

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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## RIDES WITH "OLD SHIFTER"

Aging is a very interesting pastime. It is an activity which presents itself to us throughout our lives whether we want to participate or not. Like sages of every age profess, "It is better than the alternative." Just the same the aging process causes many inconveniences and realities of our mortality. There are many products on the market which offer to slow down the process and medical advancements which help us sneak past it. Or maybe it would be better to say postpone the effects of reality.

The first years of my relationship with "Old Shifter" aging was hardly ever a conversation between us. Well, we may discuss aging in other vehicles, but in her youth, we were able to over look her aging. Yet, "Old Shifter's" odometer through day to day travel enhanced the truth that the new noises and issues were not aberrations but real needed to be addressed problems.

This past year "old Shifter" has been in the shop for more serious maladies, than she had in the first four years with me. Even more troubling as her miles take their toll on her inner and outer being, the remedying of said problems become more difficult and perplexing to fit. In fact, some of the more recent ailments are past repairing and new may be necessary. This notion is troubling because a new part may only enhance another old part's problem. I really want her to act like a vehicle right off the assembly line and struggle with her ailments. They selflessly inconvenience me.

As "Old Shifter" and I argue the possible resolves, she reminds me to look in the mirror. I have the same problem which I deflect on her with my own aging. Ignoring the process has caused me some physical and emotional problems. I in no way enjoy entertaining the fact that I am not able to do something anymore. And, because of what I had done years before, I now have to do more than just live with it. I struggle to find a calendar time for me to be inconvenienced.

It is easy to drop activities which aging has made no longer to be done by me. Okay, not easy, but acceptable, with a little sulking. Even that which I was able to do fairly well at a less advanced age, does not come easily. I envision the visions of the old days and yet have to live with the results of the present. Bah, humbug.

So, I ask of you my sagacious readers, what words of strength beyond our frustrations do you have for "Old Shifter" and me? I now you have traveled many roads yourselves and have had to deal with the inconveniences of aging. Remember, this question is not just to those of an elder class, because we all age thereby causing change to our living.

Another question concerns how we deal with the aging of those we love. How do we keep from imposing how we want them to be living in respect to how they are able to live? I want "Old Shifter" to be as she was with less wear on her tires and turns on her crankshaft, but is that fair? I want to run like the antelope and leap like a deer, but that shan't happen. Okay, that never really did happen, except in my dreams.

So, I have come to the conclusion that I will embrace the newness of my aging relationship with "Old Shifter" and my worn out knees. May God be praised for each day of opportunity to age and to be able to share His love with others, no matter at what speed. It is the presence in the present which affects the life of those with whom He loves, and we love.

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

### 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

office@messiahbq.org

### Director of Music

Tony Carson  
tony@messiahbq.org

### Building & Grounds

Carlo Bachechi

### Church Office & Hours

Rosemary Butler  
office@messiahbq.org  
505-299-3311  
Tuesday, Wednesday: 9am-1pm  
Thursday: 10am-12pm



### MLC & RSCC RALLY DAY

#### POTLUCK

Sunday, **September 16**  
Between Services.  
Bring something yummy  
to share!

## SAVE THE DATE

### RSCC Garage Sale

Saturday, October 6  
8 am - 2pm  
Church Parking Lot

### Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 30  
5 pm - 6:30 pm  
Church Parking Lot



### 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.

### 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



## FOR THE LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD...

### EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

**Backpack Ministry:** 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. This year we have been able to put together **72 backpacks**. On Thursday, July 19, we had a whole host of volunteers and were able to tackle the project with ease. Then on Monday, July 23, the Danielson's delivered them to three of our area grade schools: Apache, McCollum and Tomasita. The schools, students, and families, were so appreciative of such a generous gift. Your kindness, energy and support can be credited to your love and faith in the care of God's children.



**MLC "Swap Meet":** The "Swap Meet" was held on Saturday morning, August 4, 2018, from 8am to Noon. Pat Baca, her family and many others from Messiah and Rising Sun worked hard all morning, beginning at 7 am. We had a steady stream of people bringing and taking clothing pretty much right up to the time we closed after 12 pm. We received many thanks from those attending and we were even interviewed and put on television by Channel 4 news.

