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RIDES WITH "OLD SHIFTER"

Well, there is some sadness interwoven in the midst of this letter. The beginning of last month "Old Shifter" and I went about our trips with anxiety. As you may remember in last month's newsletter there was contemplation about what was to be done with my aging friend. I had mistakenly written that my motives for "Old Shifter" were selfless and truthfully the word should have been selfish.

I had a conversation with "Old Shifter" about what was happening. I was trying to break it to her gently that our time together was coming to a close. She caught on quite quickly as I started visiting car dealerships. This was not an easy time for me. With each vehicle shown, I convinced myself there was something wrong with each potential replacement. I really did not want to part with "Old Shifter."

But then the fateful day happened, on September 14, I handed over "Old Shifter's" registration paper and keys. The night before I emptied all my junk out of her. So truly I drove out of the dealership with much sorrow with a different vehicle. I had taken the time to thank "Old Shifter" for her faithful service and companionship before taking the keys to another vehicle. It did feel like I was abandoning her to a fate unknown. She was strong, bucked up, and I am sure she will be a very able friend to her new owner.

I know it is dumb of me to get so attached. Miles covered, events enjoyed, troubles thwarted, had been our life together for the last five years. Now I will have to give my reliance and appreciation to my new companion. It is a used 2009 Toyota Tacoma crew cab pick-up, silver in color, with a topper over her back box. It is four-wheel drive, but most importantly for my left knee, an automatic transmission. As much as I loved riding with "Old Shifter," my knee was not so excited about all the clutching needing to be done traveling the Albuquerque streets. So I guess I lost a vehicular friend and gained a skeletal one.

The above leads me to a new dilemma, "What shall I call my new vehicular conveyance?" In the Scriptures names and naming were integral to how they saw themselves and places for which God had taken them. When Yahweh made his covenant with Abram and Sarai their names were changed to Abraham and Sarah. A new special relationship between God and his people was to be revealed. Saul became Paul when the Lord used him to be an evangelist for bringing people to the knowledge of grace and mercy through Christ. At baptism we give our child a new (middle) name to recognize the special relationship with our Lord through the sacrament of water and the Word.

This new colleague in my journeys of ministry and life will need to have a name to christen our new relationship. This is where you reading this piece become involved. We will have a little contest, so to speak. I want you to help me choose a name for her. I will take your suggestions and by the next newsletter inform you of her blessed name in the work of the Lord.

You can email your suggestions to the office or give me a note at worship. Maybe not during worship, of course, unless the Holy Spirit so inspires you. Thank you.

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.

RISING SUN CHRISTIAN

COMMUNITY

Weekly Service

Sundays ~ 11:30 a.m.

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Carlo Bachechi

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Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will be gathering for a retreat on Friday, October 5, at 9:00 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, 1801 Montano Rd. NW. The theme of the retreat is, "Fill My Cup, Lord" and will be led by Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Senior Pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of reflection, spiritual growth and reassurance during such a time as this! For more information, contact Amy Costales at 867-4207.

Save the Date!

2018 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM

Advocacy Conference

Saturday, November 17

Keynote speaker:

Rev. Amy Reumann, Dir. of ELCA Advocacy

8:30 am - 1 pm

\$15 per person (materials & lunch included)

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque



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.

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brian Osterloh

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Treasurer: Ellen Dobson

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Treasurer: Dotty Dahl

MISSION LEAD LADIES

Growth: Lorraine Davis

Action: Charlotte Moritomo

Community: Dotty Dahl

Historian: TBD



WORSHIP NOTES - OCTOBER

October 7

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 14

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 21

Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 28

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

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 ~ OCTOBER

	OCTOBER 7	OCTOBER 14	OCTOBER 21	OCTOBER 28
Assisting Minister	KD Pass	Cassandra Osterloh		
Lector	Rosemary Butler	Steve McHenry	Marianne Walck	Debra Hoyt
Ushers		Bonnie Jo Hunt		Cassandra Osterloh
Greeters	Bonnie Jo Hunt	Sandi King	Bonnie Jo Hunt	Sandi King
Counters	1. Rosemary Butler 2.	1. Cassandra Osterloh 2.	1. 2.	1. Cassandra Osterloh 2.
Create PowerPoint	Rosemary Butler	Rosemary Butler	Rosemary Butler	Rosemary Butler
Operate PowerPoint	Cassandra Osterloh	Marianne Walck		
Fellowship Snacks			KMS Potluck	Debra Hoyt
Fellowship Setup	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge	Aldredge
Yard Work				

