

Messiah Lutheran Church

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May 13, 2018 - 7th Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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 the Hataway Family in celebration of Grayson's 12th birthday.
- Today's anthem is "Here I Am, Lord", words and music by Daniel L. Schutte, choral setting by Jack Schrader. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.
- CHOIR NOTES-** If you've been wanting to sing or dust off an old instrument, now is your chance. We are looking for soloists, small groups, and instrumentalists to share their God given talents with us this summer. If you are interested, please call Tara Severance at 261-1735 (H), call or text 201-3160 (C), or email tarelhamel@knology.net.
- Don't forget to wear red next Sunday for Pentecost.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

*Garrison Family Heath's deployment
*Jim Causey house burned down (David Causey's cousin)
Joyce O'Connor Family upon her passing
Truss Bethea Family upon his passing (friend of Chuck Wray)
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.

NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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 5/6/18 8:00 am **34** 10:45 am **63**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 5/6/18 \$6,059
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 5/6/18 \$190,809
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$212,718
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$21,909)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 20th

9:15 am

Worship Assistant Schedule

		May 13th	May 20th
Altar		Diane Davis	Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Kathryn Willoughby	Hildred Sims
	10:45 am	Dave & LuAnn Marz	Leesa Petrey & Ricky Craig
Crucifer	10:45 am	Abbie Strickland	Jamie McCune
Greeter	8:00 am	Felton Bivins	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Keri Broughton	Alice McMullan
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Duane Brookhart	Judy McCune
Lector	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Tina Ruffa
Ushers	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Diane Davis & Elizabeth Strickland	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer

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

Schedule for Week of May 13th			Schedule for Week of May 20th		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
5/13	9:00 am	Refreshments	5/20	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Sunday School		9:15 am	Congregational Meeting
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
5/15			5/22		
WED:	9:00 am	Quilters	WED:	9:00 am	Quilters
5/16	7:00 pm	Choir Practice- Last practice until fall	5/23		
SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers	FRI:	9:00 am	Art Club Drop-In
5/19	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	5/25		
			SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
			5/26		