
WED:	5:30 pm	Supper	WED:	NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES	
4/4	6:15 pm	Worship	4/11	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study			
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Catechism Class	4/12		
THU:	9:30 am	Marys & Marthas	FRI:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
4/5	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	4/13		
FRI:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	SAT:	9:00 am	Art Club
4/6			4/14		
SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers			
4/7	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts			