



Messiah



Messenger

FROM THE



Pastor

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Rides with "Old Shifter"

Well, as I said last month, "another month has gone by." "Old Shifter" (my pick-up truck) and I are getting a pretty good path beat between here and home. Menaul from Fourth Street to Eubank, we can almost do with our eyes closed. (That probably explains all the honking going on around us.)

When we travel eastward on Menaul we get the pleasure of seeing the majestic Sandia Mountains and westward the quiet volcanoes. In between, there is a myriad of stores, restaurants, bus stops and stop signs. As we traverse that roadway, most things are the same. I know we will have to stop for the light at University. We stay in the middle lane all the way to Wyoming, to avoid people making right turns and the bus stops. By the time we get to St. Luke Lutheran Church, if all is going as usual, we will have gotten into the right lane.

The sameness brings comfort to "Old Shifter" and me. For the most part, she is able to glide along in fourth gear. Yet, things do change. Computer Corner is not longer on a corner, having moved westward a bunch of blocks and to the other side of the street. One change which kind of pulls on my heart strings is the closing of the J.C. Penney Co. Home Furnishing store. It is not that I have ever bought anything there or that "Old Shifter" had ever been parked in its parking lot; it is just the closing of such a store is change.

We have had a J. C. Penney Co. credit card since 1979. Mary and I got it just a little while after we were married. We knew very little about credit cards back then and it was a big step for us. We had a cash flow that was quite minimal and J. C. Penny Co. offered us nice options for clothing and other items, which we did not have to pay in full at that moment. My wife still likes to shop at the one at the Cottonwood Mall. It would be depressing to see that close.

The Home Furnishing store touches me because when we first moved to Albuquerque and bought a house, we needed to getting items for the home to replace that which we sold on auction back in Northeast Iowa. We got ideas from that store and other ones in the Carlisle and Menaul area. With it now closed, a part of our early memories are gone. Whenever I drove past that store it would remind me of our excitement of owning our first home.

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I asked "Old Shifter," upon reflection, if those feelings now lost in time, not to be gotten back, was how the Israelite people must have felt when crossing upon the wilderness with Moses. They had a great promise of a special place and time with God in a new, unknown land; but still, they struggled departing from what they had known.

The same too for the early converts to the Christian faith. They had to discard their old notions and traditions. They had to take a path not trodden by many before them. Holding dear and true to the promises of the evangelists concerning the risen Lord. What was to be their new life was beyond their total comprehension, but they knew, if they stayed true, the gift of salvation was to be theirs forever.

It is the same for us today. Each day we get challenged by change. Yet, one thing is always and ultimately the same, and that should bring us comfort. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ promised to be with us throughout the ages by the power of His advocate, the Holy Spirit. Keep your faith strong and daily attend to the measures of your faith in Christ. There is one Lord of all and through His death and resurrection, He has graciously claimed you as His, forever.

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

God Bless!

Pastor Doug



More thoughts from Pastor Doug

Hurricane Harvey!

Hurricane Irma!

Hurricane Maria!

Disaster!!

Death!!

Home-less!!

Power-less!

Hope-less!!

We are fortunate that our Lord has promised to provide for us during the good and the tough times. Lutheran Disaster Response is a gift given to us to use on behalf of those tragically struggling to make it through the aftermath of those great calamities. Lutheran Disaster Response is an extension of our concern for the "other," at places we ourselves would not physically easily be able. Also, their combined efforts with the area Synods of our church in the afflicted areas and other affiliated bodies, can make a concerted and direct, long-lasting difference.

If your heart so desires, please leave an offering gift specifically in support of our church's disaster relief. Please put on the offering envelope and/or your check memo line--"Hurricane Response-United States. Thank you.

One other thing to consider, at our last church council meeting, a question arose concerning whether or not some members of our congregation could go as a "help team" to Houston. What do you think? We will research out our options. I remember after hurricane Katrina, the team of us from our congregation was not able to fit into their worker's schedule until about five months after the hurricane. They were set up and ready for all the help we could give. Visit with a council member or Pastor Doug with any of your ideas.

