

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## August 4, 2019 – Pentecost 8

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

## 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.

**The flowers today are given by Jim Willoughby in celebration of Kathryn's birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### \* New Information

Ricky Craig & Family in the death of James Gutierrez on July 23.....  
 Pastor Bob Graetz .....Home, Recovering from Surgery on 7/17/19  
 Kathryn Willoughby ..... Recovering at home from back surgery on 6/25/19  
 Pastor Jill Henning.....aggressive breast cancer (friend of 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 ..... 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 7/28/19 8:00 am 19 10:45 am 40  
 Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 7/28/19.....\$2,691  
 Fiscal Year Contributions thru 7/28/19.....\$38,427  
 Fiscal Y-T-D Financial Expense Plan Goal .....\$148,401  
 \*Fiscal Year 2020 FEP Goal .....\$176,561

### ATTENTION ALL MESSIAH BUSHWHACKERS!!

We will have a Building and Grounds workday **this Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 8 a.m. The primary focus of this workday will be to trim up the bushes surrounding the church and the church's sign, and to get rid of weeds from those bush-bedding areas. If we have enough workers, it should not take long and there may even be enough time to power wash the front sidewalk.

While we do have some tools, if you have a favorite trimming tool, it will be welcome, also! We are looking to wrap this up before the heat of the day becomes too much. Thank you,

**John Glendening, Building and Grounds Council Coordinator**

### Worship Assistant Schedule

		August 4	August 11
<b>Altar</b>		LuAnn Marz	Linda Jones
<b>Communion Assistant/Presenter</b>	8:00 am	Steve & Liz Wright	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am	Melissa Hataway	Diane Davis
<b>Crucifer</b>			Jamie McCune
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00 am	Steve Wright	
	10:45 am	Katrina Matzer	
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Duane Brookhart	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Kay Owens	Judy McCune
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Chris Bergman	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am	Eliana Hataway	Judy McCune
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Iola Williams	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer

### Schedule for Week of August 4

**SUN:** 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
 8/4 9:15 am Sunday School;  
 Worship Servant Training  
 10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
 1:00 pm Korean Worship  
 3:30 pm WORC  
**MON:** 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls  
 8/5  
**TUE:** 9:00 am Quilters  
 8/6 11:30 am Loose Ladies at  
 Sinclair's (Vaughn Rd)  
**WED:** 9:00 am Quilters  
 8/7  
**FRI:** 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls  
 8/9  
**SAT** 8:00 am Workday at Church  
 8/10 9:00 am Art Club

### Schedule for Week of August 11

**SUN:** 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
 8/11 9:15 am Sunday School;  
 Worship Servant Training  
 10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
 1:00 pm Korean Worship  
 3:30 pm LOCOP  
**MON:** 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls  
 8/12  
**TUE:** 9:00 am Quilters  
 8/13  
**WED:** 9:00 am Quilters  
 8/14 7:00 pm Adult Choir  
**THURS:** 6:30 pm Church Council  
 8/15  
**FRI:** 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls  
 8/16  
**SAT** 9:00 am Yarnovers  
 8/17 1:00 pm Girl Scouts

### 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 one more informational session next Sunday, August 11 during the Sunday School hour, 9:15am-10:15am.

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](mailto:tarelharmel@knology.net) or the church office if you are interested.

**Your Sister in Christ,  
 Tara Severance**