

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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may share in God's love.*

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## MARCH 2019

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

It was early in the morning, a Wednesday morning, which found "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pick-up traveling partner) and I heading east on Menaul, between Louisiana and Pennsylvania stoplights. The sun was just beginning to give a solid stream of light over the beautifully snow covered Sandia Mountains. A dazzling white not often visualized in our warm and arid region.

The snow-capping of the Sandia Mountains, plus neighboring ranges, was the result of a truly appreciated snowstorm which worked its way through our area on Tuesday morning. It was wonderful and wet, causing a sense of homesickness for me. The show was graciously received by the warm ground and pavement making for some interesting driving conditions. Yet, most of the shining white frozen moisture melted and was gone by afternoon.

"Gray Lady II" and I made the anxious and exhilarating drive across town in the early morning rush hour traffic cautiously. The wet snow, warm roads and lot of rolling tires made for very slick road conditions. The community schools, city offices and some businesses were either delayed or shutdown for the day. Yet, many of us were on the road, some fairing better than others.

The storm eventually left and we ended up making the national evening news because of the chaos it had caused. There were ninety-nine recorded accidents, with twenty-two of them having caused a variety of injuries. As "Gray Lady II" and I were making our way slowly across town we listened to the radio and took note of all the reporting of multiple road travel issues.

When "Gray Lady II" and I got to Coors (south heading) and Mantano, we were able to witness the mess at hand for travel. We had to go to the left of the left turn lanes to go east on Mantano because a pick-up truck with only rear wheel drive was in the other left turn lane and could not get traction, so was stymied with no ability to make the little slippery incline. The next two lanes over were blocked with a two car accident.

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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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## Pastor's Message Continued

At this same time, the radio announced that no traffic could go on eastwardly on Alameda because all the lanes were blocked with the same problem the pick-up in the lane next to me had; it was too slippery for the cars to make the rise. If they could have possibly kept their momentum they could have made it up the little hill.

It was good for "Gray Lady II" and I, that she had four-wheel drive. The extra wheels with the engine weight upon them gave us the ability to have traction when these conditions were so challenging. It surely is no surprise to anyone that once a vehicle has stopped and there is a slick incline, getting moving forward is quite difficult. With no momentum, we have to battle with inertia, as well as, limited traction caused by an icy, slippery, uncooperative situation. If we do not get help from others, whether it be other drivers out pushing or a wrecker towing, we will be stuck disappointingly where we are and at risk of worse problems like being crashed into by someone-else.

We need good traction (remembering to replace bald tires which many get by with in our normal temperate climate) and momentum to help us along the way in our challenges of wintry roads. The same is true in our faith life. If we have become "inert" in our faith life; losing the momentum of regular religious maintenance, such as Bible reading, prayer and worship, we may struggle when conditions in our lives become stormy to move ahead. We become stalled where we are and at risk of falling into worsening troubles.

We need to keep in touch with the Lord and his people at all opportunities, and regularly. There are going to be times in our lives when the problems of the day will cause an interruption in our anticipated smooth travels. We will lose our momentum and our traction, unable to move positively ahead, or move at all. It is at these such times that having the Lord with us will change the whole complexion of the situation. He will provide us the push and assistance to get rolling again.

The Lord promises to be with us always and we need to make sure we are with him, each and every day. Seek the Lord for he is good and our strength. There are no hills in life we cannot traverse if we are moving along with the Lord.

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

Pastor Doug

CHURCH  COUNCIL

2019 Church Council Officers

President: Steve McHenry  
Vice President: Dave Hartenberger  
Treasurer: Ellen Dobson  
Secretary: Lee Danielson

Financial Sec.: Kristi Adams  
Members at Large: Cassandra Osterloh, Debra Hoyt  
Carlo Bachechi, Rosemary Butler

Congratulations! And Thank you for your Service

**Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lenten Services**

Ash Wednesday: March 6 11:30am and 7:00pm  
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion  
Holden Village Service at evening Service  
Mid-Week Lenten Services:  
March 13, 20, and 27th and April 3 and 10.  
11:30 am and 7:00 pm



*Wednesday Morning Bible  
Study!  
9:30 am  
Learn the weekly Scriptures  
All are welcome!*

**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

*Congregation Conversation  
March 24  
Following Worship  
In Fellowship Hall  
Please plan to attend*

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

Women's Bible Study is Saturday,  
March 9, at  
9:30am. Study will focus on  
March's Gather Magazine  
Bible Study- Gospel of John  
Meetings With Jesus