Paul's Letter to the Galatians

We will be having a **Bible study** on Paul's Letter to the Galatians beginning in October. The study will begin at 6:30 pm for three consecutive Wednesday nights, at Messiah. The dates are October 11, 18 and 25, 2017. It is important for we people of faith to daily emerge ourselves into the studying of the Bible. Look forward to seeing you there.

A few things coming up:

Thankoffering Service, October 15, 2017

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017

All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2017

New Members' Inquiry Class in November 2017 (date not yet set)



Randy and Diana Slider, Ellen Dobson, Carol Hartenberger, Rosemary Butler and CiCi and Pati for providing delicious Luncheon Casseroles

Danielle Orist for Burritos

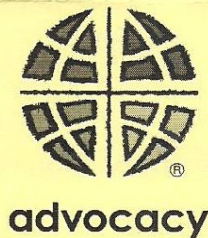
Debra Hoyt, Linda Dubuque, and Sandra King for Fruit Platters

Marianne Walck, Carlo and Barbara Bachechi for Bagels and Cream.

All for the Messiah's joint **Celebration Sunday Brunch** with Rising Sun Christian Community

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM

Advocacy Conference



"Advocacy 2017"

Saturday, October 14

8:30 am – 1:30 pm

St. Luke Lutheran Church

9100 Menaul NE 87112

Albuquerque

Plan to attend and register now!

Breakout session topics will include advocacy basics, hunger in NM, theology of advocacy and more.

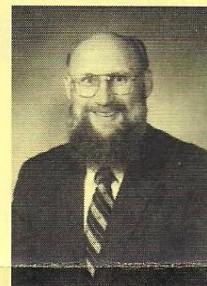
The conference is open to everyone interested in learning more about advocating on public policies impacting our many neighbors living in poverty and with hunger.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Craig Nesson

Dr. Nesson is Academic Dean and Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics at Wartburg Theological Seminary. He holds degrees from Michigan State University, Wartburg Theological Seminary, and the University of Munich.

His theological interests include ecclesiology, theological ethics, liberation theology, and family systems theory. Among the books that he has written is *Give Us This Day:*

A Lutheran Proposal for Ending World Hunger.



\$15 per person

Including materials and lunch

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Congregation/Organization _____

Registration deadline: October 9

Make checks payable to Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM. Send registration forms to Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM, 1701 Arroyo Chamiso, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or call/send above information to info@lutheranadvocacynm.org or call 505-984-8005

Feel free to make copies of this information/registration flyer and distribute it in your congregation or organization.

FOOD FOR OUR BACKPACK DRIVE – October 2017

October is our next 5-Sunday month which means it's time for our *Backpack Food Collection*. The drive will provide nutritional food and snacks for a number of families at our local elementary school. Backpacks are filled to be taken home by needy students to enable them to have weekend meals.

Refrigeration space is almost non-existent so no fresh or frozen food will be accepted. Also, **no glass** containers since food is carried home in backpacks.

Please take this list with you when shopping & donate something to this worthy program. Containers are set up in the Narthex to drop off your donations. Thank you.

SHOPPING LIST

Pasta - various types
Spaghetti sauce - cans
only Fruit Cups
Mac & Cheese Vegetables/
Fruits - cans
Snack drinks - boxes or pouches
Cheese & Cracker Snacks
Drink mixes (cocoa, cider,
fruit) Peanut butter (plastic
jars) Powdered milk
Tuna
Rice/Beans - dried To-
mato sauce - cans
Soups
Jello/Pudding Mix
Muffin/Biscuit Mix
Ham or chicken - cans
Granola bars
Packages of nuts Jelly
(plastic jars)



A family picture from Betty Hauge, taken in California

Left to right: Russ Eve (cousin), Bill Eve (uncle), Joanne Eve (aunt), Betty Hauge, Pat Kruger (my sister), and Bob Eve (cousin). **This was taken at Uncle Bill's 90th birthday celebration.** Uncle Bill is the last one of his generation on my mother's side.

Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed to:

1. Participate in the Trunk or Treat with their vehicle
2. Donations of loose candy, and little trinkets for the kids like erasers, stickers, pencils, etc.
3. Two volunteers to man the treat table (popcorn, hot cocoa, apple cider, etc.)

The Trunk or Treat will take place Monday, October 30, 5-7pm.



**Signup sheets for volunteers
is located on the church's bulletin board**

**Please consider signing up for this important community
event**



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

In October we will discuss the "Gather" Magazine.

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

Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will gather for their Annual Retreat on Friday, October 6th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Rd. NE. Coffee fellowship will begin at **9:00 a.m.** DeeDee Heffner of St. John United Methodist Church will be the retreat leader. The theme is "Turning Aside" based on Exodus 3:1-15. The retreat will conclude at 12:00, but those wishing to bring a sack lunch may gather at the labyrinth for meditation and/or conversation. For more information, call Amy Costales at 867-4207.

Thank you!
Marilyn Stoops, CWU Communications Comm.
265-8358



What does stewardship mean to you?

The women at MLC encourages the congregation to consider their responsibility and capacity for stewardship.

By giving any amount for a "Thankoffering" you will help the Women of the ELCA with educational, community and worldwide initiatives.

Please be prayerful about your donation. We will have "Thankoffering" envelopes and/or mini-boxes available every Sunday until October 15, 2017.

Thank you for your stewardship commitment.



How to Act Boldly on Your Faith

Women remain a powerful force in the ministry of the church. Whether quilting, cooking, teaching or preaching, their hands perform the work that needs to get done.

Your Rocky Mountain Synod Women's Organization invites you to come experience the passions and ministry of Women: Past and Present in a 3 day Gathering, October 6-8 @ Bethel Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado (adjacent to the Denver airport).

Judy Messal, a member of All Saints in Albuquerque, is one of the presenters. Judy will share her border immersion activities and aspirations. Other presenters will share their attempts to improve lives through prison ministry, human trafficking intervention, homelessness solutions, political advocacy and international projects.

All describe how women today can have just as much influence on our culture as the women of the Bible had on their cultures. Join us in October and get charged up to act boldly on your faith. Registration forms are located in the narthex or contact Rhonda Bentz RMSWO Board member@ rhonda_8588@hotmail.com. Speak to your minister or Women's Ministry leader about available money to help with your registration, travel and lodging. They can guide you through the scholarship process.

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR:
OCTOBER 2017**

Power point presentation

October 01

October 08

October 15

Rosemary Butler

October 22

Rosemary Butler

October 29

Marianne Walck

Run the Projector during worship service

October 01

October 08

October 15

Rosemary Butler

October 22

Rosemary Butler

October 29

Pick up front yard trash after Messiah Worship Service

October 01

Osterlohs

October 08

Jess Jones, Diana, and Randy Stiefer

October 15

October 22

Amy Hlad

October 29

Amy Hlad

October 2017 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

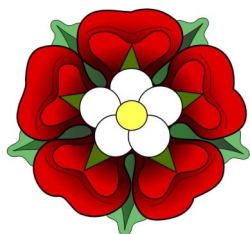
Fellowship Coffee and Snacks Please Sign up

	Fellowship Set-up	Fellowship Snacks
October 01	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Buddy and Sara Hooks
October 08	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Ellen Dobson
October 15	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Stiefer
October 22	Irene and Gene Aldredge	
October 29	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Kristi Adams

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone



October Flower of the month
is the Calendula

October 2017 Flowers

October 01

October 08

Ellen and Skip Dobson

October 15

October 22

October 29

Reformation flowers

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

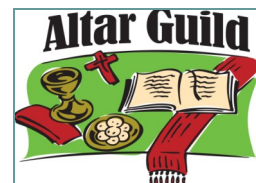
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DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
October 01	Dave Hartenberger	Dave Hartenberger		Cassandra Osterloh
October 08	Ellen Dobson			
October 15	Sara Bender Hooks			
October 22	K D Pass			
October 29		Kristi Adams	Marianne Walck	



