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RIDES WITH "OLD SHIFTER"

It was a beautiful Thursday afternoon in April. It was not unlike many past beautiful Thursday afternoons. "Old Shifter" and I were driving down Menaul heading back across town from a good morning at Messiah. "Old Shifter" and I had the pleasure of deciding where would we go to buy a pizza for "Pizza Night at the Mathison Home."

This particular Thursday would be one of the special ones we have every other week because Mary would have the next three days off, and not be responsible for the "on call" telephone. Our household has had this tradition, Thursday Night Pizza, since our time serving a parish in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Even when I was in Hobbs and Mary in Albuquerque for those seven and a half months, "Old Shifter" and I would go to a pizza parlor and celebrate Pizza Night on Thursdays. We never missed a week, I do not think.

Over the those many years past in Wisconsin and Iowa before moving down here, I had different trusted wheels which brought home pizza. There was "Old Blue" a 1973 Ford F100 pickup, and her successor "Gray Lady" a 1974 Ford Ranger. All my companions over the years new the significance of our family tradition and were always excited when the trip was at hand for a pizza purchase. They never let us down.

Tradition is more than just a routine habit, it is also something greatly to be anticipated. No matter what- ever else was going on before or after Thursday night, I knew with great anticipation that there would be this blessed event. Our family lives would slow down for this moment, even if our kids had other earlier or later activities that day or evening. It was a constant. It was us.

Sunday mornings (or Saturday nights) would be another of our focuses for the week. Even if our kids had other responsibilities during the weekend, worshipping our Lord was a paramount activity in our household. It was more than tradition, it was a moment set apart to be cherished and honored. Yes there were times, just like Pizza Night, when honoring our attention to the worshipping our Lord would be challenged by the requests of other activities and work. But we tried our best to see that the Lord was first in our attentions.

Sometimes, I would even get quite frustrated by the siren calls of some of the other activities which wanted to encroach upon the attentions of worshipping the Lord on Sunday morning. As parents, we were as firm as we could be in protecting our focus to the Lord's day and still appreciative of our children's desire to follow through on using the gifts of our Lord, they were given.

It is true with all the wonderful opportunities we have each day living in God's creation that we have to work hard to keep our priorities straight. It is no different for me. But as "Old Shifter" and I go regularly on Thursdays for our wonderful "Pizza Night" pizzas, so too, it is a joy for "Old Shifter" and I, when we pull into the church parking lot to honor our Lord's Sabbath.

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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.

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In closing, may I emphasize the importance of consistently and constantly taking time to hear the Word of Lord, because those words are a sure and true for our daily life and salvation, from now unto eternity. Matthew 24:34, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (saith our Lord and Savior, Amen)

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

~ Pastor Doug



MESSIAH and HOLY CROSS

Pastor Matt Powell is in the Call Process as a part-time (half-time

pastor) at Holy Cross. Pastor Matt and I have been discussing some ways we can be a support for each other and our respective parishes. This would not be a joining of our two congregations but a sharing of skills and resources where available. As I put together a potential plan, and Pastor Matt and I worked through some of the plan's strengths, we became excited about how we could both support the work of our two separate congregations. This is very much in the embryonic stages and we will have a lot to think and pray about in the upcoming future. Feel free to visit with me with your thoughts. ~ Pastor Doug

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 - MAY

May 6

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 20 ~ Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



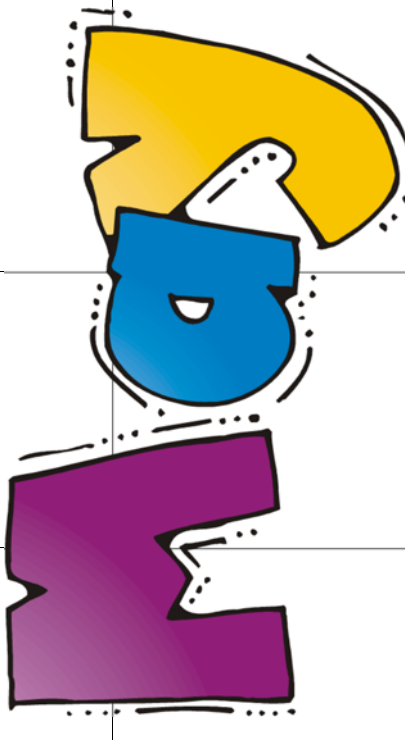
The **FIRST** Sunday of **every** month, bring your loose change and place in the offering plate to be sent in for **World Hunger**.