### CONGREGATION LIFE COMMITTEE

- A) The Ice Cream Social, August 12, 2018, was delicious and well attended.
- B) MLC & RSCC **Rally Day Potluck**, will be **September 16**, 2018, between services.



### KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The "Homework Diner" program will be beginning by the time you read this article. Pastor has his first meeting with the council on September 11. He will let the congregation know more as it unfolds.

### MESSIAH and HOLY CROSS

Our resource sharing program between our two churches is being put on hold for the time being. Pastor Matt wants to get the redevelopment stuff going for Holy Cross. When opportunities arise we will work to see what we can do in sharing ministry opportunities for our congregations and our respective communities.

### RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Rising Sun Christian Community had their first wedding at our worship site on August 12, 2018, 2:00 pm. It went really well and may God bless the newlywed couples. We are in the planning stages with RSCC for another Rally Day Sunday joint potluck on September 16, 2018. As more details are made available we will let you know.

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY "The Three Letters of John"

We will meet the last two Wednesday evenings in September. The dates are **September 19 and 26**. We will begin at 6:30 pm. If you can, read them in advance and bring your favorite Bible with you.

## **MESSIAH SPECIAL GIFT OPPORTUNITIES**

**"Loose Change"** collected with the offering the first Sunday of the month

Recipient: ELCA World Hunger

**"Fifth Sunday of the Month"** donations of food items are collected in the containers in the back of the Narthex

Recipient: Backpack Ministry (on others in need)

**"Storehouse Barrels"** donations of food, clothing and quilts (Sew and Share) are collected at anytime during the year and placed in the large barrels in Narthex

Recipient: Storehouse of Albuquerque

**"Thirteenth Month of the Year"** a special donation in November with a potluck on the second Sunday in November

Recipient: 1/2 to church property, 1/2 to people in need

**"MLCW Thankoffering Boxes"** money (coins) collected by the women (and others) during a worship service in October

Recipient: Women of the ELCA (people in need, i.e. Katie's Fund (2017))

**"Collecting of Peanut Butter"** Messiah buys twice a month, up to 8-10 jars, throughout the year

Recipient: Storehouse of Albuquerque

**"Swap Meet"** gently used clothes are collected, beginning early summer, for the "Swap Meet" which is held on the first Saturday in August

Recipient: People in need from our neighborhood and community

**"Mitten Tree"** donations of mittens, scarves, hats, etc., are collected and placed on a specifically designated Christmas Tree, beginning in early November

Recipient: Storehouse of Albuquerque

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### **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**

There are a variety of ways we can be of Christian service to the community assistance organizations. Pastor Doug invites members and friends of Messiah to join him at one of these organizations on **Saturday, September 8, 2018**, at the **Roadrunner Food Bank**. Many godly hands make God's work around us better for all in need.

All ages welcome, dress comfortably.

Roadrunner Food Bank

11 am - 2 pm

5840 Office Blvd NE

Albuquerque, NM

87109

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### **This letter was received after the last Clothing Swap:**

To Whom it May Concern,

Hi! We went to the clothing swap on Saturday, August 4, 2018, and wanted to thank you for the clothes and genuine friendliness that all your volunteers showed that day. The clothing swap was amazing with new and like new clothes (what a gift!). It is certainly a pleasant reminder of how Albuquerque has a great number of kind, giving and thoughtful community. I saw young and older working together in genuine concern for each other. You are the example I want to emulate in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you again and hope to see you in 2019.

Sincerely....



## **COUNCIL POSITIONS**

It's never too early to begin thinking about serving on the next Church Council.  
The following officer positions will be up for election in **January**:

President (one year term),  
President-Elect (two year term, one year as President-Elect, one year as President),  
Secretary (two year term), and  
Financial Secretary (two year term).

There will also be 2 Member-at-Large positions available (two year terms).

If you would like to know about any position or shadow someone, please contact any council member. The incumbents are more the willing to tell you more about their position, help in the transition, and answer any questions you may have. You can also talk with Pastor Doug if you want to know more.



### **CONFERENCE BETTER TOGETHER SUMMIT**

North New Mexico Conference  
Saturday, November 17, 1:30-3:30 pm  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM



"In the fall of 2018, eleven conference gatherings take place in the Rocky Mountain Synod around the theme, "Money and Church: for the Life of the World." In advance of the summit, each individual is asked to take some time to reflect on their own "Personal Money Autobiography" and then meet with the others attending from the same congregation for congregation reflection." (Pastor Doug contends it would be a good exercise for each member to do whether or not they would be able to attend the summit.)

