

MESSIAH MESSENGER

Caring for and serving others so all may share in God's love.

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

It is exciting to think about how different this month will be at our household. As “Gray Lady II” and I, after a full night and a full Monday, drive down to Belen with Emerson secured in her car seat, it hit me. This will be the first Christmas for which Mary and me will be celebrating the season as grandparents.

The past years since our kids have been off on their own, we really have not decorated our house for Christmas. We put out the Advent wreath and a wooden Creche that Mary’s oldest sister got for us from her visit to the Middle East. The Creche is our cat, Maggie’s, favorite decoration and traditionally, we have to search for the Magi and other pieces about the house.

The other day, “Gray Lady II” and I were out going to estate sales and yard sales looking for things I just can not live without. One of the things I noticed, like the change for the Christmas season, because of Emerson, objects looked for have taken a different focus. The other day, I bought a small Christmas tree to have on display when Emerson comes to our house. Mary and I went to Hallmark and got some small ornaments for it. Clothes and toys are abundant for purchase at these sales, also.

Yet some things do not change, the nature of people who think of only themselves when they are driving. I have said more than once, “Drivers out there do not have my best interest at heart.” It is all about them, quite contrary to the Christmas season. Is the Christmas season about what you are going to get or the joy in the joy trying to get for someone-else what they might want or need.

As a Christian, I truly believe and try hard to practice my perspective of why Jesus came, lived and gave Himself to death on the Cross; not for Himself but for all of us. He won for us what He knew we ultimately needed and could not gain for ourselves—salvation and victory over sin.

The nature of sin for those behind the wheel is but a microcosm of the sadly prevalent nature of sin in our world. Almost daily, even multiple times, “Gray Lady II” and I have to turn left off Coors By-pass onto 7 Bar Loop S. On the stoplight pole for the “turn” arrow there are two municipal signs posted. One informs us waiting there, “No U-turns” and the other, “Turn left only on green arrow”, otherwise there is a red arrow.

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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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We have witnessed many people who turn left on the “Red Arrow” when they feel they felt like no longer waiting for the “Green Arrow”. Usually, they are clever enough to wait for a safe passage of crossing in front of the three lanes of on-coming traffic. This maneuver is not as though who decide to make a “U-turn” on a “Red or Green Arrow”.

Their selfish mind is so focused on the east entrance south of 7 Bar Loop S., for the Cottonwood Resort apartments. Quite often I realize they are going to do it before they do it, fortunately. Sadly, there is a north entrance off 7 Bar Loop S., for which they could use but I am sure that would seem inconvenient to them. Sometimes they start down 7 Bar Loop S., get past the island divider, and with traffic behind them decide to make a quick (or not so quick) u-turn to get back to Coors Bypass South to get to the east entrance. There are remnants of car parts scattered on the road where their selfish desire went awry for them and other unaware. What an un-necessay mess.

So enough negativity, and let the season bring me, and you, joy. There is such pleasure having another in my world, Emerson, to remind me that I am not the center of the universe. Thinking about the needs of others like my wife, family, grand-daughter, members of the parish, and people the Lord has yet to bring into my life, fills me with much joy. Again, like I said earlier, I need to be like Jesus the Christ, and not focus on the sinfulness of the other but how I can be for them a lift above such a state. Christ could have left us to our own demise but instead stepped into our world as that little child born in Bethlehem to hoist us up and into His adoring arms.

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

Pastor Doug





Christmas Cantata
December 8, 9:30 a.m.

Order a poinsettia on
the sign-up sheet in
the Narthex
\$15.00 each



Hanging of the Greens
Saturday, November 30, 9:00 a.m.

We will be having a **Midweek Advent Bible Study** the first three Wednesday nights in December: **December 4, 11, & 18, 2019**. We will be guided in a presentation of the Synoptic Gospels-Matthew, Mark & Luke-by watching initially a video presentation each week and then have time for discussion on what we had heard presented. Dr. Bart D. Ehrman, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill we be our host as he introduces the backgrounds each week of one of the Synoptic Gospels.
Time: 6:00 pm. Please join us!

FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UNM & CNM



Save the Date: Carols & Cheer with Luther House
Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join Luther House for our second annual Carols & Cheer event!

We will follow Martin Luther's tradition of gathering in pubs to enjoy local beverages from Broken Trail Brewery & Distillery to share the songs of the season. A percentage of the beverage sales made will benefit the ministry and programming of Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Our musicians will again be Pauleta Hendrickson, director of music at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, and Clara Byom, director of music at St Tim's Lutheran Church. Come and celebrate Luther House with us!





Consider helping with our Giving Tree this Year

A mother and 6 children are need of our help this season. The mother is caring for 3 of her sister's children as well as her own 3 children.

Mother, 29 years old
Female Child, 5 years old
Female Child, 6 years old
Male Child, 6 years old
Female Child, 8 years old
Male Child, 10 years old
Male Child, 11 years old

Take gift tag from the giving tree in the Narthex, purchase a gift, attach the gift card, and leave the present under the tree by December 15.

