

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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***MLC Annual Meeting is on January 20, 2019, immediately following Special Congregation Meeting***

## **RIDES WITH "OLD SHIFTER"**

Pastor Newsletter Article 2019 January

Rides with "Gray Lady II"

One of the definitions for higher education is learning how to adapt to change. I am slowly getting used to the difference of driving a different vehicle. Most of my years of driving has been behind the wheel and in the seat of a Ford product. "Gray Lady II" is really a nice mode of transportation, but she has the basic instruments and accessory pieces in different places than I had been accustomed. There are all kinds of options which I have no idea what they do and plenty of buttons on the steering wheel.

I just about have the radio and hands-free telephone figured out, even though my son-in-law has more than once had to reset it for me. She even gives me an alert when I am supposed to get more air in her tires and have her oil changed. In fact, a few weeks ago a "maintenance" light started blinking after my last oil change and then driving to church it stayed on steady. I went into a panic because I had no idea what was going on. I stopped into the Firestone tire store and repair and they told me that the oil sensor had not been reset. The second of two technicians was able to do it for me. All is well.

Change brings much anticipation for the unknown, both with excitement and with trepidation. Even in the simple things like making plans for the future can do both. It was interesting over the time shopping for Christmas presents, Mary and I had a different agenda than we have had in years-buying gifts for my daughter for the future arrival of our first grandchild. Our usual directive for said purchases in the past focused on my daughter's love of horses and the Packers. Now we went into the Motherhood store at the Coronado Mall rather than the usual gift stores.

Our family Christmas at Jordan's and Leah's I know will be different. Our conversations, like they have been for the past months, will have a different focus. Even my daughter's eating habits have a new focus as she tries to blend her own interests in foods with that of the one she carries. Even the way we look at our daughter has changed, it is like she has gone from being our little girl to one who will be a mother to a little girl.



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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 &amp; 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.

**RISING SUN CHRISTIAN****COMMUNITY**

Weekly Service

Sundays ~ 11:30 a.m.

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**ANOUNCEMENT**  
**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING AND**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

On Sunday, January 20, 2019, following the worship service there will be two congregation meetings, in the Fellowship Hall. The first meeting will be the Special Congregation Meeting to "Review and Decide on proposed amendments to the Messiah Constitution By-laws and Continuing Resolutions."

The second meeting will immediately follow the first meeting, and it will be the Annual Congregation Meeting of Messiah Lutheran Church.



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

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH WOMEN OFFICERS**

President: Hazel Mella

Secretary: Irene Aldredge

Treasurer: Dotty Dahl

**MISSION LEAD LADIES**

Growth: Lorraine Davis

Action: Charlotte Moritomo

**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



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Also, with this alteration in my daughter's life, a realization of my own has come into the mulling within my mind. She asked the other day who she should send "baby shower" invitations to from my side of the family. A simple question, but it brought to the fold that now that my mother has passed, I am the head of the family clan, so to speak. The patriarch if you will. The oldest of our household, with only my dad's sister and brother left from the Mathison side of the family. Also, in a few months I will have a new title, "grandfather", and "Gray Lady II" will have a new passenger about the mountains, mesas and desert.

This brings my thoughts to back to 2,000 years ago and all that must have been going through the minds of Joseph and Mary through those days up to, on the day of, and afterwards, with the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. On one hand just giving birth in a place foreign to them, a manger in Bethlehem, with no family around. On the other, the visitation of the angel expressing to Mary the greatness of the one she was going to give birth. How this child was more than just a child for them to raise but was long time anticipated Son of God, the Messiah, to raise all people in a new hope and joy. This prior proclamation of Mary's special role in God's plan of salvation, and the reaffirmation of same by the shepherds, Simeon and others following Jesus' birth, must have been overwhelming.

Yet, this new event in the life of the world would be a game changer for all who by faith sense the salvation to be won for us through the life of this little baby, vulnerable and yet mighty. May the Risen Savior be with you in all the changes in your lives and unto your living in the Lord's righteousness. The world has never to be the same after Jesus' birth and amen to that. It has a mortal sameness but it has entered in an immortal glory.

