

MESSIAH MESSENGER

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RIDES WITH "OLD SHIFTER"

It was fun the past few weeks to have to actually use "Old Shifter's" windshield wipers. One of the things I found out from the experience was that she will need new wipers. The days of sun upon sun have done a number on them. I guess the rubber just dies when sitting idly on the windshield in the constant heat. They sure were not worn out from excessive use.

Now, on the topic of excessive use, that would be "Old Shifter's" clutch. I had been noticing the past few weeks coming across town that it felt differently. Well, Sunday morning when we were getting ready to come to church, I could not get her into gear while the engine was running. So she is now sitting in front of my house. I am not sure exactly what is wrong, but I am sure glad there are people who understand the very basics of a vehicle and prayerfully she can be repaired.

When I was a child, and began growing in age to the point of driving a vehicle, my dad started to explain to me the basics about an automobile. I did try to pay attention, but I will have to admit, my attention was more on how to drive a car than on how it ran. My dad tried very hard to get me to understand the basics. He had a fairly attentive pupil and to this day I do know how to check the oil dipstick to see if there is oil in the engine. I also can check the air pressure in "Old Shifter's" tires and probably change one of her tires if it goes flat. I pay good care to watch the gauges and keep her gasoline tank full.

Yet, I will admit I know the names of many of the parts of a combustion engine, but I could not take one apart and put it together, without help of someone more experienced. I do realize the importance of proper tools and equipment, depending on the repair job. Even saying this, it has been years since that remedial training from my dad and now vehicles are much more complicated today. The basics hold the same principle points, but the uneducated and not recently training person, like me, is at the mercy of the professional who has more hands on training and most up to date training and equipment.

So basically I will have to hand over "Old Shifter" to someone more qualified than myself to get her up and going again. Not enough can be said in any aspect of life when it comes to being well versed in the basics, the fundamentals. Our faith life is no different. This realization should be a motivating factor in our desire to direct our attention to the basics of our Lord's teaching and practice.

There are so many aspects of our Christian living and church life that are basic and fundamental. The most important is a regular and attentive delving into the Word of God, our Bible. Some are able to go back to the original languages and like a good mechanic bring to life the various nuances missed by less gifted. Scholars work hard at searching for the best wording to help us in our studying of our relationship with Christ and our salvation.

We can get by with a rudimentary understanding of what we think the Bible is telling us, but to truly be informed we have to take the time to dig deeply into the Scriptures and listen to what is the basis for our faith life. We need to gather together, prayerfully discussing with others, what is the Lord trying to tell us from His Holy word. We need to gather together and listen to the hymns based on the words of Scripture and how the composer and musician have tried to bring to life the essence of God's concern and care for His people and world. The more active we are in diligently worshipping, praying, studying of the Bible, the more the Holy Spirit can encourage and direct us.

This challenge I try to take seriously. I know I do not know everything about a lot of things. It excites me each time I am reading God's Word and a word or section causes me to have a new or interesting insight. This can only happen by working my way into the basics, reading and studying what others have considered in their reading. May this be the blessed challenge for you as you work daily to know the Lord's Word and work. May you become more confident in your relationship with Christ and move out into the world as one of His faithful servants doing the same for others.

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

SUNDAY SERVICE

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
office@messiahbq.org

Director of Music
Tony Carson
tony@messiahbq.org

Building & Grounds
Carlo Bachechi

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Lenten Services

Wednesdays, February 21 - March 21

11:30 a.m.: **Lenten Service**

12:15 p.m.: Soup Lunch

6:00 p.m.: Soup Supper

7:00 p.m.: **Lenten Service**

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25

Service at 9:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29

Service at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, March 30

Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.

Easter Service at 9:30 a.m.

Potluck Brunch following 9:30 service.

Soup & Bread Meals

March 7	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Soup	needed	needed
Bread	needed	needed
March 14	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Soup	Rosemary Butler	Danielson
Bread	needed	Danielson
March 21	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Soup	needed	C. Osterloh
Bread	needed	C. Osterloh



SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILIES

Sign up for Easter Lilies on the bulletin board in the hallway. The cost is \$15. Questions? See Irene Aldredge.

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

Women of the
ELCA

WORSHIP TEXTS - MARCH

March 4 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21



March 18 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 25 ~ Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47



SPRING CHOIR SCHEDULE

March 4:	Rehearsal after service
March 11:	Rehearsal after service
March 18:	Rehearsal after service
March 25:	8:50 a.m. Warm-Up "How Deep the Father's Love"
April 1:	7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:50 a.m. Warm-Up "There is a Redeemer"
April 8:	Rehearsal after service
April 15:	Rehearsal after service
April 22:	Rehearsal after service
April 29:	No Rehearsal
May 6:	8:50 a.m. Warm-Up "I Will Sing of Your Love Forever"

The **FIRST** Sunday of **every** month,
bring your loose change and place in
the offering plate to be
sent in for **World Hunger**.



