

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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### September 16, 2018 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

### 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.
- We will be collecting the following items for the Friendship Mission Men's Shelter: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, hand wipes, small hand sanitizer.
- Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. A group will leave directly after the potluck luncheon to help with the garden at E.D. Nixon Elementary School. Stay tuned for further details.

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### \* New Information

\*Tina Ruffa ..... diagnosed with breast cancer, meeting w/ surgeon on 9/25/18  
\*Gary Davis ..... receiving hospice care  
\*Hannah Chase (age 9) ..... bone marrow transplant (friend of Kathryn Willoughby)  
Annie Milner ..... heart cath and stint replacement on 9/20/18  
Steve Graham ..... blood clots in legs (Chuck Wray's friend)  
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.

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm ..... RSVP Meal \$5 per plate (under 5, free; ages 5-12, \$3)  
6:15 pm ..... Worship  
7:00 pm ..... Choir Practice  
7:00 pm ..... Catechism

The September 19th meal is sponsored by Marys & Marthas. The menu will be sloppy joes, salad, 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](mailto: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](http://www.messiahlutheranmgm.org).

### Remember Our Senior Friends in Retirement Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or Semi-Shut-ins at Home

\*Gary Davis ..... 932 N. Burbank Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Jim Lincoln ..... 1555 Taylor Rd B8, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Pastor Robert Graetz ..... 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106  
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 9/9/18 ..... 8:00 am 31 ..... 10:45 am 46  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 9/2/18 ..... \$4,409  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 9/9/18 ..... \$58,976  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$67,044  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 9/9/18 ..... **(\$8,068)**  
\*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal ..... \$232,419

### Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "Will You Come and Follow Me" by John L. Bell. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

### Worship Assistant Schedule

		September 16th	September 23rd
<b>Altar</b>		LuAnn Marz	Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Haynes
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Kathryn Willoughby
	10:45 am	Dave & LuAnn Marz	Tina Ruffa & Iola Williams
<b>Crucifer</b>	10:45 am	Melody Jackson	Jamie McCune
<b>Greeter</b>	8:00 am	Patt Riggins	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Keri Broughton	Charline Struve
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Duane Brookhart	Judy McCune
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gus Dennig
	10:45 am	Mark O'Connor	Jamie McCune
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Katrina Matzer & Tina Ruffa	Ben & Josie Severance

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

Schedule for Week of September 16th			Schedule for Week of September 16th		
<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
9/16	9:00 am	Refreshments	9/23	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
<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
9/18	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	9/25	3:00 pm	Jeff Davis Food Distribution
<b>WED:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>WED:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
9/19	5:30 pm	Supper	9/26	5:30 pm	Supper
	6:15 pm	Worship w/ Eucharist		6:15 pm	Worship w/ Eucharist
	7:00 pm	Catechism		7:00 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>THU:</b>	7:00 pm	Handbell Practice	<b>THU:</b>	7:00 pm	Handbell Practice
9/20			9/20		
<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers	<b>FRI:</b>	9:00 am	Art Club Drop-In
9/22			9/28		
			<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers
			9/29		