

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

We are entering into April. We have been in the season of Spring for a couple of weeks. We see the new life blossoming in our yards and gardens, trees and bushes. And not to forget the presentation of weeds boldly, everywhere. The environs about Albuquerque and the New Mexico high desert have begun to show a bit of the past and a vision of the future.

"Gray Lady II" (My 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup) made a point to me the other day how the sun felt so warm and yet the Sandia Mountain peaks were boldly presenting themselves with full snow caps. She found the blooms showing on the flowering trees which were coming to life after being asleep in the colder weather and the bright shine off the snowy mountains to be a wonderful contrast and blend. I could not disagree for her. When I park "Gray Lady II" in our driveway and look east on a bright sunny day, our flowering Plum tree's pink flowers are framed by the snowy Sandia Mountains.

Springtime also comes alive anew with "warmer" weather sports. The UNM Softball and baseball teams have been very active with practices and games. The parks, golf courses, various sport fields, tennis and pickle ball courts have come out of hibernation and are becoming much more active. In fact, "Gray Lady II" had an opportunity to

become part of the perpetual activity through the generations in the Spring. We had a Friday night where our granddaughter got to stay at Grandpa and Gramma's. The next morning, we were to take her to her second "Tee Ball" practice. "Gray Lady II" was to be the transport to the ball diamond in Los Lunas. She got to see how much fun on a cool morning it is to watch little four-year-olds getting their first taste of wearing a glove, running the bases, throwing a baseball and swinging a bat. It makes one feel life is anew as you watch their enthusiasm and controlled "chaos" and distractions.

This ritual of family life brought a warm feeling inside while I watched all the excitement of those little kids and their parents' involvement from the sidelines. I remembered similar days as this one when my granddaughter's mother was her age. You look at the activity and wonder how they will mature into skilled and proficient players. My daughter graduated from high school as an all-conference softball player. It takes support, desire and practice. Also, listening to those who know much about what you want to enjoy and be proficient. There is joy in the revealing of the fulfilled hope and support as one gets to play better and be an integral part of the team.

As you read this article, Holy Week and the season of Easter, are in being observed. This wonderful expression of our Lord's involvement into our world many centuries ago to make available new life to our fallen, "sleeping" world. We were alive but not living it with the full excitement and pleasure that we could before the Cross and Resurrection. Our sinful condition, before being redeemed through our faith in Jesus Christ, wanted to keep our lives shrouded with disappoint, drudgery, misery, pain and hopelessness of anything ever being better. But it is through the power of our Risen Lord's Spirit we have been renewed with a never-failing relationship with our God.

The Holy Week, with the crucifixion and resurrection. Should fill our lives with the same anticipation, hope and joy, which a little child enjoys at the early Spring practices and games. Anticipation is an element part of living with faith in the Risen Lord. It should cause us to seek and appreciate with exuberance the hope of the goodness which will transpire in the relationship. Our hope is get more fully involved, encouraged and proficient in living our new life in the Risen Lord and raising up others with the overflowing zeal of our hope. Please seek the Lord with due diligence and allow the Lord to fully renew your daily life and dreams. He has promised to raise you up as He rose and seeks you out every minute with His love and enthusiasm for your faithful desire to be one of His children, forever and ever. Amen.

(Another sign message on our Albuquerque roads, from once again "American Auto Clinic" on Candelaria NE—"Despite the high cost of living it remains popular.")

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

April Scripture 2023



<p><u>April 2nd</u> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-- 27:66 Matthew 27:11-54</p>	<p><u>April 9th</u> Acts 10:34-43 Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14- 24 Colossians 3:1-4 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10 John 20:1-18</p>	<p><u>April 16th</u> Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31</p>
<p><u>April 23rd</u> Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12- 19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35</p>		<p><u>April 30th</u> Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10</p>

<p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Onsite and Zoom) Fellowship following service</p> <p>Weekday Bible Study Wednesday at 9:30 am</p> <p>Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday this Month at 6:30 pm</p> <p>MLC Women 2nd Saturday of the Month at 9:30 am</p> <p>Sew & Share 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month</p> <p>Craft Class Up and running Contact for meeting time</p> <p>Rising Sun Christian Community 11:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Pastor Doug Mathison office@messiahbq.org</p> <p>Director of Music Katherine Alexander kalex@unm.edu</p> <p>Building & Grounds Carlo Bachechi</p> <p>Church Office office@messiahbq.org 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"> • Barbara • Andy • Katherine • Rebecca Hauge • Steve McHenry • Stephanie • Dotty Dahl • Pat Baca & Family • George Holly • Irene Aldredge • Carole Baker • Loring Emery • Jacen Hoyt <p>Serving In the Military</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Braund • Daniel Vickers (Navy) • Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves)
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For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

April 2023 ~ 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 8, 2023**. We will meet at 9:30 am in the Messiah Conference Room. The Bible study from the W-ELCA magazine "Gather" will be used. The presenter these early months of the year is Pastor Krista from St. Luke, here in Albuquerque.

