



Messiah



Messenger



FROM THE PASTOR



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Rides with "Old Shifter"

Well, another month has gone by for "Old Shifter" (my pick-up truck) and me. The drives across town are usually pretty uneventful. That is not to say there might be some occasions when the ride causes my heart pulse to quicken and "Old Shifter's" brakes to squeal. There sure are some drivers out there who care less for their vehicle than I do my own. Why should this be?

When "Old Shifter" and I travel about, we try to take great care in watching for the safety of others; whether they are in another vehicle, on a bicycle, motor cycle or on foot. We really want them to get safely to where-ever they plan to get. Though, sometimes we wonder, if they have that same concern for themselves, and others.

I was raised to respect and be concerned for other people I meet. My mother stressed during my young upbringing the "Golden Rule," "do unto others as you would like them to do unto you." It seemed like a good piece of advice to follow and cherish. But apparently, as I read the local paper with all its crimes and people addicted to some kind of mood altering drugs, not all people have been raised under said rule. It appears possibly that they either have very little respect for themselves and/or very little concern for others.

It saddens "Old Shifter" and I to think that our society has allowed ourselves to fall into such a sad state. Isn't it possible that people want more out of life than just trying to get by for the moment? How do we inspire them to have hope and desire not just to see what is in it for them or what can they take from someone-else, to seeing a place for them to live and grow. Can we motivate them to enjoy the good of others and their role in lifting up their neighbor, rather than committing violent crime and driving under the influence?

As Christians, we speak of the mercy of Christ and the hope He gives us each day from His unconditional love and forgiveness. "Old Shifter" would never intentionally want to crash into another vehicle, even though she knows that we are not perfect and it may happen. She would feel awfully, as well as, I would. We drive about knowing our imperfections and yet with hope that mercifully no harm comes upon those for whom we travel the same roads.

We have a friend who works within the community of North Omaha, a place filled with all varieties of crime and gangs. His goal is to bring them hope, see possibilities for themselves and others about them, mercifully see life as wonderful. Let me tell you from what I learned from him, "You show me a person without hope, I will show you a person without mercy."

Christ went mercifully to the Cross for our sins thereby providing us His grace for us able to see hope in all aspects of life each day.

God Bless!
Pastor Doug

Pastor's notes continued on the back

BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30-7:30 pm Sept. 6, 13, 20
"Go Swimming With the "Fishes""

We will spend those Wednesday evenings above listed for September reviewing the Old Testament Book of Jonah. There will be conversation about the main players and Their purposes/feelings--Yahweh, Jonah, the people of Nineveh, the Israelites and the big fish. Also to be considered, how the Book of Jonah reflects our daily views of the world and our relationship with God and our neighbors.

(There possibly could be eats and/or treats.)

THURSDAY MORNINGS 10:00-11:00 am Sept. 7, 14, 21
"What is pastor talking about?"

We will look at concepts of the Scriptures and the texts (mostly the Gospel) for the upcoming Sunday. This will not be our only focus. Pastor will also have some other biblical perspectives and ideas to share with the group.

OTHER ITEMS

WE ARE A FAMILY IN GOD

In the upcoming newsletters, we will be highlighting and sharing of a person/family of our parish. We worship, visit and share our faith in Jesus Christ mostly on Sunday mornings. As we so gather, we become a family in God and with each other. Also, each year, each month, each week, there are aspects of each family in our spiritual family which changes. We are here to worship Christ and strengthen each other in faith, and each one of our lives enhances each the other.

A thank you to Chuck Danielson for initially getting this project going. Each month, a member of our family will be asked to be interviewed and have a picture taken. The family member will be contacted and given the questions to be asked, in advance. Then at the family's convenience, the interviewer (quite often Chuck) will meet with you/them and visit about the questions. In the following month' newsletter. the picture and a compilation of the interview will be printed. It should be fun and help us know each other better as we worship.

RALLY DAY CELEBRATORY BRUNCH

Sunday, September 17, 2017

We will have a Brunch celebrating our fellowship in Christ with the members of the Rising Sun Community Church members. The fellowship will be between the worship services of each congregation. The Brunch will begin about 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and out back on our patio. It should be a wonderful time of food and conversation.



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

In September, we will discuss the 5th topic "In Dealing with Homosexuality" from Adam Hamilton's When Christians get it Wrong.

We will open the Bible Study with some food, fellowship and fun.

