



Messiah



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FROM THE PASTOR



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Rides with "Old Shifter"

You are probably what I mean by rides with "Old Shifter." Well, a pastor puts on a lot of miles carrying out his/her pastoral responsibilities. My partner in my pastoral travels is my wheels, a 2003 Ford King Cab Pick-up truck. It is a pretty nice mode of transportation. Yet it is not designed for all the stop lights and stop signs in Albuquerque. She has a manual shifter, five-speed on the floor.

"Old Shifter" is especially not appreciated by those behind me a complete stops because with her low gear ratio, she does not get up to traffic sign speed as those behind me would like. Yes, I have had a few impatient horn honking and people speeding past me as soon as they are able. It is amazing as we cruise through town how much people are in a hurry to get nowhere.

She and I see people traveling way faster than the posted speed signs, weaving and dodging. Apparently, the Albuquerque traffic signs are not to be respected. I was told early in my days here that I should not be the first one into the intersection when my traffic light shows green. People blow through red lights with regularity and for the fun of it will turn in front of my vehicle from the lane next to me. I guess traffic lanes and lights are just suggestions not designed for traffic safe flow.

I have commented to "Old Shifter" more than once on how it seems that people are in such a hurry. They drive fast. They want the clock to move fast. They want the days on the calendar to pass fast.

Maybe because I have had so many days pass by in my life and I cannot live them again, I want things in my life to slow down. The last days of my life and "Old Shifter's" are much fewer than they were before I acquired a more advanced age. My kids are at the age that Mary and I were having them.

So as "Old Shifter" and I were driving easterly on Menaul the other day I took the time to really look at the centuries old Sandias (while paying close attention to traffic and lights). A mountain range which has many weathered many a storm and hot, hot days. Peaks that have watched along with the Manzanos the various challenges to their foothills. Airplanes fly over, automobiles drive under and around, people hike and ski, these ranges, and another day is on the way to be one of the past. I wonder where am I in the midst of all that transpires around me.

Jesus was asked, "When will the kingdom be ushered in?" He responded "Only the Father knows." It is through my relationship with Christ I feel a sense of ease in the midst of not knowing what lies ahead. I trust in the Lord when "Old Shifter" and I travel about this community. I cherish my days, my wife and family, and my ministry with you, because I know that the Lord has promised to be with me always, to the end of the age. Worry and hurry do nothing to enhance the daily journey, only peace which comes from the Lord's grace.

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

God Bless!

Pastor Doug



August 2017 MLCW meeting on Saturday, August 19, at 9:30 a. m. for a bible study and fellowship.

*Our topic will be: Gather Magazine
Facilitator : TBD*

*Leader:
Hostess:*

Messiah Lutheran Church Women Officers

*President: Hazel Mella
Secretary: Irene Aldredge
Treasurer: Dotty Dahl*

Mission Lead Ladies

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





Backpacks for student as a local elementary have been gathered. There is a contribution of \$600.00 plus to fill the backpacks.

Please check with church council members for the chosen school.

The first day of school is Thursday, August 11.

Community Clothes Swap, slated for August 12, has been cancelled this year. We look forward to beginning again in 2018.



The new art gallery / library is well on its way.

We are still sprucing up the space and getting things organized, but please take a few moments to enjoy the space, check out some of the books, and definitely admire the congregational art pieces. Thank you to those who have provided art pieces for our art gallery / library space. Please continue to bring in pieces to share. You may drop off your pieces with Shirley. When you do, please leave a note as to whom created the piece so that we may give the proper credit in our displays.



August 2017 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fellowship Coffee and Snacks Please Sign up

	Fellowship Set-up	Fellowship Snacks	Library/Fellowship Clean-up
August 06	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Tom and Kristi Adams	
August 13	Irene and Gene Aldredge		
August 20	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Debra Hoyt	
August 27	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Dotty Dahl	

Romans 3:25

"whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;"

From Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress 2017



**August
flower of
the month
is the
Gladiola**

August 2017 Flowers

August 06 Sara Bender and Buddy Hooks
August 13
August 20 Myrtle Pedersen
August 27