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

For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

October 2018 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS



TRUNK OR TREAT

We will be having our Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. We will set up at 4:00 pm out in the Messiah parking lot and they begin at 5:00 pm. We hope to go through 6:30 pm. We will be needing some assistance with set up and clean-up. Donations of candy and instant hot chocolate will be gladly accepted. Thank you to Debra Hoyt for overseeing this great event.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

- A) New Mexico W-ELCA Women's Cluster -- Saturday, October 20, 2018, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque.
- B) Church Women United -- "Fill My Cup, Lord," led by Rev. Pam Rowley. Friday, October 5, 2018, beginning at 9:00 am, at the Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, 1801 Montano Rd. NW.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The "Homework Diner" program will be beginning officially Wednesday, October 3. Pastor will let the congregation know more as it unfolds. There was a dress rehearsal at on Wednesday, September 26, at Second Presbyterian Church.

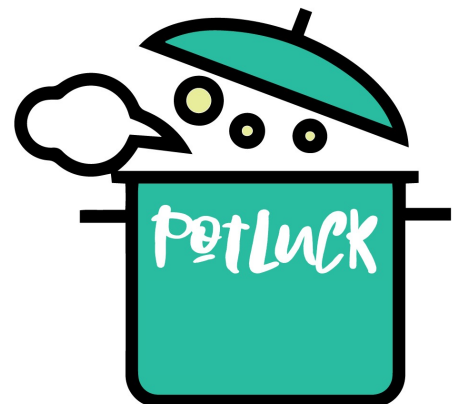
RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

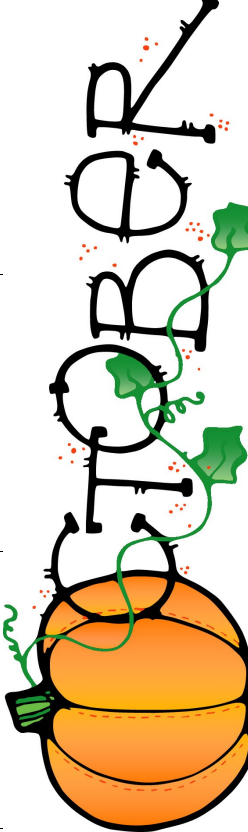
Our second Rally Day Sunday joint potluck with RSCC, on Sunday, September 16, 2018, was excellent. It was a pleasure to have Rev. Sarah Moening from the RMS office with us, as well as, Peggy and Michelle from Kennedy Middle School. Thank you goes out to Rosemary Butler and Mary Ann Rich for overseeing the event and to all others who helped to make it flow so nicely.

RSCC is having a flea market in the Messiah parking lot on Saturday, October 6, 2018. It begins at 8:00 am and goes to Noon. It is one of their fundraising opportunities. All are welcome to vend and purchase, please see the posters on the bulletin boards.

BLESSING POTLUCK in November

There will be a Blessing Potluck and appreciation for Veterans on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The potluck will follow our worship service. Quite possibly we may be graced with special music for our local National Guard musicians.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:30 am: Sew & Share Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	3 9:30 am: Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study, Letters of John Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	4 Office Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	5	6 8am: RSCC Garage Sale
7 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 11:30 am: RSCC Worship	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 6:30 pm: Council Meeting Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	10 9:30 am: Bible Study 6:00 pm: Craft Club Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	11 6:30 pm RSCC Bible Study Office Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	12	13 9:30 am: MLCW Bible Study & Meeting
14 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 11:30 am: RSCC Worship	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 9:30 am: Sew & Share Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	17 9:30 am: Bible Study Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	18 6:30 pm RSCC Bible Study Office Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	19	20
21 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 11:30 am: RSCC Worship	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	24 9:30 am: Bible Study 6:00 pm: Craft Club Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	25 6:30pm RSCC Bible Study Office Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	26	27 10:00 am: MLC Book Club
28 9:30 am: Worship 10:30 am: Fellowship 11:30 am: RSCC Worship 12:30 am RSCC Fall Festival and Potluck	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 5-6:30 PM Trunk or Treat Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	31 9:30 am: Bible Study Office Hours: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm			

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

Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)

Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

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