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others so all may share
in God's love.*

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JUNE 2019

Rides with "Gray Lady II" A Message from the Pastor

It has been an interesting month for "Gray Lady II" and I. The beginning of the month we found our way to the Embassy Suites for the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly. It was the first assembly of the RMS which I have attended since moving down to New Mexico in 2011. Most of the clergy from the synod I do not know. A very different feeling from my past years when I served parishes up in the upper Midwest. In some ways I felt like an outsider, but in Christ and His work within the congregations of His Church, I felt quite at home.

The end of the month was a busy time for the two of us. We had to get prepared for the first "sleep over" of my grand-daughter Emerson. "Gray Lady II" drove me to a variety of stores and garage sales to get supplies we needed and clothes which others did not need any longer. One little girl, probably mid-elementary school age, was a great salesperson for some new born size clothes. She told me they were hers of which she grew out of and how my little grand-daughter would love them. She counted up the cost, took my money and put them in a bag for me with a smile.

The big event came on Sunday, May 26, in the middle of the afternoon. Jordan and Leah brought her to our house, with a bag of supplies to supplement what we already had put together. They were going to go to the Isotopes game (first of two bad eighth and ninth inning games). Emerson's parents would then pick her up sometime Memorial Day afternoon. I have to make sure that I give kudos to my wife Mary for making the whole event wonderful and smooth.

Yet, with all the stuff "Gray Lady II" and I had been gathering for Emerson's stay with us, Monday morning we had to make a trip to Walmart to purchase a two piece bottle washer. It was my bad because Mary told me to pick it up on the way home from church on Sunday. I forgot to tell "Gray Lady II" to remind me.

I will have to admit I was out of practice holding such a little bundle. She seems so fragile and she is putting her well being in my care. It gives me even greater anxiety, after the "sleep over", that in two weeks she will be in, "Gray Lady II", and my care, without the assistance on Mondays of Mary. I know I shouldn't fret, our kids survived my parenting, but just the same, worry does enter my thoughts. Emerson puts all her trust in my ability to help her with her needs and protect her from whatever comes our way.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays ~ 9:30 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

2nd Tuesday ~ 6:30 p.m.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

CHURCH WOMEN

2nd Saturday ~ 9:30 a.m.

SEW & SHARE

1st & 3rd Tuesdays ~ 9:30 a.m.

CRAFT CLASS

Every other Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MESSIAH BOOK CLUB

4th Saturday ~ 10:00 a.m.

RIISING SUN CHRISTIAN

COMMUNITY

Weekly Service

Sundays ~ 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Doug Mathison

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Carlo Bachechi

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A Message from the Pastor (Continued from page 1)

These thoughts touch my thoughts as I consider my work as a worker of the Lord in the ministry of the parish. You folks are dear to me and my efforts in the name of Christ are for your benefit, and I worry that at times I am not able to do enough to accomplish the good which the Lord wants for you. As I live in my moments of such anxiety I try to remember that I am not alone in my concerns, the Lord has promised not to leave me or us "orphaned" (John 14:18). And that as I work hard to do my best I also hear the words from the Lord, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27). He offers such soothing words in advance of our thoughts of problems, "My peace I give to you."

May you live in the grace of the peace given to you by our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit. I know things will go wonderfully with my special time with Emerson and that the best possibilities for the good of God's parish here in Albuquerque will be so, with prayer and support of the Lord and His people. The world gives us moments of up and down, but if we walk in the way of the Lord, the paths will be made straight and true.

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

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

Pastor Doug

Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend!

If you have any concerns or questions, please talk with any council member.

Women's Bible Study is Saturday, June 8, at 9:30am.

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

Happy Birthday!

6/5 Tristen Hauge

6/7 Zeena Kappenman

6/28 Marian Kulju



Men's Bible Club

June 11 and June 25th at 8:00am.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study!

9:30 am

Learn the weekly

Scriptures

All are welcome!

**FATHER'S DAY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
JUNE 16, 8:00 AM
ALL ARE INVITED!**

"Be Transformed" 2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Overview

The Synod Assembly was held on May 3-5 in Albuquerque. Pastor Doug, Steve McHenry and Rosemary attended as voting members for Messiah Lutheran Church. The theme of the Assembly was "Be Transformed". This is taken from Romans 12:2..

During the Assembly, Synod business was conducted. A budget was passed, a new secretary was elected, and operating resolutions and a memorial was passed. A resolution was passed allowing campus ministries to send voting representatives to the Assembly's. In addition, it was voted to allow the operation of "Satellite" video centers, to make it possible for many to attend, without traveling the distances. It is planned that one of the centers will be in Albuquerque. This is a trial, and if successful, more centers will be added in the future years.

A memorial will be sent to the upcoming Church wide Assembly to be held August 5-10, 2019 in Milwaukee, entitled "Protecting the Human Rights of Palestinian Children living under Israeli Military Occupation".

Each of the attendees from Messiah have contributed a few extra thoughts about their experience.

Pastor Doug:

The Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly was held the beginning of May, here in town, and was full of inspiring presentations and displays. It was re-affirming seeing and sharing how earnestly we Christians are in bringing the effect of Jesus' love and grace to our world.