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

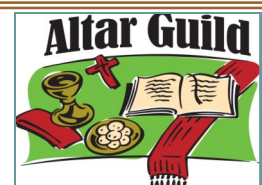
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DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
August 06	Ellen Dobson	Rosemary Butler	Rosemary Butler	Ellen Dobson
August 13	KD Pass	Kristi and Tom Adams	Kristi and Tom Adams	Brett Adams
August 20		Carol and Dave Hartenberger	Carol and Dave Hartenberger	
August 27				

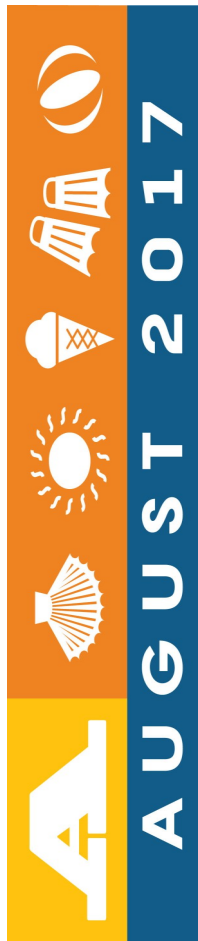


Readers for August 2017

August 06 *Cassandra Osterloh*
August 13 *Debra Hoyt*
August 20 *Carol/Dave Hartenberger*
August 27 *Cassandra Osterloh*



Irene Aldredge



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share Cancelled 6:00-8:00 p.m. RSCC BOD Meeting	2 6:30-8:00 p.m. RSCC Jesus Calling Group	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	4	5 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day
6 9:30 a.m. Messiah Worship Service 11:00 a.m. setup 11:30 a.m. Rising Sun Worship	7	8 6:30 p.m. Church Council	9 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lutheran Community "Theology on Tap"	10	11	12 8:00-12:00 p.m. Messiah's Clothes Swap CANCELLED
13 9:30 a.m. Messiah Worship Service 11:00 a.m. setup 11:30 a.m. Rising Sun Worship 12:30 p.m. RSCC Potluck	14	15 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	16	17	18	19 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study
20 9:30 a.m. Messiah Worship Service 11:00 a.m. setup 11:30 a.m. Rising Sun Worship	21	22	23 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class	24	25 Sept Newsletter to print	26 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club
27 9:30 a.m. Messiah Worship Service 11:00 a.m. setup 11:30 a.m. Rising Sun Worship	28	29	30	31		



August 02	Skip Dobson
August 15	Chuck Danielson
August 15	Ron Kulju
August 16	Lee Danielson
August 19	Gene Aldredge
August 22	Zoe Jone



August 01-Sara Bender Hooks
August 01-Kristen 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 24-Mary and Loring Emery



Dean Atencio (friend of Pat Baca Family;); Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Laura Eller; Mary Emery; Betty Hauge; JoAnn Hauge' Mother-in-law: Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Charlotte Moritomo; Jean and Orman Paananen; Laura Ross McHenry; Virginia Schrum; Brian Selby (Betty Hauge's son-in-law)



Max Corrie



Daniel Vickers — serving in the Navy (grandson of Eloise Kesatie)
Micah Kesatie —Army Reserves (grandson of Eloise Kesatie)
Allen J. Tetreault —serving in the USAF Kirtland AFB Military
Matt Braun —serving at Kirkland AFB Military
Kevin Dombey —Air Force Special Forces



COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for July are available in the front office.

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.



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!**



Average Attendance

JUNE 2017

Worship Average-32
Dawn Early Memorial-62

JULY 2017

Worship Average-28

FINANCIAL INFORMATION JANUARY TO JUNE 2017

TOTAL INCOME
\$62,676.69

TOTAL EXPENSE
\$59,674.63

NET INCOME
\$3,144.03

Upcoming events at Messiah Lutheran Church

September 2017

Labor Day, Monday, September 04.

Rally Day, Sunday, September 10.

October 2017

Mental Health Sunday, October 01.

Blessings of the Animals, Sunday, October 01

Thankoffering Sunday, October 15

Memorial Book passed, Sunday, October 22

Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 27

Reformation Sunday, October 29.



Church Website! is www.messiahbq.org.

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 2017

August 6

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

August 20

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

August 13

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

August 27

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

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



Sunday Worship Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship with communion

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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 second Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00

p.m. Place to be announced.



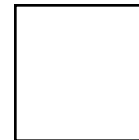
If you have a prayer need, please call the church at 505-299-3311 to be added to the Messiah Lutheran Church's Prayer Chain as we pray in the name of Jesus.



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

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