FLOWERS NEEDED!

Flowers are needed
for the altar.

The sign up sheet is
in the entryway. **Sign up today!**

INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS

This month's interview is with **Steve and Laura McHenry**.

Thank you, Chuck Danielson, for talking with the McHenrys and sharing their story here.

How did you come to Messiah?

Laura and I had started to date and we wanted to find a church home. We went to several churches in the area of our home, but none of the churches seemed to “fit” until we happened on Messiah Lutheran. When we walked in the door and were greeted there, we knew we were home.

Where are your roots?

Steve- I was born and raised in Albuquerque. When I was 10 my Dad moved the family to Arizona because of his work. I remember getting off the airplane in May in Phoenix and as I was walking with my Mom to the baggage claim, it was already hot and I said to Mom, I want to go home. Her reply was, we are home. In my mind I said no it's not and I vowed to go back to Albuquerque when I was able and I did 18 years later.

Laura – I was born and raised in Connecticut, but I always wanted to live on the west coast in California. I got my wish when my former husband got a job in California and we moved there. That was a short lived stay when we got transferred to Arizona for a new position. That position too was not long lived as we were later transferred to Albuquerque. My roots are here but there are parts of me that long for California and Connecticut.

What do you like to do?

Together Laura and I like to attend performances at Popejoy Hall at UNM as well as seeing movies (not enough according to Laura). We also like dining out once a week. We try to find some new cuisines to taste and Albuquerque is very diverse in their selections. We also like to vacation and see new places both here in the US and abroad.

Steve – I used to play golf but have not been able to play much. I also used to do quite a bit of photography. I enjoy running my smoker and experimenting with different meats and woods and trying to perfect certain dishes. I also enjoy working with wood and doing various craft projects. I am planning on retiring soon and look forward to doing more projects and playing more golf and shooting more pictures.

Laura - Laura enjoys, cooking, baking and learning how to do some specialty things like making croissants and turtle candies and other culinary delights. Laura is also very gifted as an artist. She sketches and does some very beautiful work with water colors and other mediums.

How do you fill your days?

Steve – Because I am still working, my week days are spent at Quality Mazda where I work in the parts department. I cover the wholesale and retail end of parts. When I am at home, I will spend some of my time preparing for my worship service at St. Catherine's, where I bring the word to the residents there. On weekends it is the usual, housekeeping, grocery shopping, yard work, clean ups. The usual for most people.

Laura – Being retired means you have nothing to do. Ha! I am busier now than I have ever been. My days are filled with cleaning, visiting with friends, cooking, caring for my granddaughter, working out, yoga, walking, volunteer work at the Healthcare facility, crafts, yard work and much, much more.

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Interviews with Members, continued.

What part of Messiah speaks to you?

“The people”. The people who attend and belong to Messiah have always been very special to us. Over the years we have become friends with many of the members. We have always considered Messiah our home and as a result, members of our family.

What is something you would like your “Church Family” to know about you?


Steve – I feel blessed to be a part of this congregation and a member of the Messiah family. As with any family, there are ups and downs, squabbles and problems. But in the end you know you can count on your family to be there when you need them the most.

Laura – While I don’t attend Messiah anymore, I do still hold everyone near and dear. When Steven and I went to Italy and visited the Vatican, I realized that I was missing something in my spiritual journey and that I wanted to go back to my catholic roots. I have since gone back to the Catholic Church and now feel complete. Each of us needs to find that connection to God in our own way. I feel blessed that I have been able to find that.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ MARCH

	MARCH 4	MARCH 11	MARCH 18	MARCH 25	APRIL 1
Assisting Minister	Gene Aldredge	Dave Hartenberger	Ellen Dobson	Lee Danielson	Gene Aldredge
Lector	Cassandra Osterloh	Carol Hartenberger	Kristi Adams	Lee Danielson	Ellen Dobson
Ushers	Osterloh	Hartenberger	Adams	Danielson	Bonnie Jo Hunt
Greeters	Danielson	Hartenberger	Adams	Danielson	Marianne Walck
Counter	Cassandra Osterloh	Cassandra Osterloh	Cassandra Osterloh	Lee Danielson	Cassandra Osterloh
Create PowerPoint	Cassandra Osterloh	Marianne Walck	Ellen Dobson	Lee Danielson	Cassandra Osterloh
Operate PowerPoint	Osterloh	Ellen Dobson		Chuck Danielson	
Fellowship Snacks	Sandi King	Debra Hoyt	Adams	Danielson	Potluck with RSCC
Fellowship Setup	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge
Altar Flowers					
Yard Work	Marianne Walck				

