

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

The past many months have been a little melancholy feel, as I travel about town. I regretfully told "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup ministry partner) that she was going to have to rest some at home while I put the miles about town on my wife's vehicle, now that she is retired. "Gray Lady II" was having miles piling up on her odometer and I thought it would be better for her not to get too fatigued with extra miles. So now they are going on another vehicle instead.

As her "miles" show as many and her structure age is beginning to mark her many years, I did not want her to be too stressed. I have been afraid that she might start showing her wear and tear on remedial trips about town. I wanted the two of us to be able to have the accumulation of miles be for more seriously in need of a pickup trips and fun rides. At certain times, she is the essential vehicle, and I wanted to make sure she was in a ready state to be of service. She has been and is a faithful servant and a dear companion.

Maybe I am projecting upon "Gray Lady ", my own challenges of becoming noticeably older. I do not like to consider how my physical "structure" is showing its wear and tear. In fact, it puts me in a bit of a sad mood when I reflect on "what I used to be able

to do." In those reflections reality reveals itself to me, along with the departure of some of the things I used to enjoy doing. The aging change to my skills, and ease of being, causes me pause and sometimes a sullen temperament.

Yet, this is not a self-pity assessment or discourse, but one that pushes me to be aware of what I am still able to do. Maybe I am not able to do them the way I want to do them, but to do them is still a possibility, just in a different way and measurement of accomplishment. If I can be as clever about my own aging as I am trying to be with "Gray Lady II" we will have much more to do in our time together.

I think of the apostle Paul who cherished every day that he was able to be serving the Lord. Even when he was no longer to be able to go to visit and personally support the faith of those young churches distant from him while under house arrest in Rome, he never quit. He had to do his pastoral work in a different form than face to face with them, but he was always able to find a way to communicate with them, pray for them and lift them up in Christ. He was not going to let his situation damper the crucial work of evangelism and providing hope for those faithful of a new, glory filled life in Christ. Once imprisoned many miles away from them, he could have said to himself that his work was done. But he did not. Until his last breath he spoke to all who would listen about the possibility of living in the salvation of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you want to sense his deep devotion as a pastor for Christ read what people consider to be his last letters (1 and 2 Timothy and Titus). These letters are full of the earnestness of keeping up the mission work of those communities and how to live faithful lives in Christ and with each other. There is no retiring from the work he saw as essential and lifegiving. He knew those caring on the work of Christ in those communities would do their best and someday be doing it without his ability to be there for them in prayer and words. His days on earth were numbered and it was just a few years after writing those letters, he would be martyred.

Let me share some of my favorite verses from those letters. They have always encouraged me as a pastor to my people for Christ: 1 Timothy 6:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Titus 2:11-15. Also, let me share a few from the other epistle of Paul: Ephesians 2:1-10; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 3:1-17; Romans 8:31-38; Galatians, in its entirety (my favorite epistle of Paul). As you read these verses, let Paul (and Christ through His Holy Spirit) do as what Paul hoped many centuries ago would happen to his readers, and beyond, be made alive in a glorious faith in Christ. Blessed be your faith as you take to heart Paul's Christian message to you, and to all you meet be a Christ-like blessing.

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

August Scripture 2022



<p><u>August 7th</u> Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40</p>	<p><u>August 14th</u> Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29--12:2 Luke 12:49-56</p>
<p><u>August 21st</u> Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17</p>	<p><u>August 28th</u> Proverbs 25:6-7 Sirach 10:12-18 (alternate) Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14</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 Tony Carson tony@messiahbq.org</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"> • Stephanie • Ceceilia Pepper • Irene Aldredge • Deanna Dahm • Carole Baker • Loring Emery • Marian Kulju • Helga Lindner • Jacen Hoyt • Dotty Dahl • Pat Baca & Family <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...

August 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, August 13, 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 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

We have been in contact with these schools for what they will need next school year. Tomasita is in need of playground equipment, i.e. various outside balls. The MLCW has put together money to buy and deliver \$250 worth of outdoor play equipment.

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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). They have been having fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. They are working on getting a second camera up and running for their streaming service of their worship.

RSCC will be having a Rummage Sale on the Messiah parking lot, on Saturday, August 13, 2022. The time of the Rummage Sale will be from 7:00 am- Noon/1:00 pm. We

have been invited to hop on board with them with our own sale booths by members of our parish.

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 August 2 and 16, 2022.
- 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. **We are looking for someone who would be willing to be the Treasurer next year** (This is a council position.). Lee, the present Treasurer, will work with someone over the summer and fall months to get familiar with the position.
- 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 have met three times, so far.

August 2022 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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

Sew and Share will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

- August 2nd
- August 16th

MLCW Bible Study will meet on Saturday August 13th at 9:30 p.m.

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Volunteers Needed!!!

- ZOOM and PowerPoint on Sundays
 - Offering Counters
 - Church Council Members
- Sign-up on the volunteer board at MLC.

Treasurer Report June 2022

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$6,933.00	\$56,616.14
Expense	\$5,946.31	\$36,213.43
Net	\$986.69	\$20,402.71
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$123,162.03	\$124,922.71
MM	\$13,646.84	\$13,646.95

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
		9:30 am Sew & Share	9:30 am Bible Study			
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
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21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
7:30 am Sunrise Service Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am			9:30 am Bible Study			
28.	29.	30.	31.			
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