

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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## Rides with "Gray Lady II"

As I put pencil to paper, the sun is just beginning to rise over the Sandia Mountain and "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck) has gotten me to All Saints Lutheran Church. I enjoy sitting at their large library table and go about my regular church preparations and projects. There is a serene and contemplative sense in the quiet of that room. Also, being surrounded by shelves of books, a feeling of support and encouragement fills my being.

The books are filled with words of thoughtful authors seeking to help a person of faith like myself seek a deeper understanding of one's relationship with the Lord. The books give pause to one's angst concerning one's daily living and one's salvific future. Some of the books have a designed nature to challenge and other books offer wisdom upon the moment.

As I sit at the table, I look us and see titles such as: "Time with God", "Seasons of Life", "Hope Again", "Angels", "Erdmann's Handbook to the Bible", "Faith Alone", "Living by the Book", "The Family Blessing", "Whistling in the Dark", "Basic Christian Handbook", etc." Even though I have not read all of said books, I could if so need be. A few of them I have read parts of when a particular question of the day needed supplementary knowledge, above my own.

Of course, the key book which supports all other books for faithful living before our Lord and with one another is the Holy Bible. Basically the Holy Bible can be described as the fundamental, authoritative Word of God--the Book. The Webster's "New world Dictionary of the American Language, College Edition" defines the Bible such, "the sacred book of Christianity; Old Testament and New Testament." It is an authoritative collection of sacred writings recorded by faithful people of God expressing the living Word of God in our life and our world.

As one is in tune with one's desire to live inside the realm of God's Word, God expresses, exhorts, and encourages to live as one with his desires and wishes for us. The Holy Bible, and the myriad rows of books by those moved in their lives to be dedicated to live within the auspices of the Book, support faithful living given in a sense of caring hope. Living in the Word and trusting in its power to move us, each person has the opportunity to listen and provide as God so desires one to do.

Just this morning, prior to arriving before this library table, "Gray Lady II" and I made our Tuesday morning run to get breakfast for my wife--a "Denver handheld burrito from "Twisters". While on the above mentioned mission, I was listening to KKOB (Bob, Jen, Candy). They had a story about a 911 attendant in Atlanta. The story may not be Bible based but it reflects listening and caring moved by concern and thoughtful awareness.

A young school boy called 911 and initially told the 911 operator that he was having a bad day. Not a call which would naturally fall within the parameters of a 911 emergency. Yet the 911 operator was concerned about the boy's demeanor, checked to see how the other 911 personnel were doing and was given the nod to carry on--being concerned that the boy was despondent and did not want the situation to get worse.

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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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She asked why he was having a bad day and the boy told her he had a lot of school homework. She asked which subject was giving the boy the most trouble and he responded that it was his mathematics homework. She told him she loved math in high school and asked him to tell her one of his troubling math equations. He responded that it was adding numbers with fractions. (I believe it was adding  $8 \frac{3}{4}$  and  $1 \frac{1}{4}$ .) She had written down the equation and then helped him proceed on to the answer. She complimented him as she worked it through him. Success was ever-present both in solving the math problem and lifting his spirits. He could do it, yes with help, but it was not beyond his skill. (a side note, APS had a tutorial help line, excellent)

The Word of God, the Holy Bible, the Book, offers to us the possibilities to see beyond and know we are not alone. Those books sitting on shelves in the library, written by well-meaning thinkers are also an asset to whatever may be puzzling us. Thank you God for giving us your living Word as a daily standard, a bulwark for support and hope in our daily lives. No matter what is befalling you in this life the Word and the words of others who have pondering the same thoughts are a gift for our lives, our faith and our future.

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

**Thank you to those members of the Council that are finishing their service:** Barbara Bachechi, Ron Kulju, and Brian Osterloh.

Congratulations & welcome to our newly elected members: Dave Hartenberger, Cassandra Osterloh, Steve McHenry, Carlo Bachechi, and Rosemary Butler.

Those 5, along with Ellen Dobson, Lee Danielson, Kristi Adams, and Debra Hoyt, will meet on February 12 and vote on who will serve as this year's officers.