Let us live each day with the words said to the shepherds by the angel from multitude of the heavenly host, such words of praise for what God was to do through his Son, that babe in a manger so many years ago. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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

Pastor Doug

### **BAPTISMS AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We have the joy of celebrating with the Lord and the Kappenman family the baptism of Brad and Tara Kappenman's children. Morgan, Jamal, Mea, Mason, Zeena and Marshall will be being baptized on January 6, 2019, at our Sunday morning worship service.



# WORSHIP NOTES - JANUARY

## January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3: 1-12  
Mathew 2:1-12

## January 20

Isaiah 62: 1-5  
Psalm 36: 5-10  
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
John 2: 1-11

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

## January 13

Isaiah 43: 1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8: 14-17  
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

## January 27

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12 12-31A  
Luke 4: 14-21



## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ JANUARY

	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 27
ASSISTING MINISTER	KD			Lee D.
LECTOR	Kristi A.	Steve M.	Dave H.	Lee D.
USHERS	Adams	Chad R.		Chuck D.
GREETERS	Sandi K.	Rosemary B.	Dave H.	Lee D.
COUNTERS	1. Rosemary B 2.	1. Cassandra O 2.	1. Cassandra 2.	1. Lee D. 2.
CREATE POWERPOINT	Rosemary	Rosemary	Rosemary	Rosemary
OPERATE POWERPOINT	Tom A.	Cassandra O.	Cassandra O.	Chuck D.
FELLOWSHIP SNACKS	Rosie D	Osterloh	Debra H.	Lee D.
FELLOWSHIP SETUP	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge
FLOWERS	Dorseys	Betty H.		Lee & Chuck D.

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

## **For the Love of Our Neighborhood...**

### **January 2019 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS**

#### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

A) MLCW meeting, Saturday, January 12, 2019, beginning at 9:30 am

B) Book Club, Saturday, January 26, 2019, beginning at 10:00 am

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

The "Homework Diner" program will resume on Wednesday night on February 6, 2019, beginning at 5:00 pm and ending 7:00 pm. We can always use as many volunteers as possible. The last Homework Diner had 89 participants. If you wish to help we park in the south parking lot and come in the south door.

#### **GIFTS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES from at Kennedy Middle School over Christmas**

A big thank you to all who provided gifts for Christmas to the family from Kennedy Middle School.

#### **GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY**

Thank you to all who provided to the Mitten Tree and the blankets and jackets.

#### **TAKING DOWN OF THE GREENS AT MESSIAH**

We will meet at Messiah on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 9:30 am, to take down the Greens and put them away.

#### **"THIRTEEN MONTH SUNDAY"**

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

#### **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.

#### **LUTHER HOUSE AT UNM**

There will be a gathering of people from around our community to discuss what is going on at Luther House and consider a vision of what is possible going ahead with its ministry. The meeting will be at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 27, 2019, following there 9:30 am worship service. It is designed for members of St. Timothy, but all are welcome to visit with Pastor Bre concerning Luther House ministry.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2 9:30am: Bible Study	3	4	5 9:30 am Take Down the Greens
6 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am RSCC Worship	7	8 9:30am: Sew and Share 6:30pm: Council Meeting	9 9:30am: Bible Study 6:00pm: Craft Club	10	11 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	12 9:30am: MLCW Bible Study and Meeting
13 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:40 am Cong. Life Com. Mtg. 11:30am RSCC Worship	14	15	16 9:30am: Bible Study 5:00pm:	17	18	19
20 9:30am Worship 10:30am Special Cong. Meeting Cong. Annual Meeting	21	22 9:30am Sew and Share	23 9:30am: Bible Study 6:00pm: Craft Club	24	25	26 10:00am: MLC Book Club
27 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Music and Worship	28	29	30 9:30am: Bible Study	31		





# Holiday Happenings At Messiah

## Community Clothing Swap



## Gifts for Adopted Family

## Christmas Eve at Messiah



## **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

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

Matt Braund (KAFB)

Al Burmeister

Danielle Currier

Mary Emery

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

Rodney Justice (Rosemary Butler's brother)

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

Marian & Ron Kulju

Jennie Robinson (Betty H.'s Daughter)

Joseph Patrick Lawler, III

Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer

Helga Lindner

Robert Maranville

Arlene Mickelson

Charlotte Moritomo

Laura Ross McHenry

Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)

Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

*Pray* **WITHOUT  
CEASING**



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