



Messiah



Messenger

**FROM THE
PASTOR**

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Do Not Be Afraid!

Did you know that there are over 100 places in scripture where a variation of the phrase, "Do not be afraid" appears? Sometimes God or a holy messenger delivers the message. Sometimes it's a prophet. And Jesus invites people not to be afraid numerous times. And yet, fear seems to be a constant in our world, doesn't it? We're afraid of the stranger who looks at us funny from down the street. We're afraid that a driver won't heed their red light and injure us or others. It seems there are a lot of reasons to be afraid in this world.

Recently in a sermon, I mentioned that our popular news media does a very good job at sharing with us all the reasons that we have to be afraid. Most often it's one of the leading news stories. We're told about the latest violence, both locally and abroad. We're told that Da'esh (ISIS) is coming for us. And if Da'esh doesn't get to us, then surely the latest product recall or stock market tumble will ruin us first. It seems that violent crime is at an all time high, and we're given even more reason to fear in our current political environment. "What if Hillary/Donald becomes the next president? Our country will be ruined!" Interestingly enough, according to FBI data, national violent crime rates have gone down consistently since 1990, and I have a feeling that a lot of us were going on about how the nation was doomed when President Bush was reelected in 2004 and President Obama got reelected in 2012. We're still here, even if it hasn't always been smooth sailing along the way.

It seems to me that fear is a pretty powerful motivator. And as I've also said before, a little bit of fear keeps us alive. But fear is also a powerful distracter. It distracts us from the real issues in our world. It distracts us from building relationships with those who are different from us. And sometimes it can distract us from our relationship with God. Think about it. When we're afraid, are we living our lives in gratitude for what God has given us? Are we able to see the blessings that are right in front of our eyes when we are afraid? And when we are unable to see the amazing gifts God has given us, we are more likely to seek life in those things that do not give us life. We are more likely to hoard the things that we do have. Grace is not shared. And where grace is not shared, fear wins the day.

So I tell you all, do not be afraid! We have a God who provides for us regardless of the chaos in our world. We have a God who gives us salvation freely, so that we may live lives that are not bound to this realm, but are bound to the kingdom of God, in which we are all called to live into. Do not be afraid. God is with us. And in the end, we all belong to God. And if we belong to God, there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from God's love. May we live each day as if it were so.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Chris



**Messiah Lutheran Church Women
Will meet
On
Saturday, August 13 at 9:30 a.m.**

With a bible study and

**A guest speaker
Emily Meek will give a talk on her
Year in Bristol England**



**Fellowship at 9:30 AM
Bible Study 10:00 AM
Devotions and Hostess: Anna May Currier**

In His Service,
Darlene Foster- President
Secretary-Irene Aldredge
Treasurer- Dotty Dahl

Missions Growth- Lorraine Davis
Community-Dotty Dahl
Action-Charlotte Moritomo
Historian-
Prayer Chain-Irene Aldredge



Saturday, August 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Messiah Lutheran Church is sponsoring a **CLOTHES SWAP** in the parking lot at 11515 Lomas Blvd. NE.

This is a place where you can bring all those clothes that don't fit you, your kids, or anyone else and exchange them for ones that do.

How much does it cost?

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!!!

ONLY ONE RULE

ONLY BRING CLOTHES YOU WANT TO EXCHANGE THAT HAVE NO STAINS, NO HOLES, AND HAVE BEEN WASHED.



The children of McCullum and Tomasita Elementary Schools look forward each year to the generous gift of a backpack and supplies from Messiah Lutheran Church Members.

In their gratitude, we have received letters, pictures and hand prints with thank you messages.

This year, their "gratitude" will be posted on the bulletin boards. Look for it sometime in August.

Pastor Chris will drop off the backpacks on August 8th since school will begin on August 11th.

If you have supplies or cash, please bring it to church by August 7th. Supplies needed are: pencil box, glue sticks, 24 pack crayons, #2 pencils, pink erasers, pointed scissors, washable markers, dry erase markers, composition notebooks, copy paper, facial tissue, loose leaf paper, colored pencils, pocket folders. *Complete list available.*

August 2016 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH Fellowship Coffee and Snacks

Date	Praise Fellowship Set-up	Praise Service Snacks	Coffee and Snacks to the Fellowship Hall	Traditional Service Snacks	Library/ Fellowship Clean-up
August 07	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Gordon	Lee and Chuck Danielson	Charlotte Moritomo	
August 14	Irene and Gene Aldredge			Lorraine Davis	
August 21	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Edna and Andy Jones	Lee and Chuck Danielson	Ellen Dobson	
August 28	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Susan Utegg		Hazel Mella	