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

**All are welcome to come!** If you have any concerns or questions, please talk with any council member.

## **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



# WORSHIP NOTES - FEBRUARY

## February 3

(Council & MLCW Installation)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

## February 10

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## February 17 (Baptism)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

## February 24

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

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



### UPCOMING BAPTISM ~ FEBRUARY 17

We have the joy of celebrating with the Lord and the Killingsworth family the baptism of the Brandon & Briana's child, Zoe Adelyn Killingsworth. She will be baptized on February 17, 2019, at our Sunday morning worship service.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ FEBRUARY

	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 24
ASSISTING MINISTER	Cassandra O.	Ellen D		
LECTOR	Steve M.	Rosemary B	Debra H.	Cassandra O.
USHERS	Dave H.			Bonnie Jo H.
GREETERS		Sandi K.		Sandi K
COUNTERS	1. Rosemary B 2.	1. Cassandra 2.	1. Cassandra 2.	1. 2.
OPERATE POWERPOINT	Tom A.	Cassandra O.	Cassandra O.	
FELLOWSHIP SNACKS		Potluck	Baptism	
FELLOWSHIP SETUP	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge
TRASH PICK-UP	Amy H.	Amy H.	Amy H.	Amy H.

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

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

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

B) Book Club, Saturday, February 23, 2019, beginning at 10:00 am

**GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY** Thank you to all who provided to the Mitten Tree.

**THIRTEENTH MONTH SUNDAY** So far we have collected of \$3,140 to date and your kindness is greatly appreciated.

### **LUTHER HOUSE AT CNM & UNM**

Tommy and Saudra O'Sullivan from Dingle, Ireland, will be performing at St. Luke Lutheran Church, on Sunday February 3, 2019, as a Super Bowl Benefit for Lutheran Campus Ministry and ELCA World Hunger. A community meal will be at 12:30 pm (bring a dish to share) and a concert at 2:00 pm. Come and enjoy some beautiful Irish music. Tickets are \$20:00, \$10.00 for students and seniors and kids under 12 are free. Buy online at [LutherHouseNM.org](http://LutherHouseNM.org), by calling 505.633.5564, or at the door.



### **VALENTINE FRIENDSHIP POTLUCK**

February 10: following worship. Celebrate our friends and loved ones. Bring a dish to Share. Sign-up on Bulletin Board. Also Bring a Paragraph about a First Date

### **TRASH & NEEDLE CLEANUP**

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.

### **CONGREGATION CONVERSATION**

We will be having another Congregation Conversation on Sunday, March 24, 2019, following our worship service. There will be more information concerning this gathering in future communications. Please mark your calendar.

### **KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The "Homework Diner" program will resume on Wednesday nights in February. The three nights for February are 6, 13 and 27, 2019, beginning at 5:00 pm and ending 7:00 pm. We can always use as many volunteers as possible. If you wish to help we park in the south parking lot and come in the south door. If we could get 2 to 4 volunteers each Diner from Messiah, that would be great.

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD ASSEMBLY FOR 2019**

It is going to be held in Albuquerque this May. The theme is "Be Transformed" and it will be held at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque, from 2:00 pm on Friday, May 3, 2019 and end around 10:00 am on Sunday, May 5, 2019. The keynote speaker is Father Richard Rohr. Messiah can have two voting delegates for the assembly and if you are interested please let the office know.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship **Installation of Council/ MLCW members	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5 9:30am: Sew and Share  <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1pm</b>	6 9:30am: Bible Study 5:00pm: Homework Diner 6:00pm: Craft Club <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1pm</b>	7  <b>Office Hours: 10:00-12:00pm</b>	8  <b>Office Hours: 10:00 to 1pm</b>	9 9:30am: MLCW Bible Study and Meeting
10 9:30am Worship 10:30am Friendship Pot Luck 11:30am RSCC Worship	11 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	12 6:30pm: Council Meeting  <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1pm</b>	13 9:30am: Bible Study 5:00pm: Homework Diner  <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1pm</b>	14  <b>Office Hours: 10:00-12:00pm</b>	15  <b>Office Hours: 10:00 to 1pm</b>	16
17 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship Choir Sings!	18 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	19 9:30am Sew and Share  <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1pm</b>	20 9:30am: Bible Study 6:00pm: Craft Club  <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1pm</b>	21  <b>Office Hours: 10:00-12:00pm</b>	22  <b>Office Hours: 10:00 to 1pm</b>	23 10:00am: MLC Book Club
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## **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

Matt Braund (KAFB)

Al Burmeister

Danielle Currier

Mary Emery

Rodney Justice (Rosemary Butler's brother)

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

Marian & Ron Kulju

Joseph Patrick Lawler, III

Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer

Helga Lindner

Robert Maranville

Arlene Mickelson

Charlotte Moritomo

Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)

Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

*Pray* **WITHOUT  
CEASING**



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