After, we will show a video, then a discussion which touch on the main idea: "We get it wrong when we speak and act in ways that bring harm and alienation to God's homosexual children; but we get it right when, despite our questions and uncertainty, we express the love and welcome of Jesus Christ."

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*



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.



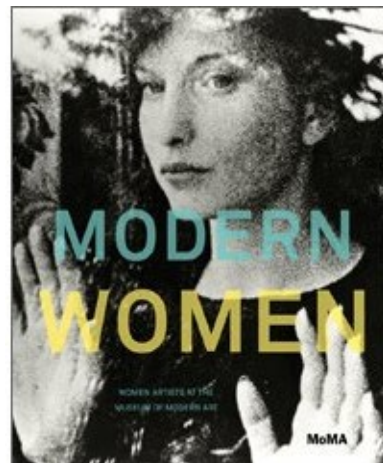
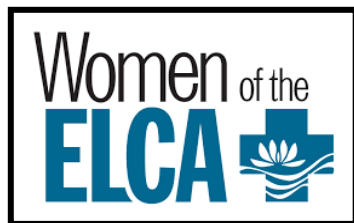
How to Act Boldly on Your Faith

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.



WOMEN OF FAITH PAST AND PRESENT

**SPONSORED BY YOUR ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD WOMEN'S
ORGANIZATION**

**Friday through Sunday
October 6 – 8th, 2017**

In Aurora Colorado @Bethel Lutheran Church

It is time to register for the Fall Gathering!

Everyone will agree that women are a powerful force in our church today. What current issues do women face? What have your “Sisters in Christ” been promoting? How can you help? How can you get involved? The Fall Gathering event will raise awareness in how you can act boldly on your faith.

The RMSWO Board are: Cheyenne, Wyoming- Anna Thompson (St. Paul's); Price, Utah-Jan Young (Ascension - St Mathews); Sterling, CO-Lila Moore (Peace); Colorado Springs, CO-Debra Haar (Prince of Peace); Colorado Springs, CO-Tammi Clawson (Grace); Greeley, CO-Julie Elmquist (Immanuel); Albuquerque, NM-Rhonda Bentz (All Saints); Albuquerque, NM-Sharon Hamilton(St. Paul).

The current RMSWO Board invites you to attend.

The Fall Gathering will strengthen our churches because we meet and share God's love through new ideas and fellowship. Enjoy visiting with your friends from all the ELCA churches in the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Additional information with a map and registration forms located on the church bulletin board.

September 2017 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fellowship Coffee and Snacks Please Sign up

	Fellowship Set-up	Fellowship Snacks
September 03	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Lee and Chuck Danielson
September 10	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Brian and Cassandra Osterloh
September 17 Celebration and Brunch with RSCC	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Debra Hoyt, Messiah Members and Rising Sun Members
September 24	Irene and Gene Aldredge	Hazel Mella



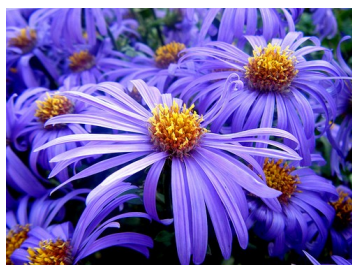
CELEBRATION BRUNCH with Messiah Lutheran Church
Members and Rising Sun Christian Community

***Sunday, September 17th, worship from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Brunch from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.***

(Rising Sun will set up their worship service at 8:30 a.m._

NEEDED: for set up for Sunday's Brunch in the Fellowship hall and canopies in the courtyard. Meet at Messiah Lutheran Church, Saturday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m. Sign up sheet for already prepared brunch items will be passed around on Sundays, September 03 and 10.

September Flower of the month
is the Astor



September 2017 Flowers

September 03

Kristi Adams

September 10

Ellen Dobson

September 17

September 24

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



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DATE	Assisting Minister	Greeter	Ushers	Counter
September 03	Ellen Dobson	Lee/Chuck Danielson	Lee/Chuck Danielson	
September 10	Sara Bender Hooks	Buddy/Sara Hooks		Cassandra Osterloh
September 17	Celebration Sunday-Brunch with Messiah and Rising Sun at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.			
September 24				Buddy Hooks



Readers for September 2017

September 03 Lee/Chuck Danielson
September 10 Cassandra Osterloh
September 17 Debra Hoyt
September 24 Hazel Mella



