

Messiah Lutheran Church

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April 8, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is 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. One is sponsored by Gary & Diane Davis in celebration of Gary's birthday in March. The second arrangement is sponsored by Judy McCune in celebration of James' and Jamie's birthdays.
- 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 will be able to assemble around **105 kits!!!**

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

*King Family upon the passing of Alexis King's Aunt Theresa
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.

**NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
(ONLY CHOIR PRACTICE)
ALL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK
APRIL 18TH**

**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 4/1/18 8:00 am **61** 10:45 am **80**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 4/1/18 \$6,029
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 4/1/18 \$171,997
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$191,012
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$19,015)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "The Day of Resurrection" by Henry T. Smart, arranged by Patricia Cota. Performed by the Messiah Bell Choir.

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.	Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin, The round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein; In grateful exultation Their notes let all things blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our joy that hath no end!
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Worship Assistant Schedule

		April 8th	April 15th
Altar		Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes	Diane Davis
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Leesa Petrey & Ricky Craig	Judy McCune & Elizabeth Strickland
Crucifer	10:45 am	Melody Jackson	Lily Strickland
Greeter	8:00 am	Felton Bivins	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Charline Struve	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Duane Brookhart	Elsa Larson
Lector	8:00 am	Gus Dennig	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Beatrice Severance	Jamie McCune
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Ben & Josie Severance	Diane Davis & Iola Williams
Offering Counters		Gary Davis & Jim Willoughby	Gary Davis & Linda Jones

	<u>Schedule for Week of April 8th</u>		<u>Schedule for Week of April 15th</u>		
SUN: 4/8	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN: 4/15	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
	9:00 am	Refreshments		9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Sunday School		9:15 am	Kids Assembling Kits
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
MON: 4/9	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	MON: 4/16	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
TUE: 4/10	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE: 4/17	9:00 am	Quilters
	6:30 pm	Council Meeting			
WED: 4/11	NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES		WED: 4/18	5:30 pm	Supper
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice		6:15 pm	Worship
THU: 4/12	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice		6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study
				7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRI: 4/13	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls		7:00 pm	Catechism Class
SAT: 4/14	9:00 am	Art Club	THU: 4/19	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
			FRI: 4/20	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
			SAT: 4/21	9:00 am	Yarnovers
				1:00 pm	Girl Scouts