This reflection project has three pieces:

- 1) Personal reflection concerning your personal view about money.
- 2) Congregational reflection concerning our congregation's view about money.
- 3) Summit meet where members representing our congregation would share the results, and, questions concerning the results of our reflections.

**Our congregation's time for reflection as a group will be at two different times, prayerfully you will be able to make it to one of them.**

**Tuesday, September 25 - 9:30 am, at Messiah**

**Tuesday, September 25 - 6:30 pm, at Messiah**

Again, whether you are able to get to these gatherings and/or the summit meeting in November as one of Messiah's participants, please take a copy of the "Personal Money Autobiography." The questions are thoughtful and directive for you and your family's lives, whether or not you attend any of the meetings.

# WORSHIP NOTES - SEPTEMBER

## September 2

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## September 9

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

## September 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

## September 23

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

## September 30

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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 ~ SEPTEMBER

	SEPTEMBER 2	SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 30
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Cassandra Osterloh		Lee Danielson	Cassandra Osterloh	
<b>Lector</b>	Debra Hoyt	Rosemary Butler	Lee Danielson	Debra Hoyt	Cassandra Osterloh
<b>Ushers</b>	Osterloh		Danielson		Osterloh
<b>Greeters</b>	Hartenberger	Sandi King	Danielson	Sandi King	
<b>Counters</b>	1. Cassandra O. 2.	1. 2.	1. Lee Danielson 2.	1. 2.	1. Cassandra O. 2.
<b>Create PowerPoint</b>	Cassandra Osterloh	Cassandra Osterloh	Cassandra Osterloh	Cassandra Osterloh	Cassandra Osterloh
<b>Operate PowerPoint</b>			Chuck Danielson		
<b>Fellowship Snacks</b>	Debra Hoyt		Potluck w/RSCC	Debra Hoyt	Osterloh
<b>Fellowship Setup</b>	Irene Aldredge	Irene Aldredge	Irene Aldredge	Irene Aldredge	Irene Aldredge
<b>Yard Work</b>					

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>September</div> </div>						
2 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 11:30 am: RSCC Worship	3 Labor Day  OFFICE CLOSED	4 9:30 am: Sew and Share  Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	5 9:30 am: MLC Bible Study  Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	6  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	7  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	8 9:30 am: MLCW Bible Study & Meeting 11 am: Roadrunner Food-bank, God's Work, Our Hands
9 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 10:45 am: Congregational Life Committee Meeting 11:30 am: RSCC Worship	10  OFFICE CLOSED	11 6:30 pm: Council Meeting  Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	12 9:30 am: MLC Bible Study 6:00 pm: Craft Club 6:00 pm: Theology on Tap Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	13  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	14  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	15 9:30 am: Set-up for Rally Day
16 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Brunch Pot Luck w/RSCC 11:30 am: RSCC Worship	17  OFFICE CLOSED	18 9:30 am: Sew and Share  Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	19 9:30 am: MLC Bible Study 6:30 pm: MLC Bible Study "Letters of John" Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	20  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	21  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	22 10:00am: MLC Book Club
23 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 11:30 am: RSCC Worship	24  OFFICE CLOSED	25 9:30 am: Workshop "Our View of Money" 6:30 pm: Workshop "Our View of Money" Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	26 9:30 am: MLC Bible Study 6:00 pm: Craft Club 6:30 pm: MLC Bible Study "Letters of John" Office Hours: 9 am-1 pm	27  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	28  Office Hours: 10 am-12 pm	29
30 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 11:30 am: RSCC Worship						

## **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)  
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  
Laura Ross McHenry  
Brian Selby (Betty Hauge son-in law)  
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)  
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)



September 3: Tom Adams  
September 4: Irene Aldredge  
September 5: Autumn Devine  
September 9: Hazel Mella  
September 13: Jackie Dobson  
September 13: Kayla Dobson Fister  
September 13: Linda Dubuque  
September 20: Suzanne Baca  
September 23: Arlene Mickelson  
September 27: Tommi Reid

*Pray* **WITHOUT  
CEASING**

### **CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

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