**Shrove  
Tuesday**



Pancake Supper  
March 5  
4:30pm—6:30 pm  
Join us for Fun, Food  
And Fellowship

**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



# WORSHIP NOTES - MARCH

## March 3

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-43a

## March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17—4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

## March 31

Joshua 5: 9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

## March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

## March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

FIFTH  
SUNDAY!  
FOOD FOR  
BACKPACKS



## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ MARCH

	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	MARCH 24	MARCH 31
ASSISTING MINISTER		Ron K.	Lee D.	Ellen D.	Ron K.
LECTOR	Steve M.	Carol H.	Kristi A.	Gene D.	
USHERS			Kristi & Tom A	Gene & Rosie D	
GREETERS		Sandi K.	Lee & Chuck D.	Rosie D.	
COUNTERS	1. 2.	1. Ron K. 2.	1. Lee D. 2.	1. 2.	1. Ron K. 2.
OPERATE POWERPOINT			Chuck D.		Osterloh
FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS	Rosemary B.	Loraine D.	Lee & Chuck D.	Tracy G	Ron K.
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

*Flowers provided this month: March 3: Gene and Irene Aldredge; March 17: Sandi King . Please sign-up to bring flowers this month.*

## ***Outreach News***

### ***Granola Bars for Kennedy Middle School***

*Kennedy Middle School will be having their two-day NM Standards-Based Assessment Testing at the end of April (or beginning of May). Last year, we provided “Granola “ Snack bars for their test breaks. We are doing this again this year. We will accept boxes of Granola bars for this project. Please leave your Granola Gifts in the conference room at MLC. We will store and Deliver them to the school prior to the start of the testing. Thank you*

### **Kennedy Middle School Homework Diner Volunteer Opportunities**


**March/April Schedule for the Homework Diner is:**

**March 20& 27 and April 3 & 10. It starts at 5:00pm. You can help the students with their homework or assist with the dinner. No special training required. See Lee if you are interested.**

### **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: (This month, we have one) 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.**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5 9:30am: Sew and Share 4:30- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	6 9:30am: Bible Study 11:30am Ash Wednesday 6:00pm: Craft Club 7:00pm: Ash Wednesday <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	7 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-12:00pm</b>	1 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-1pm</b>	2
10 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship	11 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	12 6:30pm: Council Meeting <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	13 9:30am: Bible Study 11:30am Midweek Lent 7:00pm: Midweek Lent <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	14 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-12:00pm</b>	15 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-1pm</b>	16
17 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship	18 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	19 9:30am Sew and Share 6:00pm RSCC Soup and Study <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	20 9:30am: Bible Study 11:30am Midweek Lent 6:00pm: Craft Club 5:00 pm: Homework Diner 7:00pm: Midweek Lent <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	21 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-12:00pm</b>	22 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-1pm</b>	23 10:00am: MLC Book Club
24 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship Congregational Conversation	25 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	26 6:00pm RSCC Soup and Study <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	27 9:30am: Bible Study 11:30am Midweek Lent 5:00 pm: Homework Diner 7:00pm: Midweek Lent <b>Office Hours: 9:00 to 1:00</b>	28 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-12:00pm</b>	29 <b>Office Hours: 10:00-1pm</b>	30 2:00pm: Zach & Stephanie Wedding
31 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship 5th Sunday Pick a Hymn Food for Backpacks						





## **MARCH 2019 ~**

### **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.

### **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 lay delegates for the assembly and they are: Steve McHenry and Rosemary Butler, along with Pastor Doug, a clergy delegate.

### **Sunday School News**

Discussions are in the works for bringing back Sunday School in the fall. If this is something you are interested in becoming involved with, please let Pastor know.

### **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Vacation Bible School**

We are planning on participating in VBS with St. Luke Lutheran Church this summer. It will be held June 24-28. Dave Hartenberger and Rosemary Butler have agreed to volunteer with the program. If you would like to volunteer to be apart of it, Let Pastor or Rosemary know. Volunteers do not necessarily need to attend everyday. There will be many volunteer opportunities. More information to follow regarding providing snacks and supplies. Watch for registration information.

### **Rainbow Trail South at Cloudcroft, NM**

We would like to get some youth, 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to go down to this Bible Camp and enjoy a time of sharing and learning about the Lord with other youth. The dates are July 14-19, 2019. We need to know soon, like the first two weeks of March, if you are interested. Please contact the church office. We need to get registered and do some fundraising activities.

## **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)  
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  
**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**  
Matt Braund  
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)  
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

Pray **WITHOUT  
CEASING**



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