

Messiah Lutheran Church

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May 20, 2018 - Day of Pentecost

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans make it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

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 Ava-Marie and Adler King in honor of the Sunday School teachers.
- Today's anthem is "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", text by Isaac Watts and music by William Croft. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.
- Congratulations to Willie Tutt, II on his graduation from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.
- A special thanks to Pastor Alexis King for filling in for Pastor Randy while he's out of town.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

*Ed Holland Family upon his passing
*Kathy Trapp being taken off life support (friend on Steve & Liz Wright)
*Hildredge Sims upon the passing of her sister, Sarah Levicy
*Wyatt Earl plate put in to replace bone loss from his skull (8 year old friend of Ava-Marie King)
*Chris Jaworowski in ICU with sepsis (son-in-law of Gary & Diane Davis)
Garrison Family Heath's deployment
Jim Causey house burned down (David Causey's cousin)
Joyce O'Connor Family upon her passing
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 5/13/18 8:00 am **31** 10:45 am **54**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 5/13/18 \$3,437
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 5/13/18 \$194,246
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$217,060
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$22,814)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742



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 tarelharmel@knology.net.

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		May 20th	May 27th
Altar		Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes	Peg Walker
	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Rhonda Morton
Communion Assistant	10:45 am	Leesa Petrey & Ricky Craig	Tina Ruffa & Kelly Jones
	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Lily Strickland
Crucifer	8:00 am	Champ Street	Patt Riggins
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Charline Struve
Greeter	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Elsa Larsen
Lector	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Doris Underwood
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa	Ricky Craig
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer	Iola Williams & Diane Davis

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 20th			Schedule for Week of May 27th		
SUN: 5/20	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN: 5/27	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
	9:00 am	Refreshments		9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Congregational Meeting		9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
TUE: 5/22	9:00 am	Quilters	MON: 5/28	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	
	9:00 am	Quilters		TUE: 5/29	9:00 am
WED: 5/23	9:00 am	Quilters	SAT: 6/2	9:00 am	Yarnovers
	9:00 am	Art Club Drop-In		12:00 pm	Girl Scouts
FRI: 5/25	9:00 am	Yarnovers			
SAT: 5/26	9:00 am	Yarnovers			