

Messiah Lutheran Church

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To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you" – namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

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 need to call Capitol's Rosemont Gardens (834-7731) before that Sunday and pay for the arrangement with a credit/debit card. The cost is \$45 per arrangement. If you would like to have a special arrangement, you may pay more for the 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.

Today the "Mostly Youth Bell Choir" will be playing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," by Charles Converse, arranged by Patricia Sanders Cota.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

*Walter Matzer.... Long Island, NY, Bacterial Infectious Disease, Gall Bladder Surgery 7/11/19
 *Ashley Matzer.....Long Island, NY, Gall Bladder Surgery 7/12/19
 Kathryn Willoughby Encompass Health, recovering from back surgery on 6/25/19
 Judy Forks..... at home recovering
 Pastor Jill Henning.....aggressive breast cancer (friend of Doris Underwood)
 Johnny Nelsonongoing health issues
 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 Angels for the Elderly, #A6, 52 Angels Court, 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
 Johnny Nelson Bill Nichols Veterans State Retirement Home
 1784 Elkahatchee Rd. Alexander City, AL 35010

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship Attendance on 7/7/19 8:00 am 22 10:45 am 45
 Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 7/7/19\$5,110
 Fiscal Year Contributions thru 7/7/19.....\$28,619
 Fiscal Y-T-D Financial Expense Plan Goal\$148,401
 *Fiscal Year 2020 FEP Goal\$176,561

School Supplies Needed

E.D. Nixon Elementary School students return to school on August 6th this year. Some will show up with little to no school supplies which makes learning difficult. The school says they can use anything, and there is a complete list on their website which is posted in the narthex. However, I like to focus on things like paper, #2 pencils and basic crayons. Teachers can use Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer. There is a collection box in the narthex, but if you prefer to make a cash donation instead, I'll make a bulk buy later this month. This is a great way to get rid of partially used notebooks. Also, if you have old USB drives, basic calculators, headphones, pencil boxes, book bags or pocket dictionaries that are in good condition, they can use them as well. Thanks for your support!
 -----**Kay Owens**

Worship Assistant Schedule

		July 14	July 21
Altar		Linda Jones	LuAnn Marz
Communion Assistant/Presenter	8:00 am	Rhonda Morton	Hildredge Sims
	10:45 am	Iola Williams	Diane Davis
Crucifer		Lily Strickland	Grayson Hataway
Greeters	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Chris Bergman
	10:45 am	Katrina Matzer	Charline Struve
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Duane Brookhardt
	10:45 am	Kay Owens	Melissa Hataway
Lector	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Pat Riggins
	10:45 am	David Hataway	
Ushers	8:00 am	Max Barwick	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Diane Davis	Katrina Matzer

Schedule for Week of July 14

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
 7/14 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist
 1:00 pm Korean Worship
 3:30 pm LOCOP
MON: 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls
 7/15
TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
 7/16 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls
WED: 9:00 am Quilters
 7/17
THURS: 6:30 pm Church Council
 7/18
FRI: 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls
 7/19

Schedule for Week of July 21

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
 7/21 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist
 1:00 pm Korean Worship
 3:30 pm WORC
MON: 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls
 7/22
TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
 7/23
WED: 9:00 am Quilters
 7/24
FRI: 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls
 7/26
SAT 9:00 am Yarnovers
 7/27

Worship Ministry Informational Sessions

Have you ever thought, "Hey, I can do that!" when considering the following areas of service?

Greeter **Crucifer** **Communion Assistant** **Usher** **Lector** **Lay Assistant** **Altar Guild** **Choir Member**
 If so, then **WE NEEDED YOOOU** and we are here to help! There are many ways that you can share your time and talents with others, and we want to show you how! We will have two informational sessions on Sunday, August 4 and Sunday, August 11 during the Sunday School hour, 9:15a-10:15a.

Please note that these sessions are open to all members--those who are serving, those who are thinking about serving, and those who just want to see how it all works. We promise we won't ask you to sign on the dotted line. For those who have served, please attend for refreshers and to reassure new volunteers that they can do it!

Please contact Tara Severance at 334-261-1735 (H), 334-201-3160 (C), tarelharmel@knology.net or the church office if you are interested.

Your Sister in Christ,
 Tara Severance