

# 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**

"Gray Lady II" (2009 Toyota Tacoma), my ministry travels partner and I are ready for more opportunities to be out and about. We get to do trips to Messiah and the stores. Tennis courts have as regular visitors. But by the time of this reading, she was to have a new experience. Oh, how excited she was. Her rpms just went to a high revolution of her cylinders as I told her we were going to Ruidoso for a weekend. She had never been there since we became partners and I told her about the different mountains she would see, as well as desert and lava fields (Valley of Fire).

She knew something was up as I took her to CarER for new oil in the engine. Her fluids were all topped off and "new" air in her tires. They gave her a good going over. She was ready, and so was I. The last time I was there it was for my daughter's wedding. Steve McHenry presided over the event, and if you remembered, I did my job; I cried. "Old Shifter" was the vehicular conveyance for that trip and now "Gray Lady II" was to get her opportunity. The anticipation of the event with her and my family made us feel giddy.

She was to be filled to the gills with all the stuff we might need. I am sure she felt like a pack horse. More so, she was going to be the method of transportation to a place of rest and relaxation. We looked with pleasure of being in a cabin surrounded by trees, a flowing stream and roaming deer. It was to be a journey to a place of peace and refreshing possibilities.

"Gray Lady II" had two major responsibilities while we were there. She could relax the rest of the time. I am an early riser, so she and I would go to town and get coffee and a paper. We would amble around during that quiet time about town. The later morning through evening Ruidoso was packed with vehicles and people. We did spend some of Saturday doing the tourist stuff. Ruidoso was gradually opening up and a lot of people were out and about. (A lot of Texas license plates.)

The other activity was driving us back and forth to Alto where my daughter's family was staying. They were able to stay at a condo of one of their friends' family. We were in a rustic cabin. Everything was nice at the cabin except the water pressure for the shower. Ruidoso had not had rain in quite a while and it showed.

While we were relaxing and being refreshed a popular Bible Camp song kept running through my head, "Peace Like a River." My soul really did feel like a river of peace permeated my body as I thought on the majestic beauty about me. That time of reflection sitting in the evening listening to the breezes flowing through the tall pines was so calming. It helped me take into account all the times when the Lord presented himself before His disciples with the simple yet freeing phrase, "let my peace be with you."

In the midst of a world filled with chaos and unknowns, it is so calming for the soul to know that we can find peace in the Lord. He invites us to slow down, loose the anxieties and trust in His all-encompassing presence. Our peace comes when we realize that all things are in Christ's care and flow from Him like a river or breeze through the trees. We cannot see all that happens before and around us fully, but in our faith, Christ guides us along. He helps us take a breath when our day seems to be wanting us to be panting in stress and angst. Trusting in the Lord clears the mind and slows down our heart rate caused by troubles and worries.

I pray this for you and may you find peace for your soul in Christ. I remember years ago at a workshop at Red Willow Bible Camp outside Binford, ND. The presenter was helping us new pastors find ways to be at peace, finding a place of peace, in the midst of the myriad challenges we were and would be facing. She asked us to think of a place where we felt the most at peace. For me, it was in an old, comfortable cloth covered

rocking chair in my mother-in-law's living room. The world just seems to slow down. My genteel mother-in-law had such a great faith in Christ, a soft presence for living, and of course, she doted affectionately on me. God be blessed for a place inside or outside of a church building where you can find the peace of our Lord. And like my mother-in-law, bring that peace before the Lord, members of our church and community, and to those you meet on the way.

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

*Pastor Doug*

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## Worship Notes – July

### **July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

**Psalms 145:8-14**

**Romans 7:15-25a**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

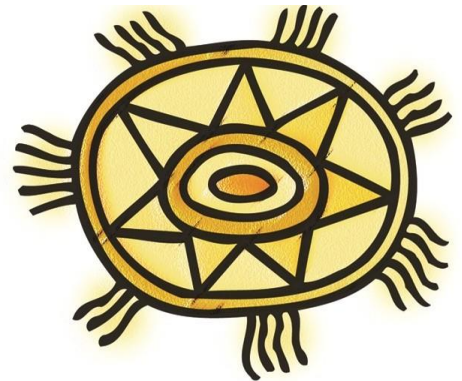
### **July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

**Psalms 65: [1-8] 9-13**

**Romans 8:1-11**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**



### **July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Isaiah 44:6-8**

**Psalms 86:11-17**

**Romans 8:12-25**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

### **July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**1 Kings 3:5-12**

**Psalms 119:129-136**

**Romans 8:26-39**

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**



**Sunday Worship**

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
(Onsite and Zoom)  
Fellowship: TBA

**Weekday Bible Study**

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

**Council Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

**Messiah Lutheran  
Church Women**

RESTART AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

**Sew & Share**

Restart TBA

**Crafty Class**

Restart TBA

**Rising Sun Christian  
Community**

Restart mid-July

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**Albuquerque Journal (Page A7)**

**May 16, 2020**

**Archbishop John Wester****Roman Catholic Church Open for In-Person**

People over age 60, those compromised immune systems, and anyone concerned about being infected with the COVID-19 virus should stay home.

Congregants must keep a distance of six feet from one another in all directions, and pews may be roped off. Members of the same family may sit together.

No handshaking or contact between people or families.

Anyone over the age of 3 must wear face covering except when they are speaking.

Cleaning staff are to disinfect commonly touched surfaces after each Mass, including pews, chairs, lecterns, door handles and rails. Restrooms are to be disinfected after each liturgy.

No open holy water should be present in churches.

Hymnals, missalettes and other prayer books should be removed.

There will be no congregational singing except by the cantor and one instrumentalist.

Collection baskets will not be passed and congregants are encouraged to use online giving. (We already do not pass the plate)

At MLC we believe that these guidelines will ensure the safety of our members and we will do our best to follow them. If you have any thoughts about this, please let us know.

