

# 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**

I was mentioning to "Gray Lady II" the other day driving across town for the umpteenth time, that she and I had been doing the Lord's work together for over a year. Boy time flies. Also, she pointed out, so do the miles pile up. We have ridden over twenty thousand plus miles together, mostly along the Sandia and Manzano mountain ranges.

It took me a little while to get used to her many features. She is not a Ford, but a Toyota, which has given me a bit of a learning curve. It has been exciting, yet, I still do not know what some of her buttons do, and probably never will. But I am open to learning and maybe I will push some of those buttons some day. At this point, we have been having a good ride together and I look forward to more.

Almost six months ago, I had another change in my life of which I never expected. I knew grandparents. Mary's mom and my folks had become grandparents, but I really never contemplating being one myself. I knew the folk lore of the grandparent but I had not placed myself into that new story for my own life. People seemed to enjoy such a new life experience. I can remember grandparents sharing with me all the joy they have with the new station in life.

They would tell me things like, "If I knew how much fun it was being a grandparent, I would have been one first." Or, "It is so much fun spoiling them." And also, "I am glad when the grand-baby is over, but I also realize why I had my children when I was young." Even for me, having the pleasure of having Emerson on Mondays, I had forgotten how much time and energy is expended taking care of a baby. It had been thirty-two years since I had to take care of a little baby. I am not complaining, just sharing. It is new; it is exciting; it is fulfilling; and I would not want it any other way.

Life is full of changes of which we can embrace or challenge. This newsletter article is being typed on a new computer donated by a member of the church. Again, with anticipation and appreciation, I tread into a new chapter of my life. I am struggling a bit with its new look and function, but I know ultimately this computer is much better than the one I had been using. As we, the computer and I, just like with "Gray Lady II", will gradually get to be wonderfully pleased by its capabilities and promises to make my computer tasks better.

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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.

## **Pastor Doug Mathison**

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## **Director of Music**

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Carlo Bachechi

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## **A Message from the Pastor (Continued from page 1)**

Taking that same concept back two thousand years, imagine the challenge to the people in Jesus' day telling them He was the blessed Messiah prayed for from many generations before. His words and actions leant themselves into being such a close match to what they had anticipated and expected, but yet, He was different. They knew what they knew for times of old. A messiah had been told to be coming for generations by the elders, rabbis and prophets. They liked what they wanted the proposed messiah to be like, so who was this Messiah which stood before them? Who is this Jesus who calls Himself the Son of God?

How were they going to make this paradigm shift within the words, actions and promises? It was going to take faith and trust to be able to fully grasp the glory of the blessing through this Messiah. They were going to have an inner struggle, but in the end as they let Christ enter into their life, their world, their hopes and dreams, that they would fully be engulfed by Jesus' grace and glory.

Christ does that for us every day as we trust not in only what we have already assumed to know all about and let Him enter in and strengthen our vision and relationship with the one true and eternal God. It is through our prayers and reading of Scripture Christ enters our life, enriching and contributing to our daily life. We can find Christ's goodness and mercy in our life when we look beyond our own conception of life, and our future. We have to fully put ourselves into our faith in Christ and let Him lead us. In Christ we are blessed and at the same time we become a blessing as we carry out our daily lives with a Christ-like vision.

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

Pastor Doug



## **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

## **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

# WORSHIP NOTES - OCTOBER

## October 6

Habakkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

## October 13

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

## October 20

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

## October 27

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36



Reformation Sunday: October 27  
**WEAR RED!**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ OCTOBER

	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27
ASSISTING MINISTER	Cassandra O.		Ellen D.	
LECTOR	Cassandra O		Steve	Gene D.
USHERS			Bonnie Jo H.	Bonnie Jo H.
GREETERS	Sandi K.	Chad R.	Chad R.	Gene & Rosie
COUNTERS	1. Chuck D. 2. Ron H.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
OPERATE POWERPOINT	Chuck D.	Tom A.	Bonnie Jo H.	Tom Adams
FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS	Osterloh	Dottie D.	Tracy G.	Ellen D
FELLOWSHIP SETUP				
TRASH PICK-UP				

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

*Flowers for the month of October provided by: Oct 6: Ellen Dobson. All other weeks open*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:30am Sew and Share  <i>Office Hours: 9-1pm</i>	<b>2</b> 9:30am: Bible Study 6:00pm Craft Club  <i>Office Hours: 9-1pm</i>	<b>3</b>   <i>Office Hours: 10-12pm</i>	<b>4</b>   <i>Office Hours: 9:00-12pm</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am RSCC Worship  <b>Loose Change For Hunger</b>	<b>7</b>   <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b> Cancelled: Men's Bible Study 6:30pm: Council Mtg. <i>Office Hours: 9-1pm</i>	<b>9</b> Cancelled: Bible Study  <i>Office Hours: 9-1pm</i>	<b>10</b>   <i>Office Hours: 10-12pm</i>	<b>11</b>   <i>Office Hours: 9:00-12pm</i>	<b>12</b> 9:30am: MLCW Bible Study and Meeting
<b>13</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am RSCC Worship	<b>14</b>   <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30am Sew and Share  <i>Office Hours: 9-1pm</i>	<b>16</b> 9:30am: Bible Study 6:00pm Craft Club	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45 CLC Meeting 11:30am RSCC Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00am: Men's Bible Study	<b>23</b> 9:30am: Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am RSCC Worship  <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> <b>WEAR RED!</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30am: Bible Study 5:00pm: Trunk-or-Treat 6:00pm: Craft Club	<b>31</b>		



### **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE**

Planning Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 10:45. Will plan for activities through the end of the year.