Readers for October 2017

October 01 Cassandra Osterloh
 October 08
 October 15 Debra Hoyt
 October 22 Marianne Walck
 October 29 Kristi Adams



Irene Aldredge



October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mental Health Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship 1:00 p.m. RSCC Board Meeting	2	3 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	4 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. "Theology on Tap"	5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	6	7 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day
8 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship	9	10 6:30 p.m. Church Council	11 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	13	14 9:30 a.m. MLCW Bible Study
15 Thankoffering Sunday Memorial Book in Narthex 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship	16	17 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share Letter to families	18 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	20	21
22 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship	23	24	25 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	27	28 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club
29 Reformation Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship	30 5:00-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat	31				



October 07	Lenell Storey
October 12	Nathan Chael
October 21	Gabriel Clevenger
October 23	Betty Hauge
October 31	Erich Lindner



None this month.



Baptized in October

October 05	Ron Kulju
October 07	Alek Reid
October 07	Tommi Reid
October 10	Darron Knight
October 11	Ralph Killingsworth
October 15	Tony Carson
October 16	Dave Hartenberger
October 20	Suzanne Baca
October 25	Emily Meek
October 28	Jackie Dobson
October 28	Kayla Dobson Fister



Bill Baker; Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Mary Emery; Betty Hauge; Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Charlotte Moritomo; Jean and Orman Paananen; Laura Ross McHenry.