August 2016 Flowers

August 07	Dave and Carol Hartenberger
August 14	
August 21	
August 28	



Assistants



2016

DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
August 07	Ellen Dobson	Eloise Kesatie	Hauge Family	Ellen Dobson
August 14	Gene Aldredge	Jean Paananen	Jean and Orman Paananen	Gene Aldredge
August 21	Ron Kulju	Pat Raquet	Pat and Jim Raquet	Ron Kulju
August 28	Orman Paananen	Charlotte Moritomo	Lorraine Davis and Charlotte Moritomo	Orman Paananen




Contemporary Worship Readers for August 2016

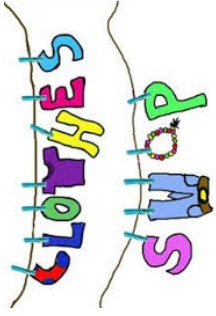
August 07 *Cassandra Osterloh*
August 14 *Marianne Walck*
August 21 *Andy Jones*
August 28 *Susan Uttegg*



Altar Guild



Irene Aldredge



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share 12:00 a.m. Pastors' text study	3 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class	4 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	5	6 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day 9:30 a.m. Community Clothes Swap
7 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	8	9 12:00 a.m. Pastors' text study 6:30 p.m. Church Council	10	11 First day Albuquerque Public Schools 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	12	13 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study with special guest speaker
14 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	15	16 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share 12:00 a.m. Pastors' text study	17 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 6:00-7:00 p.m. Lutheran Community "Theology on Tap"	18 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	19	20
21 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care Committee 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	22	23 12:00 a.m. Pastors' text study	24	25 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	26	27 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club
28 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	29	30 12:00 a.m. Pastors' text study	31 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class			



August 02	Skip Dobson
August 04	Darlene Foster
August 15	Chuck Danielson
August 15	Ron Kulju
August 16	Lee Danielson
August 19	Gene Aldredge
August 22	Zoe Jones



August 01	Sara Bender Hooks
August 01	Kris Devine
August 07	Ryan Killingsworth
August 14	Kristi Adams
August 21	Andrea Faeth



August 05	Cassandra and Brian Osterloh
August 20	Rebecca and Robert Koeltzow
August 22	Al and Dorothy Burmeister (Dorothy passed away in July)
August 24	Mary and Loring Emory



Condolences to Al Burmeister and family to the death of Dorothy Burmeister.



Baca Family; Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Andrew Curtice (Grandson of Stan and Bev); Elizabeth Devine; Laura Eller; Darlene Foster; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Orman Paananen; Myrtle Pederson.



Max Currie



Daniel Vickers — serving in the Navy (grandson of Eloise Kesatie)
Micah Kesatie —Army Reserves (grandson of Eloise Kesatie)
Sam Hauge —serving in Misawa AFB Japan
Allen J. Tetreault —serving in the USAF Kirtland AFB Military
Matt Braun —serving at Kirkland AFB Military
Kevin Dombey —Air Force Special Forces
James Bowdoin -Army Reserves serving in Kuwait (nephew of Ellen Dobson)



COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for July are available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy

Messiah Lutheran Church members are invited to review the church council's meeting information. The binder is located in the church office. All council meetings are open to members.

Average Attendance

MAY 2016

Contemporary Worship Average—15
Traditional Worship Average—24
Mountainside Jug Band—46

