

# 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 having a conversation with "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck ministry partner) the other day while we were traveling over to Messiah. The sun was blasting right through her windshield as we were going east on Menaul. The conversation concerned what I had been observing over the last few days. The season of springtime was surely beginning to show itself. Springtime is so exciting with its potential for more comfortable outside activities. Yes, there tends to be more winds. I told "Gray Lady II" that I believe those springtime winds are called something like "muerte winds." No matter what they are called, they sure can blow strong and for over long periods of time. Even so, they are a harbinger for the entrance of warmer weather and possible moisture.

I mentioned to "Gray Lady II" one obvious tell of the changing of the season from winter to spring was the change of the amount of Juncos eating at our backyard feeder. It looks like they are beginning to make their way to their northern homes. "Gray Lady II" pointed out from her parking spot on our driveway that she noticed the flowering Plum Tree adjacent to her had budding and were beginning to blossom. I told her I notice that the Chamisa, Scarlet Sage, Roses and Honey Suckle were putting out new

leaves. The Lily of the Valley have not shown any sprouts yet, but my daughter's Iris was shooting out smartly.

There are some trees which are still in hibernation, so to speak. This new life showing itself from old shoots (branches) brings hope and pleasure (except for the anticipation of summer yard work). Whether riding in "Gray Lady II" around town or walking, my heart seems to beat with a renewed vigor. It is a different event, act of life, walking and looking at peoples' yards and community parks with all the flora coming into full bloom. During the winter months anticipation for this time helps me traverse its bleakness.

Palm (Passion) Sunday (April 10) is on the horizon and will quickly be upon us. We will be moving out of the Season of Lent and its period of self-reflection. We have been directing our minds to where we are in relationship with our Risen Lord. Has sin taken our focus away from the hope in all things and days ahead through the Cross and Resurrection.

Palm Sundays march into Jerusalem back with those cheering Christ on, to our celebration of Christ's entrance, we feel the sense of new life blooming anew from the old shoots. Jesus' public ministry, teaching and healing, was giving the people of a possibility for a new life within their daily living and God. Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem set the mood similar to what I shared above. They could sense in seeing this event as the prelude to a glorious time to present itself.

The Cross, Resurrection and Ascension which would be the culmination of what they had sensed on Palm Sunday, brought forth for those who were searching and wanted to believe new life could blossom out of the old, by the power of the Almighty. And it did, praise be to the Risen Lord.

The Patriarchs, Prophets and faithful people of the generations leading up to Christ, spoke of this new life coming in the form of Yahweh's (God's) Messiah. This Messiah would take the covenant of Yahweh's faithful overseeing and present it to them in a new relationship with Him through His Son. Yahweh promised that He would be our God as we were His people. We, even in our bleakest season of life, have the ability to life can be raised anew in Him. As we hand ourselves over to this blessed new relationship won for us by Christ, we will blossom, daily and eternally. May you live in that blessing and enjoy your gracious new life given to you by the Risen Lord and strengthened by His Holy Spirit.

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

# April Scripture 2022



<b><u>April 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> <b>Isaiah 43:16-21</b> <b>Psalms 126</b> <b>Philippians 3:4b-14</b> <b>John 12:1-8</b>	<b><u>April 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Luke 19:28-40</b> <b>Isaiah 50:4-9a</b> <b>Psalms 31:9-16</b> <b>Philippians 2:5-11</b> <b>Luke 22:14--23:56</b>
<b><u>April 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Acts 10:34-43</b> <b>Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24</b> <b>1 Corinthians 15:19-26</b> <b>Luke 24:1-12</b>	<b><u>April 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Acts 5:27-32</b> <b>Psalms 118:14-29</b> <b>Revelation 1:4-8</b> <b>John 20:19-31</b>

