

Messiah Messenger

Caring for and serving others so all may share in God's love.



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Rides with “Gray Lady II” A Message from the Pastor

I feel the most comfortable when I am living within my routines. It is not to say I am not able to alter my day to meet something which happens out of the blue. It is just nice when I wake up in the morning and ask myself, “What day is it?”, to help my fading memory remember which day of the week it is. Upon that realization I am be able to say, “Today, this and that have to be done.”

“Gray Lady II” affirmed this thought by pointing out that we almost always take the route to where we are going and seldom vary the way home. She told me she knows when I am going to mail letters or take recycling to the Edith waste management center by me not directing her to turn left on Menaul. We keep going straight one light north to Candelaria, for the post office site there.

My evening walks after eating supper (watching the last episodes of the evening for MASH and/or the Big Bang Theory), are basically at the same time and designation. I walk some blocks in the neighborhood and then go sit on a bench on the high spot of the neighborhood park. I rest there for a while, watch the same people (most with their dogs) arrive and move about. I also get to visit with a couple from All Saint’s Lutheran Church when they come to walk their dog.

Apparently, I am not the only person with routines. In fact, it causes me concern when one of the regulars does not show up. It is the same in our immediate neighborhood. One of my neighbors across the street (a mother of quite advanced age and her son a decade younger than me) the other hot afternoon had not picked up their newspaper off their driveway. I was worried that something might be wrong because the son usually brings in the paper in

the morning. So, I went over to give them their paper and check on how they were. They were fine, my worry was unnecessary after all, and he thanked me for being concerned and giving him the paper. I laid it on their bench by the door (I did sanitize my hands before I picked up their paper) and I told him that the mail vehicle had already brought our mail.

The other day when “Gray Lady II” and I were driving over to Messiah, a gentleman with a fair size motorcycle went past us. I noticed that his brake lights were not fully functioning, like he had a short. Sometimes when he slowed down with the brake, the light came on, then it went out and then next time not on, then came on. He stopped next to “Gray Lady II” and I at a light and again it kept going off and on, not always the same one. So, I stuck my head out of the pickup and got his attention, told him what I noticed and he thanked me very much. He could have really gotten hurt if he got rear-ended.

Jesus told us that we should love the Father with all our hearts, soul and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. These days of COVID-19 has really affected our routines and that of our neighbors. Those in the know speak a lot of how this is affecting our neighbors. If other people are like me, it is hard to not to be social and with routines/activities to help my day move along. Yet, even if we are more separated from our neighbors via the sequestering and limited out of home activity, we still need to be paying attention in whatever way possible to be there for them.

We need to stay in touch with each other the best we can. Social media does help in many cases, but there are some among us (like me) that does not partake in such activity. We need to go out of our way to pay attention to those folks. We need each other and many of us are used to having a lot going on about us. Even a wave and/or a distance “How’s it going?” when a neighbor ventures out of their home, can be affirming and also lets them know we noticed their existence.

People need to know that we care. In a time like this which is filled with unknowns and directed seclusion, we can feel lost, maybe even abandoned. Keep a close eye and ear on how things are going for those about you, especially if you notice a drastic variation in their routine or mood. Pray for them in the name of our Risen Lord daily. Do your best to be their most concerned neighbor possible. Those you know be in contact with them by means of the telephone, mail or computer. Those you do not know as well, pause from what you are doing and give a wave.

May the Lord's peace be with you each and every day.
Pastor Doug

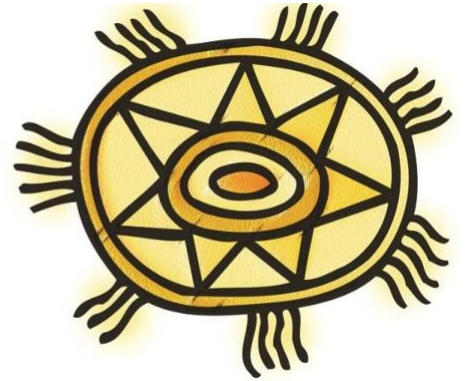
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August 2nd

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9th

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33



August 16th

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

August 23rd

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



August 30th

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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May 16, 2020

Archbishop John Wester

Roman Catholic Church Open for In-Person

People over age 60, those compromised immune systems, and anyone concerned about being infected with the COVID-19 virus should stay home.

Congregants must keep a distance of six feet from one another in all directions, and pews may be roped off. Members of the same family may sit together.

No handshaking or contact between people or families.

Anyone over the age of 3 must wear face covering except when they are speaking.

Cleaning staff are to disinfect commonly touched surfaces after each Mass, including pews, chairs, lecterns, door handles and rails. Restrooms are to be disinfected after each liturgy.

No open holy water should be present in churches.

Hymnals, missalettes and other prayer books should be removed.

There will be no congregational singing except by the cantor and one instrumentalist.

Collection baskets will not be passed and congregants are encouraged to use online giving. (We already do not pass the plate)

At MLC we believe that these guidelines will ensure the safety of our members and we will do our best to follow them. If you have any thoughts about this, please let us know.

Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service (Onsite and Zoom) Fellowship: TBA

Weekday Bible Study

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

MLC Women

September 12th - 9:30 a.m.

