

Messiah Lutheran Church

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In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the works of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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 Gary & Diane Davis in celebration of Diane's birthday.
- When entering the church please make sure to lift up the door handle and pull to open. Thanks!

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

*Arlene Stuckey Family upon her passing (Leesa Petrey's mom)
*Adriane Duvall . . possible pending surgery & medical issues(Kathryn Willoughby's daughter)
*Adler King recovery from concussion
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 8/19/18 8:00 am **38** 10:45 am **45**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 8/19/18 \$3,435
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 8/19/18 \$50,999
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$53,635
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 8/19/18 **(\$2,636)**
*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal \$232,419

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "I was Sinking Deep in Sin" by James Rowe and Howard E. Smith. Sung by Anneliese Nelson.



Bell Choir practice will start soon. With Beatrice leaving for college, we could use new volunteers. The ability to read music is not required. The music is color coded and numbered. Contact Kay Owens if you are interested.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		August 26th	September 2nd
Altar		Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes	Diane Davis
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Kathryn Willoughby	Rhonda Morton
	10:45 am	Judy McCune & Ricky Craig	Judy McCune & Leesa Petrey
Crucifer	10:45 am	Melody Jackson	Jamie McCune
Greeter	8:00 am	Champ Street	Felton Bivins
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Alice McMullan
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Elsa Larsen	Josie Severance
Lector	8:00 am	Autry Talley	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Josie Severance	Josie Severance
Ushers	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Diane Davis & Iola Williams	Diane Davis & Iola Williams

Schedule for Week of August 26th			Schedule for Week of September 2nd		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
8/26	9:00 am	Refreshments	9/2	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Sunday School		9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	MON:	Church Office Closed for Labor Day	
8/28			9/3	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
WED:	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
8/29			9/4	11:30 pm	Loose Ladies Lunch at Sinclairs
THU:	5:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	WED:	9:00 am	Quilters
8/30			9/5	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers	THU:	9:30 am	Marys & Marthas
9/1	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	9/6		
			SAT:	9:00 am	Art Club
			9/8		