



Messiah



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NOVEMBER 2017

Rides with "Old Shifter"

"Old Shifter" and I, had another wonderful month of driving around Albuquerque. We even got to see some more interesting driving skills. Watching some of the people drive around here reminds me of a statement my grandfather used to say after seeing some people drive. He said, You know, if you asked some of these poorly skilled drivers if they could drive, they would boldly answer you, "Yes, I drive everywhere I go." Then he would just shake his head.

One of the eventualities of driving is that I end up in long lines of car, cover multiple lanes. Quite often that slow down time gives me opportunities to read what is on the back of their cars. Some of the stickers are fascinating and poignant. What catches my eyes are all the different license place tags, not only the out of state ones, but the myriad of tags issued by New Mexico.

Apparently, the new one is the black one with a green and red chile in the left corner, with inscribed across the top, "Chile Capital of the World." A good and probably honest assertion made by New Mexico. There are turquoise colored ones and yellow ones. Some lighter colored with a hot air balloon and "Zia" symbol. There are some with different state universities and organizations. Almost all of them have the slogan, "Land of Enchantment."

Most of the state official cars, like buses, police cars, etc., have a large "G," followed by a hyphen before the numbers. There is one variance in the license plates which I find fascinating. As best I can tell, there are two different styles of turquoise tags. The ones which are not "Centennial 1912-2012" plates have "New Mexico USA." The centennial ones like we have on two of our vehicles, does not have the "USA."

I read, in one of the books on New Mexico when I first moved here, that the "USA" was put on the license plate purposely. No other state in the union has done anything similar. The author contended that when New Mexicans traveled and others saw the word Mexico, it was thought the vehicle was from another country, Mexico to be exact. So to be proactive, the state, to battle confusion, and maybe some national ignorance, added "USA" to New Mexico on the plate.

I mentioned that to "Old Shifter" and he just shimmied a bit and with an air of indifference pushed some extra exhaust out the tail pipe. To really get "Old Shifters" going, I did one of those, "back when I ..." statements. I told "Old Shifter," "back when Mary and I got our first car, it was in Iowa, and all the plates throughout the state were blue. The only extra thing imprinted on the plate besides the state name, was the specific county of registration. "Old Shifter" was really impressed my "back in the olden days stories," and showed so, by turning up the radio quite loudly to drown me out. Well, anyway, the people in Wisconsin jokingly used to call them beginners' plates.

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So why have I gone on so with "Old Shifter" and you readers about license plate tags. I am impressed by the effort and initiative people take to make a statement about important things in their lives, even if it is on what they drive. Every time I see a UNM or NMSU or Highland or Eastern New Mexico license plate, it makes me think about what makes or has been a part of a person's life to feel a significant attachment or association. I think about what they may have studied or what really makes a difference in their life.

I pray that each day as you live out your Christian life, your style, grace, fortitude, zeal inspired by the Holy Spirit causes people to ask what is wonderfully going on in your life. What makes you different? What invites them to want to be so associated? You may wear a cross, or have the "IXTHUS" (fish) symbol on your car, a good starting point. Yet, it is in how you faithfully carry yourself as one saved by the grace of Christ which ultimately touches the world and the people who live in it.

The odds are most of the people in the vehicles ahead of me, I will never really know much about them but their driving skills and the special plates. I would like to know, just to ease my curiosity. The outward presence is the starting point in most relationships, yet that is just the opening salvo. It is what happens when we get to meet which makes the full and lasting impression. May we all live as Christ would have us live. Open and alive to be there for all God's people and presenting to them a relationship which is inviting, fulfilling and grace-filled in the name of Christ. Our neighbors, our community, our nation, our world need the active presence of Christ in their lives.

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

God Bless!
Pastor Doug



Thirteen Month Year

Yes, it is true. This year we have been blessed for our stewardship purposes with a thirteenth month on Sunday, November 12, 2017. You should have received a letter in the mail more thoroughly explaining this blessed event. There is enclosed in the letter a red envelope which you may use to share the joy of this special occurrence. You can mail them in, bring them to the worship service or drop them by the church office. The stewardship special offering will be split two ways: half to "Building and Maintenance" and half to "a family or families in need."

Also, there will be a Potluck following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall for celebration and fellowship. Thank you and the Lord be praised.

Veterans' Day Celebration

We are working on a celebration for our nation's veterans at the Sunday service, November 12, 2017. We plan to have some special music and would like our veterans to come in their uniform or bring it with them to be displayed. If you have any questions call Pastor Doug at the church, 299-3311.

