

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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### April 22, 2018 - 4th Sunday of Easter

*The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.*

#### 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.**
- There are two altar flower arrangements for today. The first is sponsored by Jim & Kathryn Willoughby in celebration of their wedding anniversary. The second arrangement is sponsored by Bonnie Dorgan in celebration of her son, Norman's birthday on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and her daughter-in-law, Joie's birthday on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The anthem for today is "Lamb of God", words and music by Twila Paris, arranged by Lloyd Larson. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.
- The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.

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

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### \* New Information

\*Gennel Lang ..... under palliative care (friend of Paul & Rhonda Morton)  
\*Joyce O'Connor ..... under palliative care  
Edward Wright ..... hospice care (Steve Wright's father)  
King Family ..... upon the passing of Alexis King's Aunt Theresa  
Nancy Brunson ..... aggressive ovarian cancer (friend and coworker of Doris Underwood)  
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 25<sup>th</sup> meal is sponsored by the Marys and Marthas. The menu will be Shepard's pie, 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](mailto: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](http://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 4/15/18 ..... 8:00 am 23 ..... 10:45 am 57  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 4/15/18 ..... \$2,117  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 4/15/18 ..... \$179,070  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$199,695  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of ..... (\$20, 895)  
\*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal ..... \$225,742



### Next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Single, 10:00 am Service  
9:00 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Potluck Lunch

### Worship Assistant Schedule

		April 22nd	April 29th
Altar		Peg Walker	Elizabeth Strickland
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Rhonda Morton	Kathryn Willoughby & Kelly Jones
	10:45 am	Dave & LuAnn Marz	
Crucifer	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Grayson Hataway
Greeter	8:00 am	Lillie Bivins	Patt Riggins
	10:45 am	Keri Broughton	
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Kay Owens	
Lector	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Doris Underwood
	10:45 am	Mark O'Connor	
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Adam & Elizabeth Strickland
	10:45 am	Katrina Matzer & Tina Ruffa	

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

Schedule for Week of April 22nd			Schedule for Week of April 29th		
<b>SUN:</b> 4/22	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist Refreshments Sunday School Worship w/ Eucharist	<b>SUN:</b> 4/29	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Sunday School Worship w/ Eucharist Potluck Lunch
<b>MON:</b> 4/23	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	<b>MON:</b> 4/30	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
<b>TUE:</b> 4/24	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>TUE:</b> 5/1	9:00 am 11:30 am	Quilters Loose Ladies Lunch at Cracker Barrel
<b>WED:</b> 4/25	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilters Supper Worship Kids Bible Study Choir Practice Catechism Class	<b>WED:</b> 5/2	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilters Supper Worship Kids Bible Study Choir Practice Catechism Class
<b>FRI:</b> 4/27	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Art Club Drop-In Pinks & Pearls	<b>THU:</b> 5/3	9:30 am	Marys and Marthas
<b>SAT:</b> 4/28	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Yarnovers Pinks & Pearls	<b>SAT:</b> 5/5	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Beatrice Severance's Senior Piano Recital Girl Scouts