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

### **July 2020 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS**

#### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

MLCW monthly meeting will be announced as soon as we know when the next meeting will be and as it stands now it will probably start up again on August 8, and will meet at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room.

#### **KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

A) KMS will be having their once a month Food Pantry through the summer. The Food Pantry is supplied by the Road Runner Portable Food Pantry. We have volunteered to support the Saturday, July 25, 2020, KMS Food Pantry.

B) Our participation entails a few things:

1) We donated \$300.00 to pay for the Road Runner Portable Food Pantry to be available on July 25, from 9:30 am-Noon, at the south end parking lot of KMS. (Truck comes at 8:00 am, so volunteers should plan to be there then and probably it will get done before Noon.) First come, first serve style and when the boxes are all handed out, then we are done.)

2) We have been asked to have 6-8 volunteers to help load pre-packaged boxes into the vehicles of the recipients of the gracious gift of food. If you are able to help that morning, please let the Messiah office know.

#### **2020 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

President: Cassandra Osterloh

Vice President: Dave Hartenberger

Secretary: Ron Kulju

Fin. Secretary: Steve McHenry

At Large:

Debra Hoyt

Carlo Bachechi

Rosemary Butler

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#### **RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

Rising Sun Christian Community has not been worshiping at our building for the past few months due to the response for health concerns levied within the state. They have been worshiping like us in a digital format off-site. They plan to begin worshiping back at the Messiah building in mid-July. We look forward to seeing them about our place and sharing in the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

#### **PENTECOST SEASON WORSHIP - 2020**

We have been doing our worship by ZOOM the past month and we pray that this has helped you stay in touch with the Word of the Lord and each other. We have also been emailing or mailing Exposition of the Weekly Worship and Lessons. As of May 17, we have been allowing a

few members to worship on site, following all the appropriate health precautions. We will continue to expand that policy and look forward to more people worshipping at Messiah and still do the ZOOM. (What happens going into the future only the Lord fully knows.) We want to thank Brian and Cassandra for their work making ZOOM possible, and Tony for his recording the service music and getting it to us, so as to enhance and assist our worship music; and now at Messiah doing it live.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MESSIAH** (projected)

- 1) Wednesday Morning Bible Study – We started meeting again on June 17, 2020, at 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to meet as long as we feel we are able to do so safely while following state guidelines.
- 2) Family Promise of Albuquerque – Sadly, we have been having to postpone, month after month, the presentation by Rich Neely and Kris Erickson. In my last conversation with Rich, we decided to be in conversation to set a date for July 26<sup>th</sup> at the worship service.  
Family Promise is a “unique and non-traditional solution for homeless families.” They work through faith agencies to provide safe shelter, meals, keeping the families together, plus much more.
- 3) Sew and Share – has not set a getting back to quilt making at the church, yet. They had made three quilts for our high school graduates and they have been graciously received. Thank you “Sew and Share” group.
- 4) High School Seniors were honored by way of individual video presentations at our June 7, 2020, worship service. The senior High School graduates were: Alexandra Osterloh, Morgan Kappenman and Autumn Devine.
- 5) Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study – We are going to wait to start up until the month of July. The projected date and time are July 14, 2020, at 8:00 am.
- 6) Messiah Swap Meet – Originally, we had hoped we could have it on Saturday, August 1, 2020, but that is not a possibility at this point. So, there will not be the Swap Meet on August 1. If it does happen this year it will depend on what we can do later in the year due to health concerns with the virus and public gatherings, possibly October will be considered.







## 2020 Church Council

**President:** Cassandra Osterloh  
**Vice President:** Dave Hartenberger  
**Treasurer:** Lee Danielson  
**Financial Secretary:** Steve McHenry  
**Secretary:** Ron Kulju  
**Members at Large:**  
Debra Hoyt  
Rosemary Butler  
Carlo Bachechi  
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**Council meetings** take place  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
at 6:30 p.m. (On Zoom)

### Kennedy Middle School Food Pantry Volunteers

- In need of 6-8 volunteers for July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- From 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Duties include putting prepackaged food boxes into the vehicles of recipients
- Call or email the office to sign up



### Messiah Lutheran Church

#### Women Officers

President: Rosemary Butler  
Secretary: Irene Aldredge  
Treasurer: Dotty Dahl

#### Mission Lead Ladies

Growth: Lorraine Davis  
Action: Charlotte Moritomo  
Community: Dotty Dahl  
Historian: TBD



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2020</b>		1 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship  11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship TBD	6	7	8 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship  11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship TBD	13	14 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (TBD)  6:30 a.m. Church Council (On Zoom)	15 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	16	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship  11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship TBD	20	21	22 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	23	24	25  KMS Food Pantry 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
26 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship  11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship TBD	27	28  Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. (TBD)	29 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	30	31	



## 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.

- ✚ Carole & Bill Baker
- ✚ Barbara Bachechi
- ✚ Loring Emery
- ✚ Marian Kulju
- ✚ Helga Lindner
- ✚ Robert Maranville
- ✚ Baby Gus in Montana
- ✚ Charlotte Moritomo
- ✚ Toby Carson (Tony Carson's brother)
- ✚ Bill Buffo (Lee Danielson's older brother)
- ✚ Joseph Patrick Lawler III (Hazel Mella)
- ✚ Shawn & Athena Richmond (Steve McHenry's Daughter & Son-in Law)
- ✚ Kathy Adams (Kristi Adams' Sister)
- ✚ Rodney Justice (Rosemary B.'s Brother)
- ✚ Pat Baca & Family
- ✚ Irene Aldredge
- ✚ Kellen Tetrault

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Matt Braund  
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)  
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)  
Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)



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