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ MAY

	MAY 6	MAY 13	MAY 20	MAY 27	JUNE 3
Assisting Minister	KD Pass	Gene Aldredge	Cassandra Osterloh		Cassandra Osterloh
Lector	Cassandra Osterloh		Cassandra Osterloh		Cassandra Osterloh
Ushers					
Greeters					
Counter	Cassandra Osterloh		Cassandra Osterloh		Cassandra Osterloh
Create PowerPoint	Cassandra & Jess	Cassandra & Jess	Cassandra & Jess	Cassandra & Jess	Cassandra & Jess
Operate PowerPoint					
Fellowship Snacks	KD Pass				Osterloh
Fellowship Setup	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge
Altar Flowers	Aldredge	Dorsey	Adams	Dobson	Hauge
Yard Work					

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 am Sew and Share	2 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Special Choir Practice	3	4 10 am Church Women United	5
6 8:45 am Choir Warm-up 9:30 am Worship 11:30 am RSCC Worship	7	8 6:30 pm Church Council	9 9:30 am Bible Study 6-8 pm Craft Club	10 Ascension of Our Lord	11	12 9:30 am MLCW Bible Study 11 am Ladies Tea
13 9:30 am Worship 11:30 am RSCC Worship 12:30 pm Mother's Day Potluck 1 pm RSCC Board Mtg	14	15 9:30 am Sew and Share	16 9:30 am Bible Study	17	18	19
20 Pentecost 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Congregational Life 11:30 am RSCC Worship	21	22	23 9:30 am Bible Study 6-8 pm Craft Club	24	25 6-8 pm RSCC Movie Night	26 10 am Messiah Book Club
27 The Holy Trinity 9:30 am Worship 11:30 am RSCC Worship	28	29 9:30 am Sew and Share	30 9:30 am Bible Study	31		

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

Ron Kulju



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.

Our May meeting will take place on May 8.

The previous month's meeting minutes are on the bulletin board. Past minutes are available in the Church Office.



For the Love of Our Neighborhood....

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

- A) We had a great opportunity to help the students during their taking of the PARCC. They needed snacks for their break times, and we provided 1,800 or so snack bars. It was a joy seeing the appreciation from the staff as they came out to empty the boxes of bars from "Old Shifter."
- B) Homework Diner is still in the planning stages for families and students at KMS. They are hoping it will be up and running in the Fall when school starts. We are still working on ways we can be an asset to their program. (April newsletter has some particulars of the program.) I will keep you informed.
- C) There has been an aside which developed out of being at the council as I interjected my desire to see that students have opportunity to develop in their school skills and gifts. Lovie McGee, African-American Cultural Assn., also sits on this committee and we conversed about how Messiah could possibly be available in some form to assist tutoring and mentoring to young people in our community. They spend a lot of time working with early grade school and middle-school. We can talk more about this over the next months, if there is interest.

AUGUST 2018 ~ EXCITING EVENTS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Backpack Ministry: We will be putting a school supply wish list for donations needed to fill the bags and/or cash to purchase supplies. The backpacks will be put together for each student prior to the opening of school on Aug. 13. By the grace of God, and your hard work and generosity, the past years we have been able to put supplies and backpacks in the hands of many students. They are so appreciated by the school, students, and families.

MLC "Swap Meet": The "Swap Meet" will be **August 4, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.** Pat Baca has graciously offered to oversee the particulars of the event. Start collecting your gently used clothing items to donate. If you have an interest to help, or have any questions, contact Pat at 974-0740.

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	Marian & Ron Kulju
Barbara & Carlo Bachechi	Joseph Patrick Lawler, III
Susan Bishop (JoAnn Hauge's mother-in-law)	Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer
Matt Braund (KAFB)	Helga Lindner
Al Burmeister	Robert Maranville
Toby Carson (Tony Carson's brother)	Arlene Mickelson
Danielle Currier	Charlotte Moritomo
Mary Emery	Laura Ross McHenry
Bill and Joanne Eve (Betty Hauge's aunt and uncle)	Brian Selby (Betty Hauge son-in law)
Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)	Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)
	Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)



May 8 ~ William Baker
May 12 ~ Charlotte Moritomo
May 14 ~ Rebecca Selby
May 17 ~ Helga Lindner
May 20 ~ Kristen Devine
May 24 ~ Cassandra Dobson
May 28 ~ Carolyn Baker

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