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

JULY 2017

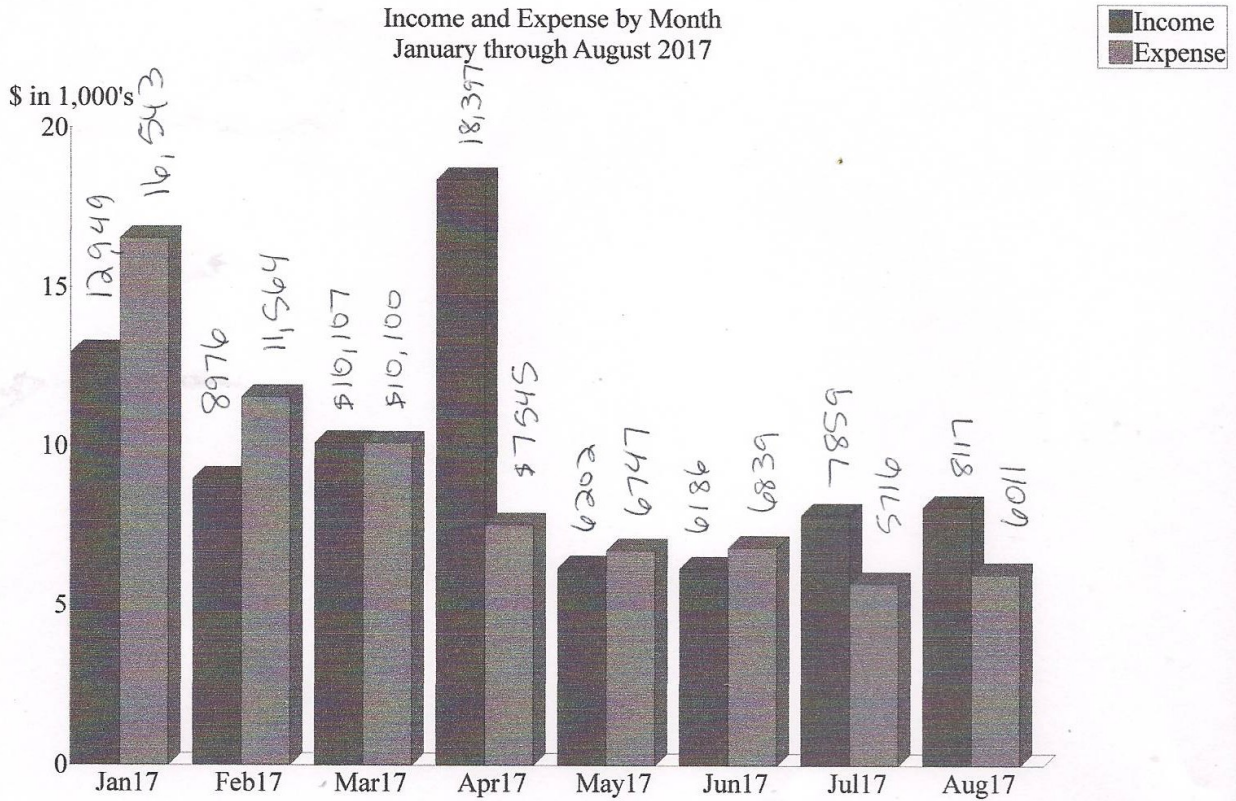
Worship Average-28

AUGUST 2017

Worship Average-33

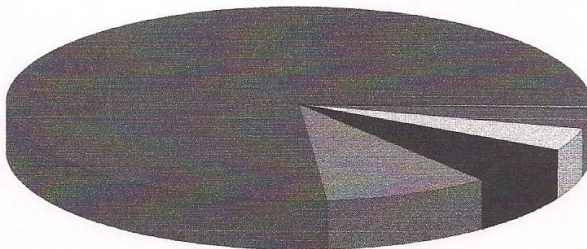
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Worship Average-31



Expense Summary
January through August 2017

PAYROLL EXPENSES	76.67%
OFFICE EXPENSES	9.30
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	6.60
Insurance Expense	3.88
MISSIONS	3.23
Uncategorized Expenses	0.25
OFFICE AND OPERATIONS	0.05
Business Licenses and Permits	0.01
Total	\$71,069.83



By Account

Upcoming events at Messiah Lutheran Church

November 2017

Daylight Savings time ends November 05

All Saints Day, Sunday, November 05

Mitten Tree up in Narthex, Saturday, November 11

The Giving Tree up in the Narthex, Friday, November 17

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23

December 2017

Hanging of the Greens, Saturday, December 02

First Sunday in Advent, December 03

Gift Givers Anonymous, Saturday, December 16

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Sunday, December 24

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

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 October 2017

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Messiah Messenger

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Director of Music: Tony Carson
Tony's email:
tony@messiahbq.org

Office Secretary - Shirley Lehde
Hours: -Tuesday-Thursday 1:30 -4:30
Wednesday-Friday 1:30-3:30

Shirley's email:
Shirley@messiahbq.org

Office Phone 505-299-3311

Church Website:
messiahbq.org

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.



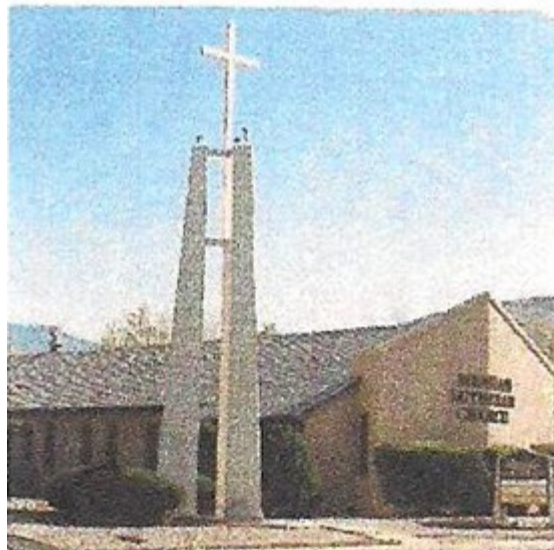
If you have a prayer need, please call the church at 505-299-3311 to be added to the Messiah Lutheran Church's Prayer Chain as we pray in the name of Jesus.



Sunday Worship Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship with communion

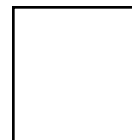
50TH Anniversary OF THE REFORMATION



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A monthly newsletter of October 2017

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

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