<p><b>Sunday Worship</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Onsite and Zoom) Fellowship following service</p> <p><b>Weekday Bible Study</b> Wednesday at 9:30 am</p> <p><b>Council Meeting</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday this Month at 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>MLC Women</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month at 9:30 am</p> <p><b>Sew &amp; Share</b> Restart TBA</p> <p><b>Craft Class</b> Restart TBA</p> <p><b>Rising Sun Christian Community</b> 11:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><b>Pastor Doug Mathison</b> <a href="mailto:office@messiahbq.org">office@messiahbq.org</a></p> <p><b>Director of Music</b> Tony Carson <a href="mailto:tony@messiahbq.org">tony@messiahbq.org</a></p> <p><b>Building &amp; Grounds</b> Carlo Bachechi</p> <p><b>Church Office</b> <a href="mailto:office@messiahbq.org">office@messiahbq.org</a> 505-299-3311</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharon Jorgenson</li> <li>• Jacen Hoyt</li> <li>• Dotty Dahl</li> <li>• Pat Baca &amp; Family</li> <li>• Irene Aldredge</li> <li>• Kellen Tetrault</li> <li>• DeAnna Dahm</li> <li>• Carole Baker</li> <li>• Loring Emery</li> <li>• Marian Kulju</li> <li>• Helga Lindner</li> </ul> <p><b>Serving In the Military</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Braund</li> <li>• Daniel Vickers (Navy)</li> <li>• Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves)</li> </ul>
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# **For the Love of Our Neighborhood...**

## **April 2022 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS**

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

Monthly meetings of the MLCW began again this month on Saturday, January 8, 2022. Our next meeting will be **Saturday, April 9, 2022**. We will meet at 9:30 am in the Messiah Conference Room. The Bible study from the W-ELCA magazine "Gather" will be used.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

The study meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am. We usually meet in the Conference Room at Messiah, unless we need to be at appropriately socially distanced. The study is traditionally a study of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel lesson. You can bring your own Bible, otherwise, there will be handouts of the scripture made available to you.

### **KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL and TOMASITA GRADE SCHOOL NEWS**

The MLCW initiated a shoe drive for the kids at Tomasita Grade School, with \$300. The congregation also has jumped on board with donations in a box in the Narthex, for the Season of Lent. (28 pairs of shoes taken over to the school, far) Dave Hartenberger has also gotten a grant for this project of \$250 from Thrivent Financial. If you would like to donate, please leave said shoes in the Tomasita Shoe Drive Box.

### **2022 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

(The 2022 Council will consist of the same members, yet some do have different positions than last year.)

President: Steve McHenry

Vice President: K. D. Pass

Secretary: Rebecca Hauge

Treasurer: Lee Danielson

Financial Secretary: Rosemary Butler

At Large:

Ron Kulju

Debra Hoyt

(The Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. We have been meeting in person at the church and on ZOOM.)

### **RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

They are meeting once again in our building (and with a digital format for those outside the building). Their "Praise Band" practices on Saturdays at Messiah. They have been having fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall.

### **WORSHIP AT MESSIAH**

We are worshipping in the church building and doing ZOOM for those not in the building. We pray that this keeps us in touch with the Word of the Lord and each other. Sadly, our ZOOM experience has had its hiccups. Please understand that we are trying but it does not always perform as well as it could. We have also been emailing or mailing a weekly exposition of the weekly worship and lessons. We are having fellowship time following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Most of our eats are prepackaged, but some people bring in treats. Please pick and choose what works best for you and your health. Thank you to Brian and Cassandra Osterloh, KD Pass, Rosemary Butler, Debra Hoyt, Ron Kulju, Steve McHenry, Gene and Irene Aldredge, and Tony, for their extra assistance in making worship happen during this unusual time. We are having Holy Communion during the service with special directives for practicing social distancing and health concerns.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MESSIAH**

- 1) Sew and Share—is still on hold for the time being. It will probably begin real soon (April), as plans are being made for it.
- 2) We are in need of volunteers to help our worship services: PowerPoint/ZOOM (run the system); Offering Counters (count, record and deposit the offering); and other activities throughout the year
- 3) Lent Season: We are having Mid-week worship service during the evenings in Lent at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- 4) Holy Week Schedule in highlighted section in April newsletter.