The Keynote Speaker, Father Richard Rohr, led a very informative presentation for spiritual growth for the Church and individual believers, over three sessions. I found the breakout group gathering concerning "part-time' ministry parishes a well directed meeting. It was good to hear how the RMS is working to define and design the fulfilling and supporting of said parishes.

Personally, it was a treat to visit with some of my colleagues and lay people around the RMS which I do not get to converse with throughout the year. Their enthusiasm for the work of their respective parishes and communities was very encouraging.

A question for you to ponder came from one of the Rohr presentations: *"What is the amount which is half of infinity?"*

Steve:

For me, the opening worship was very insightful and meaningful. Members of other faiths were introduced and asked to share some of their significant views. As a body they were welcomed into our fold to share Christ together. The keynote speaker, to me was a very good choice. Richard Rohr. I have had the pleasure of hearing him speak on another occasion and during the course of the assembly we had the joy to hear him speak three times. As a Franciscan Priest he is very insightful about all religions and how they interrelate to the world today. He did not speak as a Catholic preaching to the wayward son, but rather as what we as Christians in today's world need to do together to bring about a transformation of religion. A very enlightening presentation.

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WORSHIP NOTES - JUNE

June 2

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelations 22:12-14, 14-17,20-21
John 17:20-26

June 16

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1-5
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 30

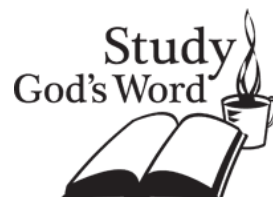
1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

June 9

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 23

Isaiah 65: 1-9
Psalm 22: 19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ JUNE

| | JUNE 2 | JUNE 9 | JUNE 16 | JUNE 23 | JUNE 30 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|
| ASSISTING MINISTER | Lee D. | Cassandra O. | | Ellen D. | |
| LECTOR | Lee D. | Cassandra O. | Debra H. | Ellen D. | |
| USHERS | Lee & Chuck | | | | |
| GREETERS | Lee & Chuck | | | | |
| COUNTERS | 1. Lee 2. Chuck D | 1. Chad R. 2. | 1. 2. | 1. Rosemary B. 2. | |
| OPERATE POWERPOINT | Chuck D. | | KD P. | Rosemary B. | |
| FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS | Danielsons | Tracy G. | Debra H. | | |
| FELLOWSHIP SETUP | Aldredge | Aldredge | Aldredge | Aldredge | |
| TRASH PICK-UP | | | Amy H. | Amy H. | Amy H. |

Altar Guild: Kristi Adams, Irene Aldredge, Mary Emery, Hazel Mella

Flowers for the month of May provided by: June 2: Hauge; June 9: Dobson; June 16: Aldredge; June 23: Adams

For the Love of our Neighborhood Outreach News

MESSIAH SPECIAL GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

***Loose Change for Hunger:** The First Sunday of each month, we will collect your loose change to send to World Hunger.

***Fifth Sunday:** Donations of food items are collected to fill backpacks for students (and others in need).

***Storehouse barrels:** Donations of food, clothing and quilts (Sew and Share) are collected throughout the year for the Storehouse. Place your donations in the barrels in the Narthex.

***Peanut Butter collection:** Messiah buys approximately 8-10 jars of Peanut Butter twice a month for the Storehouse.

***Clothing Swap and Give-Away:** Gently used clothing is collected starting at the beginning of summer for distribution to the local community, generally on a Saturday in early August.

"Be Transformed" 2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Overview

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Steve (continued)

Pastor, Rosemary and I were able to attend a discussion on "Part time Pastors." There are several churches in the synod that are trying this and it was good to get the viewpoint of both the Pastors and council members. I was able to get a booklet about this, that it explains everything in depth. Some food for thought for us, here at Messiah.

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Rosemary:

Part time ministry is becoming quite common within the Synod, as many churches experience what we are experiencing. Discussions about how each church has been developing this ministry change were very enlightening and promising. Like us, most of these churches require strong support for the congregation to "pick up the slack" when things normally done by a full time Pastor still needs to be done. The successful churches have strong Congregational support. Everyone is "in it to win it".

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship | 3 OFFICE CLOSED | 4 9:30am: Sew & Share 12:30pm: Host Text Study Office Hours: 9-1pm | 5 9:30am: Bible Study Office Hours: 9-1pm | 6 Office Hours: 10-12pm | 7 Office Hours: 9:00-12pm | 8 9:30am: MLCW Bible Study and Meeting |
| 9 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship | 10 OFFICE CLOSED | 11 8:00am: Men's Bible Study 12:30pm Host Text Sty 6:30pm: Council Mtg. Office Hours: 9-1pm | 12 9:30am: Bible Study 6:00pm: Craft Club Office Hours: 9-1pm | 13 Office Hours: 10-12pm | 14 Office Hours: 9:00-12pm | 15 |
| 16 8:00am Father's Day Pancake Bkfst 9:30am Worship 11:30am RSCC Worship | 17 OFFICE CLOSED | 18 9:30am Sew and Share 12:30pm: Host Text Study Office Hours: 9-1pm | 19 9:30am: Bible Study Office Hours: 9-1pm | 20 Office Hours: 10-12pm | 21 Office Hours: 9:00-12pm | 22 |
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June 2019 ~

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

A) MLCW meeting, Saturday, June 8, 2019, beginning at 9:30 am

B) Messiah Book Club will be taking a break for the next few months. There will be no book club in May. Updates will follow in the forthcoming Newsletters.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

All are invited to celebrate Father's Day with us. On June 16th, at 8:00am, we will honor our fathers with a pancake breakfast in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend.