Church Council members

We will be having some present church council members going off council beginning in 2018. Therefore, we will need some new volunteers to fill their positions. So pray about saying yes to having your name made available for church council at the Annual Meeting in January. A nominating committee member would love to have you share your name with them. God bless and thank you.

New Members' Inquiry Class

We will be having an inquiry class for new membership to Messiah and for anyone else who would like to attend. The class will be on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 6:30 pm**. We will have a wonderful and informative time.

Advent Season Midweek Bible Study

We will be having a Bible study on the second lessons of the Advent Season. The study will be at 6:30 pm for four consecutive Wednesday nights beginning the end of November, at Messiah. The dates are November 29; December 6, 13, and 20, 2017.

November 29 -- Romans 10:10-18

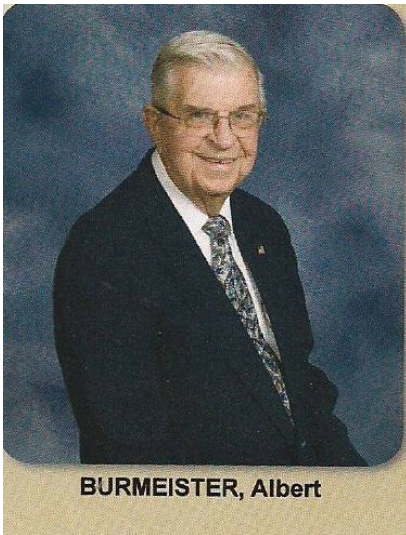
December 06 -- 2 Peter 3:18-15a

December 13 -- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

December 20 -- Titus 2:11-14

We will look at the whole chapter surrounding the lessons, if time permits.
Look forward to seeing you there.





Member Spotlight

Messiah Member Messenger Newsletter

Interview

Date October 5, 2017

Name: Al Burmeister

How did you come to Messiah?

Al was a member of the Albuquerque Police Department from 1958 thru 1980. His career advanced over the years from Patrolman up to Sergeant Detective. Each time he received a promotion he went back to graveyard shift and working Sundays. He eventually reached a point in his career that allowed him to resume regular Sunday worship. He asked a Police Chaplain he was close to, where the Chaplain worshipped, it was Messiah and Al has been an active member ever since, more than 40 years.

Where are your roots?

Al hails from Toledo, Ohio, he left Toledo after graduating from high school, joining the Army Air Force, which later became the U.S. Air Force. He spent 9 years in the Air Force and was stationed in many different places, Korea, Europe, Colorado, Nebraska, Georgia are a few I remember him showing and telling me about.

In January 1950 Al met the woman who became the love of his life, Dorothy. She had been raised in Colorado, Grand Junction and Crawford on the western slope. They met while Al was stationed at Lowry AFB in Denver. On August 22, 1950 they were married in Toledo, Ohio. Al had to hitchhike from where he was stationed in Michigan to get to his wedding.

This was the start to a 65 plus years adventure for Al and Dorothy.

In 1957 Al left the Air Force and moved his family to Albuquerque, which has been home since. Al and Dorothy had 2 children, son and daughter, 6 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren.

While serving as a police officer in Albuquerque, Al also joined the Air Force Reserves, and as a noncommissioned officer was afforded the opportunity to become a commissioned officer in the Reserves. When he retired from the Reserves 20 years later, he was a Lt. Colonel, quite an accomplishment.

Dorothy passed away a little more than a year ago after a long illness.

As a retired military serviceman and a retired policeman, Al has many wonderful stories he can share. He has a very thick scrap book that details his careers, and a well told story for every page. Any time spent with Al is humorous, as well as enlightening, and enjoyable

What do you like to do?

Al is really into needlepoint and counted cross stitch. His apartment at Las Colinas is full of examples of his work, and many home in Albuquerque display his crafts as a result of purchases made at bazaars he has participated in over the years. Messiah has had some of his work on display at times. Al teaches his crafts skills at Las Colinas and other locales when asked.

Al has also started baking cakes on occasion to share with Messiah members after worship on Sunday. As one who has partaken of his cakes I can testify to how good he is getting at this skill as well.

How do you fill your days?

As you might expect, crafts take up a lot of Al's time, both creating new needlepoint/cross stitch pieces and teaching. He loves to read novels. He is also a television fan of the NFL , especially the Denver Broncos, there's that tie to Dorothy and Colorado again.