June 2016

Contemporary Worship Average—23
Traditional Worship Average—26
Wedding—35

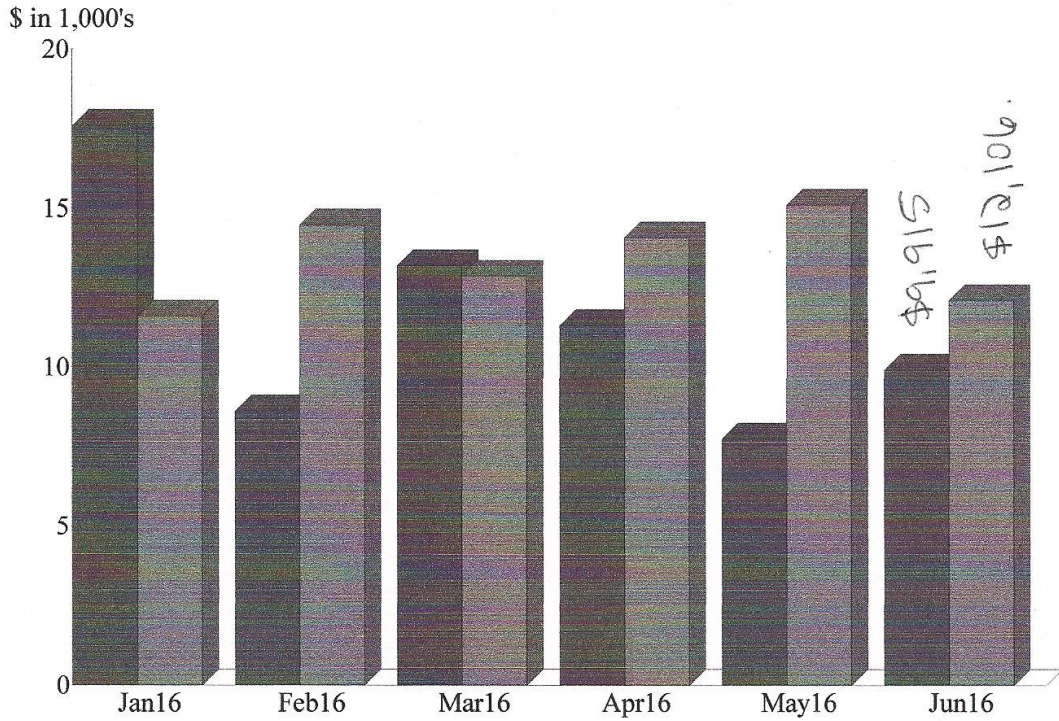
LOOSE CHANGE FOR WORLD HUNGER



The **FIRST** Sunday of **EVERY** month , bring your loose change and place in the offering plate. This is collected and sent in for **World Hunger!**

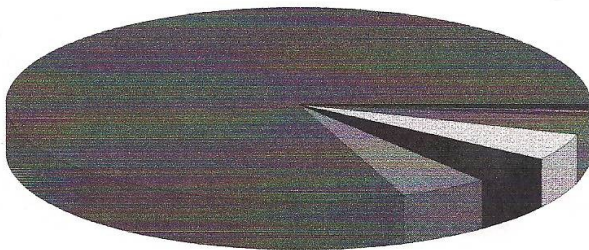
Income and Expense by Month
January through June 2016

Income
Expense



Expense Summary
January through June 2016

PAYROLL EXPENSES	80.96%
MISSIONS	5.08
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	4.92
OFFICE EXPENSES	4.52
Insurance Expense	3.05
Conferences	0.73
Travel	0.47
FSA	0.26
OFFICE AND OPERATIONS	0.01
Total	\$80,231.88



Total income Jan - June	\$68,406
" expense " "	\$80,232
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By Account	loss
	<u>\$11,825</u>

IN THE COMING MONTHS



RALLY DAY

A special Rally Day coming to Messiah Lutheran Church in September.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11th and look for the special announcement in the bulletins and on the bulletin boards!!!



Mark those 2018 calendars for late June.....

***Youth to get ready for Houston Texas ELCA Youth Gathering.
There will be many sights and sounds on the Gulf Coast.....***

Church Website! is www.messiahbq.org. You may also listen to Pastor Chris Heller's sermons on the website
You may also reach us on Facebook.

The website has up to date information about our church, our synod, and current activities.

Sunday Bible Readings for August 2016

August 7

**Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40**

Note: Daily bible readings may be found in "Christ in Our Home" Devotional.

August 14

**Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56**

August 21

**Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17**

August 28

**Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14**



**Learn
&
Grow**



Every Sunday Worship Schedule:

**8:30 a.m. Contemporary
Worship with
communion**

**10:30 a.m. Traditional
Worship with
communion**

Education for All Ages

**Children's Sunday School
9:30 a.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall:
Education Hour
9:30 a.m.**



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Bible Studies

Messiah Lutheran Church Women
Bible Study and gathering on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.



Lutheran Community "Theology on tap"
meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00

p.m. at Kelly's Brew Club 3222 Central SE.



If you have a prayer need, please call the church at 505-299-3311 to be added to the Messiah Lutheran Church's Prayer Chain as we pray in the name of Jesus.



Community Clothing Swap on Saturday, August 6th, 9:30 a.m. in the church parking lot.

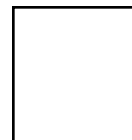
No money to be exchanged. Please come and invite your neighbors



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Our Mission: *Caring For and Serving Others So All May Share in God's Love.*

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