## **Treasurer Report February 2022**

<b>YTD/MTD</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Income	\$6,903.00	\$11,340.00
Expense	\$65,296.66	\$11,610.26
Net	\$1,606.34	-\$270.26
<b>Balances</b>	<b>Beginning of Month</b>	<b>End of Month</b>
Checking	\$98,666.20	\$103,941.27
MM	\$13,646.28	\$13,646.39

# April 2022 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Council meetings** will take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday this 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:**

**Palm Sunday**, April 10

Entrance into Jerusalem and Luke Narrative

**Maundy Thursday**, April 14

7:00 pm with HC (ZOOM and in Sanctuary)

**Good Friday**, April 15

7:00 pm Veiling of the Cross

The Tomasita Shoe Drive throughout Lent, box for donations is in the Narthex.

## **Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022**

7:30 am – Sunrise Service

9:30 am – Resurrection Sunday Service

(Easter Breakfast potluck, between services in Fellowship Hall)

## **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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## **Volunteers Needed!!!**

- ZOOM and PowerPoint on Sundays
- Offering Counters
- Church Council Members

Sign-up on the volunteer board at MLC.

# Luther House Weekly Opportunities Galore!

## March 27

For Lent this year, we are giving up our Eurocentric-white-hetero-male perspective of theology! We are centering the perspective of Womanist Theologians with our "It's a New Day" Lenten Liturgy. Join us on Wednesday at 5pm for a free shared meal followed by "Its a New Day" featuring the poetry of Dr. Sonia Sanchez.

**April 6:** Father Anne Visits Luther House- We are thrilled to host Father Anne (www.vaticanreject.com) on Wednesday April 6 for Mass and Fellowship. Our schedule for this Wednesday will be Mass at 5pm followed by a conversation with Father Anne at 6pm.

**April 10:** Community of Joy Lutheran Church- Please join us as we Co-preach "Refractions on Palm Sunday". Service begins at 10am. We will meet to carpool at Luther House at 9:00am.

**April 20:** Youth Invitational- Please invited any and all High School Juniors and Seniors to Luther House for a BBQ, s'mores, and a campus wide scavenger hunt. 5pm-7pm. (Please rsvp with Rhonda at Lcmunmcnm@gmail.com)

**April 21:** We need your voice on the Luther House Board of Directors! We are going to try something new this year. We are reserving two speaking slots with 1 vote on the Board of Directors for representatives of the Luther House student community. Here's the best part... it does not have to be the same student rep each month! We want to hear from as many folks as possible. Are you interested in representing the student community once, twice, or more over the next year? Please contact Rhonda.

**April 22:** Youth Earth Day Action- Join us as we take action for Earth Day. More info to come soon.

Blessings on your journey,  
Rhonda Newby-Torres

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## What's up this week

Please join us for our weekly events. All are welcome.

- **Wednesdays**

- **Open Table:** Please join us for a free shared meal at 5pm at Luther House.
- **Liturgy:** Please join us after dinner for a time of prayer, discussion, spiritual practice and study.

- **Thursdays**

- **Centering Prayer:** We offer centering prayer and relaxation methods at the Duck Pond from 12-1pm.

- **Fridays**

- **Chalk and Talk about Justice:** Come and participate in an act of public theology and art in the SUB Plaza from 12-1pm.

- **Sundays**

- **Worship With:** On Sundays we visit local churches.
  - Contact Rhonda for schedule



# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship  Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am			9:30 am Bible Study  11:00 am and 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten worship services.			9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Palm Sunday  Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm Good Friday	
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
7:30 am Sunrise Service  Easter Potluck  9:30 am Resurrection Sunday Service  Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am			9:30 am Bible Study			
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
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