As he gets more settled into his new home at Las Colinas other activities may start to take up some of his time.

What part of Messiah "speaks to you"?

Fellowship, how much we seem to care for each other, the family feeling you get when being with Messiah members. Al remembers how much Dorothy loved doing Messiah bazaars with Eloise Keastie. The fun they all had. He mentioned, bazaars might be something we at Messiah could look to do again to connect with the neighborhood.

We at Messiah are fortunate to have Al as a member, his humor, skill sets, longevity as a member here, his positive outlook on life in general are attributes that all of us can appreciate from a fellow member of our congregation.





WOW, Trunk or Treat as Messiah gave out treats from trunks to about 75 to 100 kids See the thank you's names below.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

NAME	WHAT YOU WILL DO
Gene & Irene Aldredge	Candy, setup & take down
KRISTI ADAMS	man treat table
Debra Hoyt	candy, and vehicle, and set
Paul & Debbie Rejhan	-
Linda Dubogue	candy
Sandra King	apple cider, ^{hatchback (trunk)} man treat table
Osterloh	candy
Jana Bender Kozak	Candy and vehicle
CHUCK + LEE	Candy & VEHICLE
Rosemary	car + candy



RIISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Ray & Andy
 Mary Ann & Amelia
 Kenneth
 Arlynn Collard
 Erin & Sam
 Carmen & Lily
 Paula & Ruth





The women of Messiah Lutheran Church invite you to our Bible Study, 2nd Saturday of each month.

In November we will discuss "When Christians Get it Wrong" "When Christian get it right." with a DVD presentation. Facilitator: Hazel Mella

*We will open the Bible Study with some food, fellowship and fun.
Please come and enjoy the fellowship and be part of an open and lively discourse.*



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
Prayer Chain: TBD*

November 2017 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fellowship Coffee and Snacks Please Sign up

Names	Fellowship Set-up	Fellowship Snacks
November 05	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Rosemary Butler
November 12	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Lorraine Davis Potluck in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.
November 19	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Debra Hoyt-Cake Ron and Marian Kulju
November 26	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Dotty Dahl

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Matthew 3:3

Isaiah 38:7

This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the
LORD will do this thing that he has promised

NOVEMBER FLOWERS



November 2017 Flowers

November 05 All Saints Day (white flowers)

November 12 Betty Hauge (Trenton's BD)

November 19 Ellen Dobson

November 26

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

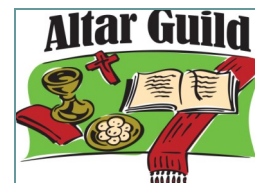



DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
November 05	Sara Bender Hooks	Lee/Chuck Danielson	Lee/Chuck Danielson	
November 12	Ron Kulju	Kristi and Tom Adams	Kristi and Tom Adams	Ron Kulju
November 19				
November 26				Cassandra Osterloh

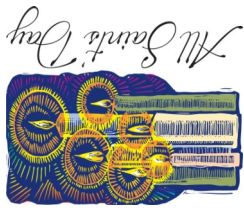


Readers for November 2017

November 05	Lee/Chuck Danielson
November 12	Debra Holt
November 19	Marianne Walck
November 26	Cassandra Osterloh



Irene Aldredge



November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Daylight Savings time ENDS November 5th			1 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. "Theology on Tap"	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	3	4 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day
5 All Saints Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSICC Worship	6	7 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	8 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	9	10	11 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study Mitten Tree
12 Veteran's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship Service/Stewardship 11:30 a.m. RSICC Worship	13	14 6:30 p.m. Church Council	15 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 6:30 p.m. Inquiry class	16	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSICC Worship	20	21 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	22 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24	25 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club
26 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSICC Worship	27 The Giving Tree 	28	29 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study	30		



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 05	Rebecca Koeltzow
November 10	Barbara Bachechi
November 13	Zachary Baca
November 19	Debra Holt
November 21	Marissa Baca

**No Wedding Anniversaries in
November**



Baptized in November

November 01	Carol Hartenberger
November 03	Tom Adams
November 10	Barbara Bachechi
November 13	Linda Dubuque
November 17	Alexandra Osterloh
November 21	Irene Aldredge
November 23	Betty Hauge
November 25	Deja Dubuque
November 28	Tristen Hauge



Bill Baker; Barbara Bachechi; Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Mary Emery; Joe Hauge (Betty Hauge's son); Susan Bishop, JoAnn Hauge' Mother-in-law; Marian Kulju; Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Charlotte Moritomo; Laura Ross McHenry; Jennie Robinson (Betty Hauge's



Max Corrie



Daniel Vickers — serving in the Navy (**grandson of Eloise Kesatie**)
Micah Kesatie—Army Reserves (**grandson of Eloise Kesatie**)
Allen J. Tetreault—serving in the USAF Kirtland AFB Military
Matt Braun—serving at Kirkland AFB Military



COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for September are available in the front office and online at www.messiahbq.org, "about us" "church leadership"

Messiah Lutheran Church members are invited to review the church council's meeting information.



