

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" (my 2009 Tacoma pickup truck and ministry partner) commented to me the other day during our early morning drive to the office that the traffic seems to be picking up more each week. I told her it will probably become even more so going into this month with the schools opening for in person class work. It is great that people are able to get back to some of their normal activity.

I told "Gray Lady II" that it is hard to believe that it has been over a year since our state health mandates were put into effect. As much as it was nice in those first months to kind of own the road going across town, it is ultimately better for those living around here to be able to be out and about. Whether they are going to work or play or social activities, it is a good thing that we can look ahead with a more positive attitude about our situation.

Just think of what we have been able to do working within the state guidelines and protection of other peoples' health. The Lord has given us hope and strength. In Christ all things are possible. The first thing that we did at Messiah was my writing of the "worship and exposition" which goes out to each member, electronically or by mail. It was hopefully a way to help members keep in touch with the Lord's presence, even if

we were not worshipping together. The first exposition which was composed and sent out was for Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Then the Lord provided technology, and people so gifted in the understanding of it, to have a ZOOM service on Palm Sunday a year ago. Then on May 17, 2020, we were able to have some in person worship and ZOOM, for that Sunday service. Now, it has come a full liturgical cycle. We have been able to worship that Lord with some social distancing protocols. I did mention to "Gray Lady II" that I am getting really good at wiping down the church to be ready for worship and Bible Study (We started the Wednesday morning Bible study toward the end of June 2020.)

While I was sharing this past year with "Gray Lady II" in conversation, it struck me how the world can get complicating and troublesome, but the work of the Lord and the devotion of His people keeps moving ahead. It has not been an easy feat carrying the Cross high with so many obstacles, but the Lord has made it glow with hope and strength. He has provided guidance and power through our membership and the Holy Spirit has helped us not forget who or who's we are.

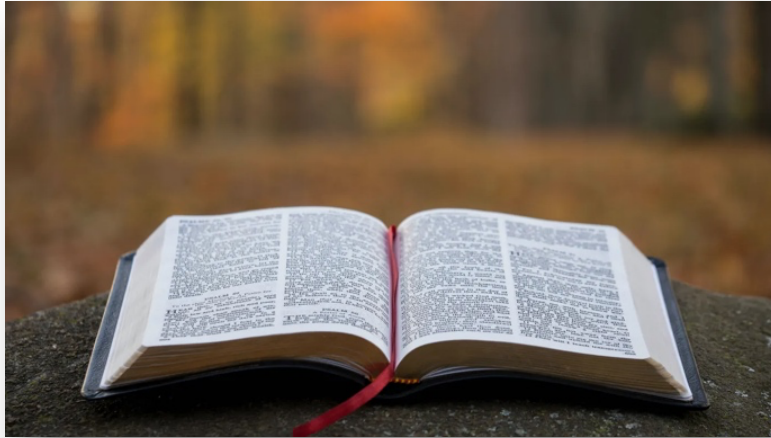
"Gray Lady II" pointed out to me the other day as we were taking bottled water which had been donated for Kennedy Middle School for when they got busy with in person learning, how good it felt to be providing for those in our neighborhood. We could look beyond a sense of surviving the COVID-19 situation to searching for ways to provide our Lord's love and grace to the community, the world, about us. We have all been in the same mess, but the Lord has not left us desolate. Praise be to Christ.

We never fully know what is ahead for us as we move along from day to day in this world. As Christians, we have an advantage. We have the promise of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to be with us always. No matter what befalls us, Christ's Holy Spirit is there to push us forward and give us a vision of possibilities we could never have imagined. Christ is alive in our lives as we trust and believe. He is Risen, He is Risen indeed. Look around and see how the Lord has given us His presence and that presence shows us the way to live in and through Him.

We have taken on the challenges of the day. We have withstood the most annoying darts that the evil one would toss our way. We, as people of Christ, hold up our heads boldly at the Cross and say thank you Lord, for all you do for us, and through us. May your name be praised from the highest steeple and the lowest crevice. You are our Lord and Savior, and we are Your people. Praise be Your Name!!!!