TRASH AND NEEDLE CLEAN-UP

We appreciate all our volunteers whom take time to keep our church property nice looking and inviting. We also want you to be safe. We have purchased three tongs for picking up trash and needles so please do not pick up with your hands. The tongs and Sharps Container are located in the upper cupboards across from the bathroom in the old kitchen just outside the reading room. When picking up discarded hypodermic needle, put the needle in the Sharps Container. It opens by matching up the white arrows. The procedure is to place Sharps Container on the ground (do not hold it), then pick up needle with designated tongs, stand a little away from container and drop into container. When you can see the needle(s) are securely laying on the bottom, close tightly the container and then put back in cupboard. Thank you.

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Day Camp

RTLDC planning is underway. It will be held on June 24-28 from 9am -2pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9200 Menaul Blvd. NE. It will include St. Luke, St. Paul and Messiah Lutheran Church. To register your kids and grand kids, the fee is \$25.00 per child, or a discount rate of \$40.00 for 2 or more campers from the same family. Pre-school aged children (4-5 year olds) are \$10.00. and will have a special program specifically designed for them. Registration forms are available in the church office. Children must be registered no later than Tuesday, June 18th.

To make this program a success, volunteers are needed. A list of how you can help is posted in the Narthex. You may also see Rosemary B or Dave H. for more details.

Women of the ELCA Gathering:

Event will be held on September 20 through 22nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque. It will be entitled "*Unsolved Mysteries*", based on Ephesians 4: 4-6. The Presenter will be Carolyn Good. The cost will be \$60.00., which covers program costs, meals, presenter fees and childcare. More information and registration form is available in the Narthex.

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, Messiah, St. Luke, and St. Paul Lutheran Churches present

2019 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

June 24 – 28, 2019

at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Menaul Blvd. NE

Phone: 299-2621

Email: stluke@thuntek.net

I AM, We Are.

(Jesus said) "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME even though they die, **will live.**"
- John 11:25

Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday:

Pre-schoolers— 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day

Completed K-6th graders— 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. *(Bring your own lunch, except on Friday).*

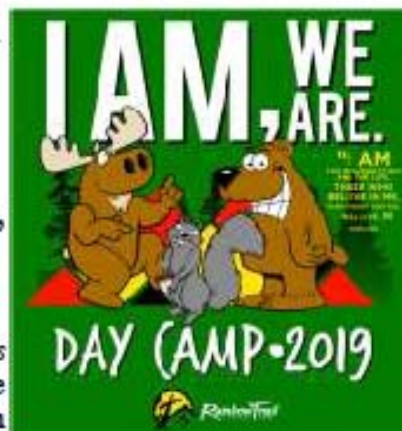
Friday:

Camp starts at 9:00 a.m. for all campers.

At 11:45 a.m. we will have a Celebration Program for ALL campers, parents, parishioners, and friends, followed by a pizza party.

Arrival and Sign In:

Please arrive at St. Luke at 8:50 a.m. each day *(no earlier please as counselors and volunteers will not be available to supervise)*. Sign your child(ren) in at the SIGN-IN table. Please do not leave your child alone until they have been signed in and we have staff available to be responsible for their care.



Departure and Sign Out:

Please pick up your child(ren) **PROMPTLY** and sign them out at 2:00 p.m. (noon for Preschoolers) Monday through Thursday. Come and enjoy the Friday program at 11:45pm. Please make sure you take all their belongings (crafts, etc.) before you leave on Friday.

Happy Camper (and Parent) Tips:

Wear cool, comfortable clothes and shoes to run and play in, (please - no sandals or slip-on shoes), and **SUNSCREEN**. If anything special is needed for the next day, we will let you know at sign out.

Everyday:

Campers, led by our Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp young adult counselors, will participate in opening Sundance (the theme for the day is experienced through God's Word, songs, dramas, and many fun ways), Spirit-filled Bible Study, creative arts and crafts, inspirational worship & music. Healthy snacks, fun games, a service project, and a field trip are also included.

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.

Bill Baker
Barbara & Carlo Bachechi
Al Burmeister
Danielle Currier
Mary Emery
Rodney Justice (Rosemary Butler's brother)
Marian & Ron Kulju
Joseph Patrick Lawler, III
Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer

Helga Lindner
Robert Maranville
Arlene Mickelson
Charlotte Moritomo
SERVING IN THE MILITARY
Mat t Braund
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)
Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

Pray **WITHOUT
CEASING**



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