For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

December 2019 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR US AND OUR NEIGHBORS

CHURCH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for confirmed members of Messiah Lutheran Church to volunteer to be on the slate of council members to be ratified at our Annual Meeting on January 19, 2020.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

We will be having our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 19, 2020, following our worship service. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. There will be more details to follow.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

MLCW meeting, Saturday, December 14, beginning at 9:30 am

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Food for needy families from at Kennedy Middle School over Thanksgiving: Thank you to all of you who contributed and/or helped bag the food for the ten families. They all got their food and were so thankful. A smile on their faces.

RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

The first Sunday I went to the worship service with RSCC members and thanked them on behalf of our parish for their very generous "love gift" of \$1,000 for our future HVAC needs.

"THIRTEENTH MONTH" OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who have participated in this special offering. We will give you a final total as soon as the last offerings for this drive come in.

WORSHIP NOTES - DECEMBER

December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

December 15

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 29

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23



December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 22

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ DECEMBER

	DECEMBER 1	DECEMBER 8	DECEMBER 15	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 29
ASSISTING MINISTER	Kristi A.	Ron K.	Kristi A.	Lee D.	Sara B.-H.
LECTOR	Debra H.	Sara B.-H.	Steve M.	Ron K.	Debra H.
USHERS				Danielson	
GREETERS				Danielson	
COUNTERS	Ron H.	Ron K.		Lee D.	
OPERATE PPT	Tom A.	KD P.	Tom A.	Chuck D.	
REFRESHMENTS	Debra H.			Holiday Dessert Social	Debra H.
FLOWERS	Hauge		Hartenberger		Rosemary B.



Men's Bible Club

November 12 & 26

Women's Bible Study

Saturday, November 9 at 9:30am.

Wednesday Mornings Bible Study at 9:30 am



2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Steve McHenry

Vice-President: Dave Hartenberger

Treasurer: Ellen Dobson

Financial Secretary: Kristi Adams

Secretary: Lee Danielson

Members-at-Large:

Cassandra Osterloh

Debra Hoyt

Rosemary Butler

Carlo Bachechi

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 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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2019 Year-to-Date

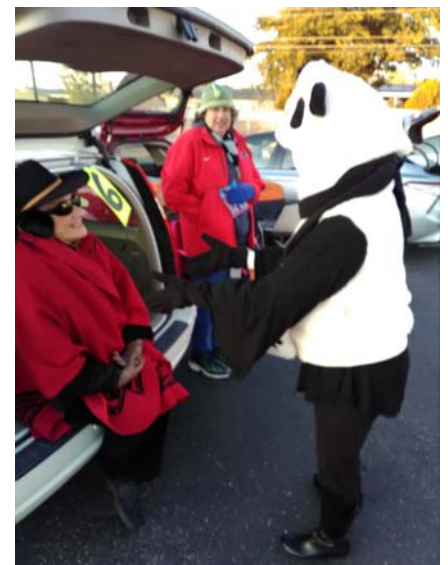
Jan. 1 - Nov. 23

Income: \$85,276

Expense: \$84,047

Net: \$1,229

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Trunk or Treat on October 30. We had a great turnout despite the cold weather. Approximately 65 kids and parents attended. Many thanks to Chuck, Ron, Tom, Sarah, Dory, Bonnie Jo, Sandi and Katie and Rosemary. Also many thanks to Pastor Doug and to Dave and the Thrivent funds. ~Deb Hoyt



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship Advent 1 Loose Change For Hunger	2	3 9:30am Sew and Share Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm	4 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Advent Bible Study Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm	5	6	7
8 9:30am Christmas Cantata 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship Advent 2	9	10 8:00am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Church Council Mtg Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm	11 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Craft Club 6:00pm Advent Bible Study Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm	12	13	14 9:30am MLCW Bible Study and Meeting
15 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship Advent 3	16	17 9:30am Sew and Share Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm	18 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Advent Bible Study Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm	19	20	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am RSCC Worship Advent 4	23	24 8:00am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm	25 10:30am Christmas Day Service Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am RSCC Worship	30	31 Office Hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm				

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.

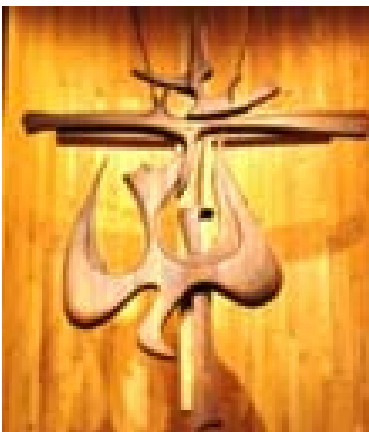
Bill Baker
Barbara & Carlo Bachechi
Al Burmeister
Danielle Currier
Mary Emery
Rodney Justice (Rosemary Butler's brother)
Marian & Ron Kulju
Joseph Patrick Lawler, III
Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer
Helga Lindner
Robert Maranville
Arlene Mickelson
Charlotte Moritomo

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Matt Braund
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)
Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)



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