

Messiah Lutheran Church

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May 6, 2018 - 6th Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the 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 Judy McCune in memory of Jim's birthday.
- Today's anthem is "My God and I" by I.B. Sergei, sung by the Messiah Adult 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

*Joyce O'Connor Family upon her passing
*Truss Bethea Family upon his passing (friend of Chuck Wray)
Gary Davis hospitalized with COPD complications
Gennel Lang under palliative care (friend of Paul & Rhonda Morton)
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 9th meal is sponsored by the Wednesday Task Team. The menu will be taco salad bar 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) 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.

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 4/30/18 10:00 am 70
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 4/30/18 \$2,777
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 4/30/18 \$184,750
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$208,377
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$23,627)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742



Congregational Meeting

May 20th

9:15 am

Proposed Agenda: Budget & Elections

Worship Assistant Schedule

		May 6th	May 13th
Altar		LuAnn Marz	Diane Davis
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Kathryn Willoughby
	10:45 am	Judy McCune & Melissa Hataway	Dave & LuAnn Marz
Crucifer	10:45 am	Melody Jackson	Abbie Strickland
Greeter	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke	Felton Bivins
	10:45 am	Charline Struve	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Duane Brookhart	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Tara Severance	Duane Brookhart
Lector	8:00 am	Gus Dennig	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Beatrice Severance	Jamie McCune
Ushers	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Ben & Josie Severance	Diane Davis & Elizabeth Strickland

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.

Schedule for Week of May 13th

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
5/13 9:00 am Refreshments
9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist

TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
5/14

WED: 9:00 am Quilters
5/16 NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
7:00 pm Choir Practice

SAT: 9:00 am Yarnovers
5/19 1:00 pm Girl Scouts