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 am Church Work Day 2:00 pm RSCC Ordination Service
4 9:30 am Worship 11:30 am RSCC Worship	5	6 9:30 am Sew and Share 6:30 pm RSCC Bible Study	7 9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am service 12:00 pm supper 6:00 pm supper 7:00 pm service 6-8 pm Craft Class	8	9	10 9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
11 9:30 am Worship 11:30 am RSCC Worship 1:00 pm RSCC Board Meeting	12	13 7:00 pm Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm RSCC Bible Study	14 9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am service 12:00 pm supper 6:00 pm supper 7:00 pm service	15	16	17 5:30-7:30 pm RSCC Game Night
18 9:30 am Worship 11:30 am RSCC Worship	19	20 9:30 am Sew and Share 6:30 pm RSCC Bible Study	21 9:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am service 12:00 pm supper 6:00 Simple supper 7:00 pm service 6-8 pm Craft Class	22	23	24 10:00 am Messiah Book Club
25 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship 11:30 am RSCC Worship	26	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm service	30 Good Friday 7:00 pm service	31 Holy Saturday

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brian Osterloh

Vice-President/President-Elect: Vacant

Treasurer: Ellen Dobson

Financial Secretary: Barbara Bachechi

Secretary: Cassandra Osterloh

Members-at-Large:

Kristi Adams / Lee Danielson

Carlo Bachechi

Debra Hoyt



Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (The council will meet at 7pm in February, however, in order to cook & serve the Pancake Dinner.)

All are welcome to come!

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

The Congregational Care Committee will be reconvening! If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please bring your ideas, energy, and/or questions to our first meeting on **Sunday, March 4**, after the worship service. If you have any questions, talk with Rosemary Butler.



Herb Biermann	3-6	
Brandon Killingsworth		3-13
Max Corrie	3-25	
Pat Baca	3-27	
Myrtle Pedersen	3-28	

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 Bachechi

Susan Bishop (JoAnn Hauge's mother-in-law)

Matt Braund (KAFB)

Al Burmeister

Toby Carson (Tony Carson's brother)

Max Corrie

Danielle Currier

Mary Emery

Bill and Joanne Eve (Betty Hauge's aunt and uncle)

Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

Marian Kulju

Joseph Patrick Lawler, III

Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer

Helga Lindner

Robert Maranville

Arlene Mickelson

Charlotte Moritomo

Laura Ross McHenry

Brian Selby (Betty Hauge son-in law)

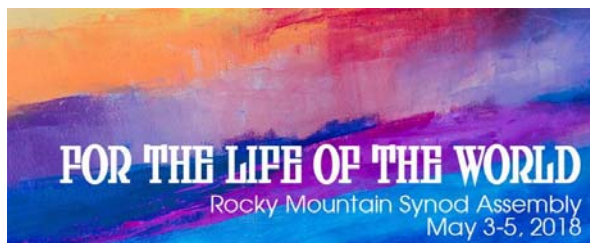
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)

Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

Pray **WITHOUT CEASING**

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP JIM GONIA

Every year at our Synod Assembly, a common refrain is heard among first-time voting members: **“It’s so inspiring to be here. We had no idea how much our church does together!”** In anticipation of our 2018 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly, we are inviting those of you serving as congregational voting members to an exciting new opportunity. In addition to preparing for and participating in the Assembly, you will be commissioned as a **Church Together Ambassador** for the next year.



What does this mean?

- You will **serve as an advocate** of our shared life and witness as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America until we meet in Assembly in 2019.
- You will **receive monthly materials** containing stories or insights about why our life as church together matters; these materials will highlight ministries of our congregations, partners, synod and wider church.
- In coordination with your pastor, **you will share these stories and insights** with your congregation monthly, ideally in worship.
- You will be **encouraged to network with other Church Together Ambassadors** and seek additional ways to share the energy and enthusiasm generated when we gather in Assembly.

Thank you for your commitment to our life as Church Together! Bishop Jim Gonia

NOTE: Let Pastor Doug or a Council member know if you are interested in attending the RMS Assembly.

Registration is due by March 23. The RMS Assembly will be held at the Westin Hotel in Westminster, Colorado, Thursday, May 3 - Saturday, May 5.



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