Sew & Share

Restart TBA

Crafty Class

Restart TBA

Rising Sun Christian Community

Restart TBA

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For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

August 2020 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

MLCW monthly meeting will be announced as soon as we know when the next meeting will be and as it stands now it will probably start up again on **September 12, 2020**, and will meet at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

A) KMS will be having their once a month Food Pantry through the summer. The Food Pantry is supplied by the Road Runner Portable Food Pantry. We have volunteered to support the Saturday, July 25, 2020, KMS Food Pantry.

B) Our participation entails a few things:

- 1) We donated \$300.00 to pay for the Road Runner Portable Food Pantry to be available on July 25, from 9:30 am-Noon, at the south end parking lot of KMS.
- 2) A big thank you to those who helped distribute the food on that Saturday.

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President: Cassandra Osterloh

Vice President: Dave Hartenberger

Secretary: Ron Kulju

Financial Secretary: Steve McHenry

At Large:

Debra Hoyt

Carlo Bachechi

Rosemary Butler

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RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Rising Sun Christian Community has not been worshipping at our building for the past few months due to the response for health concerns levied within the state. They have been worshipping like us in a digital format off-site. They plan to begin worshipping back at the Messiah building the beginning of September. We look forward to seeing them about our place and sharing in the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

PENTECOST SEASON WORSHIP - 2020

We have been doing our worship by ZOOM these past months with some in church worshipers. We pray that this has helped you stay in touch with the Word of the Lord and each other. We have also been emailing or mailing Exposition of the Weekly Worship and Lessons. As of May 17, we have been allowing a few members to worship on site, following all the appropriate health precautions. Approximately, three show up at Messiah on Sunday each week. We will continue to expand that policy and look forward to more people worshipping at Messiah and still do the ZOOM. (What happens going into the future only the Lord fully knows.) We want to thank Brian and Cassandra for their work making ZOOM possible, and Tony for providing the service music as it enhances and assists our worshipping.

THANK YOU TO DUPREE'S TREES, LLC (and CARLO BACHECHI)

Carlo and a friend of his cut down the dead trees to the southeast of the church. A second person took some of the wood which was left to take to a friend over by Tijeras. Then David Hartenberger made contact with Robert at Dupree's Trees, LLC. to have the left-over slash chipped and moved to the westside of our parking lot. We thank all of you for your help.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MESSIAH (projected)

- 1) Wednesday Morning Bible Study – We started meeting again on June 17, 2020, at 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to meet as long as we feel we are able to do so safely while following state guidelines.
- 2) Family Promise of Albuquerque – Sadly, we have been having to postpone, month after month, the presentation by Rich Neely and Karen Erickson. In my last conversation with Rich, we decided to set the date for July 26, 2020. They came to our service and I hope you had a chance to hear them and have questions answered. If you have questions, call the office and let us know. We will get the answers.
Family Promise is a "unique and non-traditional solution for homeless families." They work through faith agencies to provide safe shelter, meals, keeping the families together, plus much more.
- 3) Sew and Share – has not set a getting back to quilt making at the church, yet. They had made three quilts for our high school graduates to receive in June and they have been graciously received. Thank you "Sew and Share" group.
- 4) Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study – We were going to start up in the month of July, but that did not work out. We are projecting to start up again in mid-Fall.
- 6) Messiah Swap Meet – Originally, we had hoped we could have it on Saturday, August 1, 2020, but that is not a possibility at this point. So, there will not be the Swap Meet on August 1. If it does happen this year it will depend on what we can do later in the year due to health concerns with the virus and public gatherings, possibly October will be considered.





Dupree Tree's

If you are in need of premier tree service, contact Dupree's Trees. They did an excellent job chipping and moving our left-over tree's. They are located in Tijeras, NM and can be reached at 505-401-2092.



Messiah Lutheran Church

Women Officers

President: Rosemary Butler
Secretary: Irene Aldredge
Treasurer: Dotty Dahl

Mission Lead Ladies

Growth: Lorraine Davis
Action: Charlotte Moritomo
Community: Dotty Dahl
Historian: TBD

2020 Church Council

President: Cassandra Osterloh
Vice President: Dave Hartenberger
Treasurer: Lee Danielson
Financial Secretary: Steve McHenry
Secretary: Ron Kulju
Members at Large:
Debra Hoyt
Rosemary Butler
Carlo Bachechi
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Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (On Zoom)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)	3	4	5 9:30 am Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)	10	11 6:30 pm Church Council	12 9:30 am Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)	17	18	19 9:30 am Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)	24	25	26 9:30 am Bible Study	27	28	29
30 9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)	31					

Prayer Guide

Please keep in your prayers our family and friends who are in need of our prayers this month. Prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office.

- ✚ Elizabeth
- ✚ Carole & Bill Baker
- ✚ Barbara Bachechi
- ✚ Loring Emery
- ✚ Marian Kulju
- ✚ Helga Lindner
- ✚ Robert Maranville
- ✚ Baby Gus in Montana
- ✚ Charlotte Moritomo
- ✚ Joe Hauge
- ✚ Kennie Bishop
- ✚ Toby Carson
- ✚ Bill Buffo
- ✚ Joseph Patrick Lawler III
- ✚ Shawn & Athena Richmond
- ✚ Kathy Adams
- ✚ Rodney Justice
- ✚ Pat Baca & Family
- ✚ Irene Aldredge
- ✚ Kellen Tetrault

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Matt Braund
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)
Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)



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