

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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### April 29, 2018 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us in the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

### 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** -Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Duane Brookhart in remembrance of Suzanne Brookhart.
- Today's anthem is "Alive, Alive", traditional, sung by the Messiah Children's Choir.

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

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### \* New Information

\*Truss Bethea ..... in coma after car accident (friend of Chuck Wray)  
\*Gary Davis ..... hospitalized with COPD complications  
Gennel Lang ..... under palliative care (friend of Paul & Rhonda Morton)  
Joyce O'Connor ..... under palliative care  
Chris Jaworowski ..... undergoing rectal cancer treatment (son-in-law of Gary & Diane Davis)  
Nancy Brunson ..... aggressive ovarian cancer (friend and coworker of Doris Underwood)  
Pastor Jill Henning ..... aggressive breast cancer (friend of Pastor and Doris Underwood)

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 May 2<sup>nd</sup> meal is sponsored by Council. The menu will be rotisserie chicken, macaroni & cheese, 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 4/22/18 ..... 8:00 am **19** ..... 10:45 am **55**  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 4/22/18 ..... \$2,903  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 4/22/18 ..... \$181,973  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$204,036  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of ..... **(\$22,063)**  
\*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal ..... \$225,742



### Congregational Meeting

May 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:15 am

Proposed Agenda: Budget & Elections

### Worship Assistant Schedule

		April 29th	May 6th
Altar		Elizabeth Strickland	LuAnn Marz
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Kathryn Willoughby & Kelly Jones	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am		Judy McCune & Elizabeth Strickland
Crucifer	10:45 am	Grayson Hataway	Melody Jackson
Greeter	8:00 am	Patt Riggins	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am		Charline Struve
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Duane Brookhart
	10:45 am		Tara Severance
Lector	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Gus Dennig
	10:45 am		Beatrice Severance
Ushers	8:00 am	Adam & Elizabeth Strickland	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am		Ben & Josie Severance

### Schedule for Week of April 29th

**SUN:** 9:00 am Sunday School  
4/29 10:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
11:15 am Potluck Lunch  
**MON:** 6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls  
4/30  
**TUE:** 9:00 am Quilters  
5/1 11:30 am Loose Ladies Lunch at Cracker Barrel  
**WED:** 9:00 am Quilters  
5/2 5:30 pm Supper  
6:15 pm Worship  
6:15 pm Kids Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Catechism Class  
**THU:** 9:30 am Marys and Marthas  
5/3  
**SAT:** 11:00 am Beatrice Severance's Senior Piano Recital  
5/5 1:00 pm Girl Scouts

### Schedule for Week of May 6th

**SUN:** 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
5/6 9:15 am Baby Shower for Kara-Sha Scudato  
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
**MON:** 6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls  
5/7  
**TUE:** 9:00 am Quilters  
5/8 6:30 pm Council Meeting  
**WED:** 9:00 am Quilters  
5/9 5:30 pm Supper  
6:15 pm Worship  
6:15 pm Kids Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice  
7:00 pm Catechism Class  
**FRI:** 6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls  
5/11  
**SAT:** 9-12 Art Club  
5/12 2-4 pm Reception & Army send off for John Jackson Jr.