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

April Scripture 2021



<u>April 4th</u> Acts 10:34-43 Isaiah 25:6-9 (alternate) Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Acts 10:34-43 (alternate) Mark 16:1-8 John 20:1-18 (alternate)	<u>April 11th</u> Acts 4:32-35 Psalms 133 1 John 1:1--2:2 John 20:19-31
<u>April 18th</u> Acts 3:12-19 Psalms 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	<u>April 25th</u> Acts 4:5-12 Psalms 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18



Sunday Worship

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

Weekday Bible Study Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

MLC Women

Restart TBA

Sew & Share

Restart TBA

Crafty Class

Restart TBA

Rising Sun Christian Community

Restart TBA

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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 Eve
- ♦ Janice Buffo
- ♦ Elizabeth
- ♦ Carole & Bill Baker
- ♦ Barbara Bachechi
- ♦ Loring Emery
- ♦ Marian Kulju
- ♦ Helga Lindner
- ♦ Cecilia Pepper
- ♦ Betty Lou Harvey
- ♦ Martin Osterloh
- ♦ Dotty Dahl
- ♦ Doreen Barelo
- ♦ Toby Carson
- ♦ Kathy Adams
- ♦ Pat Baca & Family
- ♦ Irene Aldredge
- ♦ Kellen Tetrault

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

- ♦ Matt Braund
- ♦ Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)
- ♦ Daniel Vickers (Navy)
- ♦ Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves)



For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

April 2021 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

All monthly meetings are still postponed for the time being, except the Wednesday morning Bible Study (in person) and Church Council (in person and ZOOM). As soon as the MLCW knows when they will reconvene, it will be announced.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the bottled water drive for the students and staff of KMS. They will be ready for use when the school opens for in person April 5, 2021. The total numbers of bottles delivered to KMS was 1,952.

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President: Ron Kulju

Vice President: Debra Hoyt

Secretary: Rebecca Hauge

Treasurer: Lee Danielson

Financial Secretary: Steve McHenry

At Large:

Rosemary Butler

KD Pass

(The Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We are going to try to meet in person in the Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM.)

RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Rising Sun Christian Community has not been worshipping at our building for over a year due to the response for health concerns levied within the state. They have been worshipping like us in a digital format off-site. They are almost ready to be back in our sanctuary for worship, both in person and "streaming." They hope that this will take place in April. Pastor Vangie and her congregation say hello.

WORSHIP at Messiah - 2021

We will continue doing our worship by ZOOM and with some in church worshipers. 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. We have been allowing a few members to worship on site, following all the appropriate health precautions. We are getting a nice group of worshipers at Messiah on Sunday each week. We keep working to offer the best worship and Bible Study opportunities possible. Thank you to Brian and Cassandra, K. D., and Tony for making all this possible.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP 2021

Thursday, April 1 (7:00 pm) – Maundy Thursday (in person and ZOOM)

Friday, April 2 (7:00 pm) – Good Friday (in person and ZOOM)

Sunday, April 4 – Easter

7:30 am (in person)

9:30 am (in person and ZOOM)

We will have a time of socially spaced fellowship time between services in the Narthex and Sanctuary.

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 health guidelines. We ask that those attending not to bring items in with them, all that is needed for the study will be provided. (Of course, coffee will be made and also, we do not want you to leave personal items in your vehicle.)
- 2) Sew and Share – has not set a getting back to quilt making at the church, yet. They are trying to put together a quilt for each of our high school graduates. If you have someone in your family graduating from high school this upcoming Spring, please let the office know.
- 3) Men's Morning Bible Study - No plans have been made to resume.
- 4) Our sympathies to the family and friends of Allen Tetreault who died on March 11, 2021. His funeral service was on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at Balloon Fiesta Park and the committal at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

February 2021 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$7,923.68	US\$12,134.57
Expense	US\$6,208.60	US\$12,407.01
Net	US\$1,715.08	US-\$272.44
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$84,920.48	US\$86,542.65
MM	US\$8,643.97	US\$8,644.19

April 2021 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

church council MEETING

Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (On Zoom)

Messiah Lutheran Church Women 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



Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00pm (**IN** Church and **ON** Zoom)

Friday, April 2: Good Friday Service @ 7:00 pm (**IN** Church and **ON** Zoom)

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunrise Service @ 7:30 am (**IN** Church and **NO** Zoom)

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday Service @ 9:30 am (**IN** Church and **ON** Zoom)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2.	3.
				7:00 pm Maundy Service	7:00 pm Good Friday Service	
4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
7:30 am Sunrise Sunday Worship 9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			

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