Irene Aldredge



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC		5 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	6 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jonah Bible Study	7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	1	2
10 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC	11	12 6:30 p.m. Church Council	13 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jonah Bible Study	14 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	15	16 5:00 p.m. <i>Set up Fellowship Hall and court yard canopies</i>
17 Celebration Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Brunch with RSCC 11:30 a.m. RSCC	18	19 9:30 a.m. Sew and Share	20 6:00-8:00 p.m. Craft Class 6:30-7:30 p.m. Jonah Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m. RSCC Membership Class	21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	22	23
24 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. RSCC	25	26	27 6:00-8:00 p.m. RSCC Board of Directors Meeting	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. Messiah Book Club



September 03	Tom Adams
September 04	Irene Aldredge
September 05	Autumn Devine
September 09	Hazel Mella
September 13	Jackie Dobson
September 13	Kayla Dobson Fister
September 13	Linda Dubuque
September 16	Willard (Buddy) Hooks
September 20	Suzanne Baca
September 23	Arlene Mickelson
September 26	Orman Paananen
September 27	Tommi Reid



Dean Atencio (friend of Pat Baca Family); Al Burmeister; Anna May Currier; Danielle Currier (Anna May's granddaughter); Mary Emery; Betty Hauge; Susan Bishop, Betty Hauge; JoAnn Hauge' Mother-in-law; Helga Lindner; Robert Maranville; Arlene Mickelson; Charlotte Moritomo; Jean and Orman Paananen; Laura Ross McHenry; Virginia Schrum



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
Kevin Dombey—Air Force Special Forces



None this month.



Baptized in September

September 01-	Chuck Danielson
September 01-	Lee Danielson
September 02-	Skip Dobson
September 12-	Anna May Currier
September 19-	Gene Aldredge



COUNCIL NOTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Council Meeting Minutes for August are available in the front office.

Messiah Lutheran Church members are invited to review the church council's meeting information. The binder is located in the church office. All council meetings are open to members.



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

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR:
SEPTEMBER 2017**

Power point presentation

<i>September 03</i>	<i>Cassandra Osterloh</i>
<i>September 10</i>	<i>Cassandra Osterloh</i>
<i>September 17</i>	<i>Cassandra Osterloh</i>
<i>September 24</i>	<i>Cassandra Osterloh</i>

Run the Projector during worship service

<i>September 03</i>	
<i>September 10</i>	<i>Marianne Walck</i>
<i>September 17</i>	<i>Marianne Walck</i>
<i>September 14</i>	<i>Tom Adams</i>

Pick up front yard trash after Messiah Worship Service

<i>September 03</i>	<i>Jess Jones, Diana & Randy Stieffer</i>
<i>September 10</i>	<i>Tom Adams</i>
<i>September 17</i>	
<i>September 24</i>	<i>Marianne Walck</i>

Upcoming events at Messiah Lutheran Church

October 2017

Mental Health Sunday, October 01.

Blessings of the Animals, Sunday, October 01

Thankoffering Sunday, October 15

Memorial Book available, Sunday, October 15

Reformation Sunday, October 29

**Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 30-
5:00-7:00 p.m. Debra Hoyt in charge**

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

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 September 2017

September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 24

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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



Sunday Worship Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship with communion

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Bible Studies

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study
in September 6, 13, 20, of the
book of Jonah with Pastor Doug:
6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**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.

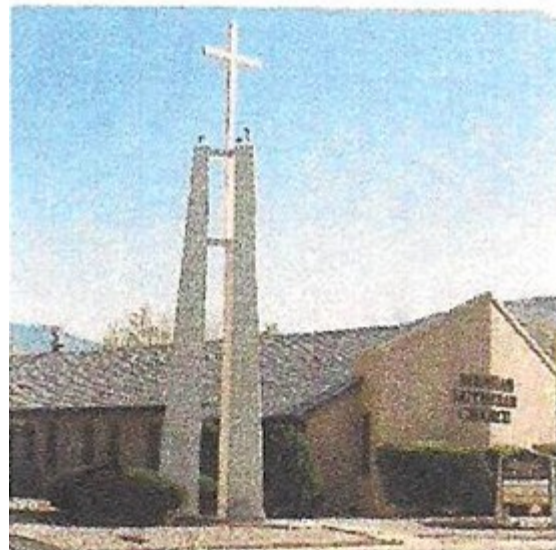


**Lutheran Community
"Theology on tap"**

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.





Brunch with Messiah and Rising Sun between worship service, Sunday, September 17

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

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