

Messiah Lutheran Church

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August 19, 2018 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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 wheaten 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.
- The altar flowers for today are given by Peg Walker in honor of the Sunday School teachers.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

Arlene Stuckey stroke and cancer (Leesa Petrey's mom)
Marge Melvin undergoing chemo treatments (Kathryn Willoughby's son's mother-in-law)
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.

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
Judy Forks 390 Aqui 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 8/12/18 8:00 am 20 10:45 am 53
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 8/12/18 \$4,488
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 8/12/18 \$47,564
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$49,166
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 8/12/18 **(\$1,602)**
*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal \$232,419

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is Sonata #1 by Leopold Kozeluh. Performed by Kay Owens & Eunhee Ashley as a piano duet.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		August 19th	August 26th
Altar		Peg Walker	Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Kathryn Willoughby
	10:45 am	Melissa Hataway & Leesa Petrey	Judy McCune & Ricky Craig
Crucifer	10:45 am	Grayson Hataway	Melody Jackson
Greeter	8:00 am	Patt Riggins	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Charline Struve	Judy McCune
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Eliana Hataway	Elsa Larsen
Lector	8:00 am	Chris Sellers	Autry Talley
	10:45 am	David Hataway	Josie Severance
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Adam & Elizabeth Strickland	Diane Davis & Iola Williams

Schedule for Week of August 19th

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
8/19 9:15 am Rally Day
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist
TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
8/21 6:30 pm Council Meeting
WED: 9:00 am Quilters
8/22
SAT: 9:00 am Yarnovers
8/25 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Heaven Morton

Schedule for Week of August 26th

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
8/26 9:00 am Refreshments
9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist
TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
8/28
WED: 9:00 am Quilters
8/29
SAT: 9:00 am Yarnovers
9/1 1:00 pm Girl Scouts