The **FIRST** Sunday of **EVERY** month, bring your loose change and place in the offering plate. This is collected and sent in for **World Hunger!**



Average Attendance

SEPTEMBER 2017

Worship Average-31

OCTOBER 2017

Worship Average-30

Claiming our Gifts

RE•FORMATION FOR THE SAKE OF MINISTRY AND WITNESS

Our particular way of participating in Christ's Church as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is rooted in distinctive gifts visible in our **theology • practice • ecclesiology • legacy**. Claiming these gifts helps us recognize how God uses our distinctiveness to form and re-form us for partnership in ministry and witness.

The gift of our ELCA **theology** includes an emphasis on:

- Grace – *God's unconditional love for all, without exception*
- Paradox – *Life as God's both/and people in an either/or world*
- Cross – *Discovering how Jesus meets us in the margins of life and the world*

The gift of our ELCA **practice** includes an emphasis on:

- Word and Sacrament
We experience God's grace through the living Word, the promises of Baptism, and Christ's presence in a meal of forgiveness and life.
- Service to the neighbor
Our experience of God's grace leads us into the world in service where:
 - we actively witness to God's justice and peace as a public church;*
 - we equip ourselves through ministries of Word and Service.*
- Ministry of the Baptized
We carry out ministry in our daily lives and vocations.
- Lifelong Faith Formation
Our journey of faith and growth continues from birth to death.

The gift of our ELCA **ecclesiology** means that we understand church to be:

- GLOCAL (global + local):
Our local witness is always informed by our global relationships
- Ecumenical:
We find fullness in relationship with other churches even as we partner with other religions and communities for the sake of the world
- Interdependent:
Our threefold ELCA expression as congregations, synods, and churchwide ministries

Our ELCA **legacy** provides us with gifts from which to engage in God's mission:

- As heirs of the Lutheran reformation:
we are called to be a catalyst for the Spirit's continuing work of reform.
- As a church shaped by an immigrant history:
we are committed to ministry with refugees and immigrants even as we "decolonize Lutheranism" to expand our self-understanding and welcome
- As a church formed by mergers:
we are drawn together by what we share, not what divides.

Christ's Church, Better Together



CHRISTMAS SEASON

Upcoming events at Messiah Lutheran Church

December 2017

Hanging of the Greens, Saturday, December 02

First Sunday in Advent, December 03

Gingerbread House Construction Party, Saturday, December 09

Gift Givers Anonymous, TBD

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Sunday, December 24,
vc7:00 p.m.*

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. Worship

New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31



Church Website! is www.messiahbq.org.

You may also reach us on Facebook.

The website has up to date information about our church, our synod, and current activities.

Sunday Bible Readings for November 2017

November 05

Revelations 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 32
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 12

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

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messiahbq.org

Note: Daily bible readings may be found in "Christ in Our Home" Devotional.



Sunday Worship Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship with communion

Bible Studies

Thursday Bible Study with Pastor Doug: 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church Women
Bible Study and gathering on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran Community
"Theology on tap" meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



If you have a prayer need, please call the church at 505-299-3311 to be added to the Messiah Lutheran Church's Prayer Chain as we pray in the name of Jesus.



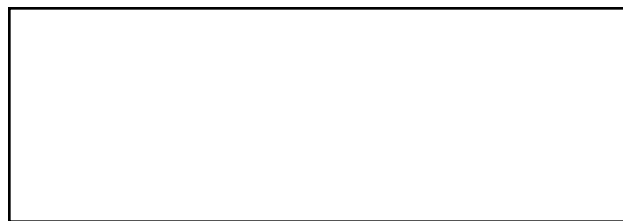
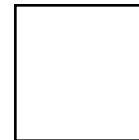
ALL SAINTS DAY^{©LPI}



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Our Mission: *Caring For and Serving Others So All May Share in God's Love.*

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