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

MLCW meeting, Saturday, October 12, beginning at 9:30 am

### **BLESSING POTLUCK in November**

There will be a Blessing Potluck and appreciation for Veterans on Sunday, November 10, 2019. The potluck will follow our worship service. Quite possible we may be graced with special music for our local National Guard musicians.

### **STEWARDSHIP DRIVE IN NOVEMBER**

We will be using our "Thirteen Month of the Year" program again this year. There will be a letter coming out in October and we will have the colored and marked envelopes. If you write a check just mark in the memo section "Thirteen Month" The Church Council has chosen to split the special offering as: ½ for property (HVAC) and ½ for people in need.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Church Council has set the Annual Meeting of the Messiah Congregation on January 19, 2020, following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be needing people to be available to be a nominee for Church Council. A nominee committee is being formed and will prayerfully request members to consider being on council. Two particular position will be need to be filled: Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

### **HVAC SYSTEM**

The Church Council is in the process of setting up a special designated fund for donations to the potential upcoming need to replace the sanctuary and narthex area HVAC. God has blessed us with a system that has held together and provided nicely for heat and cooling for decades, but the reality is that at some point it will no longer be able to be so kind. There will be more information forth coming.

#### **Men's Bible Club**

Tuesday, October 22  
8:00 am

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Saturday, October 12  
9:30 am

#### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

9:30 am  
Learn the weekly  
Scriptures  
All are welcome!

**Council meetings** take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

#### **All are welcome!**

If you have any concerns or questions, please talk with any council member.

# **For the Love of Our Neighborhood...**

## **October 2019 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR US AND OUR NEIGHBORS**

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

We will be having our Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. 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. Thanks to Thrivent Action we will be also giving out food to families. Thank you to Debra Hoyt for overseeing this great event.

### **KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1) Thanksgiving Break food help for families in need. We will be helping ten families again this year and donations will be accepted as you are able for boxed and canned goods. Thrivent Action money will be used for perishable items. We will need help bagging the items and said date will be set in November.  
2) The community food bank, with food provided by Roadrunner, will be Saturday, October 26, 2019. Volunteers are always needed to help set-up and distribute to those coming for the food. Set-up begins at 8:00 am and the doors open at 9:30 am and close at 11:00 am. Volunteers are to enter through the south parking lot off Tomista.

### **OTHER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

- \* We continue to collect food for local families and individuals in need, Let's keep our blue bins in the Narthex full, Distribution method is as requested.
- \* The barrels are also waiting for your generous donations for the Storehouse.

### **THRIVENT MEMBERS**

Those of you who have Thrivent for Lutheran products have a great opportunity to provide extra cash to ministry idea within the community. Others also are able to be Associate members for a cost of \$19.95(?) a year. Product holders can receive for community ministry use \$250 twice per year and Associate members \$250 once per year.

### **TRASH AND NEEDLE CLEAN-UP**

We appreciate all our volunteers whom take time to keep our church property nice looking and inviting. We also want you to be safe. We have purchased three tongs for picking up trash and needles so please do not pick up with your hands. The tongs and Sharps Container are located in the upper cupboards across from the bathroom in the old kitchen just outside the reading room. When picking up discarded hypodermic needle, put the needle in the Sharps Container. It opens by matching up the white arrows. The procedure is to place Sharps Container on the ground (do not hold it), then pick up needle with designated tongs, stand a little away from container and drop into container. When you can see the needle(s) are securely laying on the bottom, close tightly the container and then put back in cupboard. Thank you.

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### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

2019 YTD: 1/1-9/21: Income: \$69,666	Expense: \$68,692	Net: \$974.00
2018: YTD: 1/1-9/15: Income: \$76,135	Expense: \$62,377	Net: \$13,758

## **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

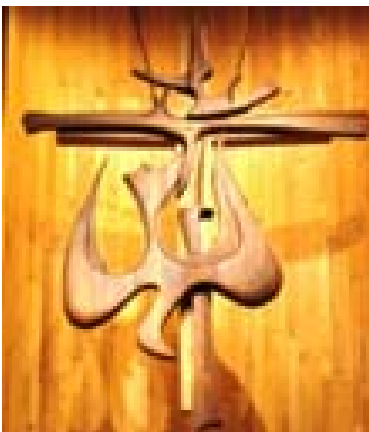
Helga Lindner  
Robert Maranville  
Arlene Mickelson  
Charlotte Moritomo

### ***SERVING IN THE MILITARY***

Mat t Braund  
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)  
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)  
Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise  
Kesatie's grandson)



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