
The Messiah Messenger

SUNDAYS

Sunday School – 9:15 AM
Worship – 8:00 & 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAYS

RSVP Meal – 5:30 PM
Worship – 6:15 PM

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Let's "Join Hands" and generations to improve our communities.

Be part of a national volunteer day!

JOIN HANDS DAY is a national volunteer effort that brings youth and adults *together* to improve communities and have fun while helping others. The Montgomery Jubilee Center is initiating a program of "Bike for Life" which encourages youth to live a healthy life, and biking is one way to do that.

Thrivent Financial and Central Alabama Chapter are purchasing two double stand bike racks to hold 32 bicycles. They will be put together and installed with YOU AND YOUR YOUTH and those who are willing to share their wisdom and expertise with youth demonstrating the joy of helping others.

Additionally, there is yard clean-up to do, so plenty of work for all. Please join with "Thrivent Financial for Lutherans" members of all ages as we make a difference on this special day:

Bicycle Rack Installation and Yard Clean-up, Saturday, May 3, 2008, 9:00 AM Jubilee Center, 436 South Goldthwaite, Montgomery, AL

Refreshments will be available and lunch will be hosted by the Chapter. Please let Jim know if you will be participating. For more information, contact the coordinator for this activity, James S. Willoughby, 334-270-9758; jwillby@knology.net. Hosted by members of the Central Alabama Chapter of "Thrivent Financial for Lutherans".

JOIN HANDS DAY is sponsored by America's 76 fraternal benefit societies, including Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the nation's largest fraternal benefit society. Thrivent Financial and its members, who belong to 1,357 chapters nationwide, are strong supporters of this day. Last year, Thrivent chapters conducted nearly 3,000 JOIN HANDS DAY activities, resulting in nearly 590,000 volunteer hours of service.

Join hands and see the power of membership grow!

Thrivent Fund-Raiser for Bike Helmets and Bike Locks

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Central Alabama Chapter have made available \$500 in supplemental funds to support the Jubilee Center's "Bike to the Future" program in the purchase of **bike helmets** and **locks** for the bikes given to the Center's After-School-Program participants last Christmas. The goal is to raise \$1,500 for the purchase of 40 helmets and locks.

Like the Mitten Tree at Christmas, Linda Fraass and the Messiah Youth Group have created a display on the back board in the Narthex where you can pick a helmet or lock cutout or both, or a ? mark and give what you like. The helmets and locks will be used with the **bicycle racks** that have been purchased with Join Hands Day funds and will be installed on May 3.

The fund-raiser runs until May 18, so please grab a helmet, lock or ?, and help instill in children an aspect of healthy living. Checks should be made out to Central Alabama Chapter 30430.

This fund-raiser is co-sponsored by the Messiah Community Outreach Ministry. Questions can be directed to Felton or Lillie Bivins (281-8602), Gudrun Hanson (567-9759) or Jim Willoughby (270-9758).

Do you have a professional background in marketing, advertising or public relations?

If so, Lunches for Learning needs you. We are currently in the process of creating a communications/marketing team that will be responsible for the ongoing marketing, public relations and communications of the Lunches for Learning mission via printed materials, brochures and our web-site. If you possess strong writing skills that can be applied in a charitable organization environment, L4L is especially interested in your talents. If you are interested in donating your time and skills to L4L, contact Kristi Holzimmer via email at kholzimmer@charter.net or 277-6276.

Don't Forget These Dates!

- ◆ **Sunday, May 11, 2008: "three in one"** – Pentecost, Mother's Day, and Confirmation at 10:45 worship (10:00 am presentation at reception for confirmands Amy Hargroves, Samuel Sutter, and Ryan Zienert in the fellowship hall between services).
- ◆ **Sunday, May 18, 2008, Annual Congregational Meeting:** Adopt new budget and elect new council members for next fiscal year (June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2009).
- ◆ **Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20, Vacation Bible School:** Workers are needed. Call Sarah Hataway, 271-3610.
- ◆ **Saturday, October 25, 2008, FALL BAZAAR:** Now is the time to begin making hand-made items and thinking about what new or like new items you would like to donate. Sponsored by women's group *Marys & Marthas*.

Review of Wednesday evening April 16, 2008 at Messiah Lutheran Church

I'm so sorry more folks couldn't attend the supper, then the service following. The service was absolutely inspiring. Pastor Randy had promised to have service outside and so we did. Our little group gathered outside the narthex for a most spiritual closeness to creation. With Kay Owens playing piano for us, the birds seemed to be enjoying our joyful noise and joined in our praises.

This was a very special service to me. A grateful thank-you to Pastor Randy, and assistants Kay, Gary and Jenna.
– Jane Stambaugh

Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon

Angels Among Us

Saturday, May 10, 2008, 11:00 am

Tickets are \$8 per adult (children 12 & under \$4).

Tickets can be purchased at Wednesday night worship and on Sunday, May 4th.

Remember, *all women may not be MOTHERS, but all women are DAUGHTERS!*

Questions or phone reservations, call Karen Brow at 272-3434.

Messiah Baby-Sitting Service

I regret to inform you: We need to curtail this service until we know that we have proper insurance coverage for caring for your children. Hopefully we will be able to begin again in the fall of this year.

– Jane Stambaugh, Chairperson for Congregational Care

Lutheran Night at the Braves

To All: This is a poll of Messiah Lutheran as to how many are interested in attending Lutheran Night at the Braves on July 30, 2008 at Turner Field when the Braves are playing the Cardinals. We need to be there by 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time to participate in the "Lutherans on Parade". I am willing to be a coordinator, but I need an initial head-count by April 30 to make a reservation for transportation, if we go as a group. Looking to start in Prattville, then go to Montgomery, Auburn, and on to Atlanta.

Schedule for Game Day, July 30, 2008

Schedule of Due Dates

Lutherans on Parade	6:05 pm	Ticket Reservations	May 31
On-Field Presentations	6:35 pm	First Pitch Nominations	June 16
The National Anthem	6:55 pm	National Anthem Nominations	June 16
First Pitch	7:05 pm	Ticket Payment	July 7
The Game	7:10 pm	Tickets Mailed	July 16
Announce First Pitch Winner	July 17		
		Announce National Anthem Winner	July 17

The Website is up and running at www.atlantalutherans.net and then click on www.lutheransnightatthebraves.org. Please visit the site to satisfy your curiosity for more information. Central Alabama Chapter has an opportunity to join with the Atlanta Chapters in this event. You do not have to be a Thrivent member or a Lutheran to come join us for this activity. Let me know. James S. Willoughby, 334-270-9758/334-300-2326; jwillby@knology.net.

Community is Invited to

An English Country Afternoon

Sunday, May 4th, 4:00-6:00 pm * Tickets \$10.00 (children 5 & under free)

in the gardens of Grace Episcopal Church in Mt. Meigs, 906 Pike Road, Pike Road, AL

Take a step back in time and join Grace as they celebrate High Tea, "Southern Style." Walk through the glorious Grace Gardens. Indulge in the delicious assortment of refreshments. Enjoy the music, a Maypole dance and a bagpipe player. Stay and celebrate Evensong from the 1892 Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal at 6:15 pm in the historic church, chartered May 1, 1893. (from Montgomery, take Vaughn Rd. to Pike Road; turn left (north) on Pike Rd; church approximately ½ mile on the left).