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 and other designated lessons. 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

In February, we started collecting Hygiene products for the families of students at Kennedy Middle School. We will continue to collect through March. Edna came over toward the end of February and loaded her vehicle with the items you graciously donated so far. Tomasita will be received \$100 worth of socks for their students.

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you to the newly elected officers for their willingness to guide us through the next year in doing the Lord's work.

President: Brian Osterloh
V. Pres.: Ron Kulju
Secretary: Pat Baca
Treasurer: K. D. Pass
Fin. Sec't.: Cecelia Pepper
At Large: Kristi Adams
At Large: 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). They have been having fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. They have a second camera up and running for their streaming service of their worship.

They will be hosting their church body conference (EACA) meeting at Messiah on Saturday, April 15, 2023. It will be held from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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. We started using unleavened bread for the Sunday services, beginning April 24, 2022.

Thank you to Carol Hartenberger and Lee Danielson for making the communion bread we are presently using. If others would like to make the bread, we have a recipe available for you.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MESSIAH

- 1) **Sew and Share**—They will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. They will meet in the Conference Room, at 9:30 am, with some food and fellowship following. Come and have a great time putting together quilts and working with other members of the church. The next gatherings will be **April 4 and 18, 2023.**

They decided this past year to make quilts for the **Linus Project**. The theme of the Linus Project is "Covering New Mexico with Love." Their quilts of different sizes will go to children in crisis in Bernalillo County. "The Bernalillo County Project Linus Chapter, established January 1999, has provided nearly 58,736 blankets to children in crisis." You are invited to participate in any way you feel you are able to assist in this project.

- 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); Altar Guild, and other activities throughout the year. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- 3) We have formed a "Vision Committee" to review and look into what is ahead for worship and other activities at Messiah. Presently, the committee consists of Ron Kulju, Steve McHenry, Cassandra and Brian Osterloh, Chuck Danielson, KD Pass,

and Pastor Doug. They are interested in visiting with members of Messiah, as we look ahead being a worshiping center for our Lord. Vision Committee met on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 pm, at Messiah. **A main topic was "Geographic parishes and sharing ministries."**

- 4) **Flowers:** We are looking for people to bring flowers to adorn our flower shelf behind the altar. There is a flower chart on the big bulletin board by the Narthex Door if you would like to pick a certain Sunday.
- 5) **Choir:** We are singing some anthems in the upcoming weeks. We would love to have more members as part of our choir. We practice after services on Sunday morning in the Conference Room.
- 6) **Holy Week Schedule:**

Palm Sunday	April 2, 2023	9:30 am
Maundy Thursday	April 6, 2023 (on ZOOM)	7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 7, 2023	7:00 pm
Easter	April 9, 2023	7:30 am, with Easter Breakfast following. AND 9:30 am

Treasurer Report February 2023

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$7,024.52	\$16,606.52
Expense	\$6,833.37	\$13,704.94
Net	\$191.15	\$2,897.58
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$121,893.30	\$121,797.36
MM	\$18,648.03	\$18,648.17

April 2023 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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- **April 4th**
- **April 18th**

MLCW Bible Study will meet on **Saturday, April 8th at 9:30 a.m.**

Council meetings will take place **Tuesday, April 11th this month at 6:30 p.m.** (On Zoom)

Sew and Share has a sewing machine we can provide to sew squares together for the Linus Quilts. I can bring the machine to your house, walk through how the particular machine works and provide squares to sew into tops. Sew and Share ladies will then pick them up and finish the quilts for the Linus Project. Thank you, Sharon Wilson.

Contact Messiah at office@messiahabq.org or call 505.299.3311.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship (Choir Anthem) Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		9:30 am Sew & Share	9:30 am Bible Study	7:00 pm (Choir Anthem)	7:00 pm (Choir Anthem)	9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
7:30 am Sunrise Service (Easter Breakfast following) 9:30 am Easter Service Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am			9:30 am Bible Study			
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