

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), and my former vehicles of transportation, and I, are not always on ministry expeditions. Sometimes we go on trips and other times we go to garage sales and estate sales. There are times while doing these excursions we end up in some pretty interesting and meandering neighborhoods. That is my way of saying we get lost. I try to keep my focus on where the mountain or volcanoes are while working to get back out.

As you probably know, I am not much of a high-tech guy. I do not have GPS or one of the other routes defining tools. I do have maps, but not necessarily in easy access. So, I fumble around, looking for stop signs and crossroads which seem to have a lot of traffic wear. If we are lucky, that road wear shows a lot of turn wear in a particular direction as opposed to another. Sometimes it works out and other times it does not.

Even in my daily life and tasks I get lost in my way. Or I think have made or done the right thing to find out I was led astray. The path I was following seemed to be one well-worn, but it was what I should be following, and lost I

am, sadly. "Gray Lady II" is impressed though that I will stop at a store or pull over to ask for directions.

I remember when I was asked to go down to Hobbs for an interview to help out at the Trinity Lutheran Church as their pastor until they were looking for a new pastor. I had gotten directions, and never having been there, got lost. I missed the church by blocks. At that time, it was "Old Shifter" who was my ministry companion. She was impressed when I gave up and pulled into a convenient store way south of the church to ask for directions. That person behind the counter knowing Hobbs well gave me great directions from the store and thankfully we ended up in the church parking lot with ease.

A common word, a word of direction, for the last Sundays in relation to John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus ministry from the Gospel of Mark, is repent. Jesus stated in Mark 1:15, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel." We truly need to take these words to heart. We are to stop what sin tries to misdirect us to do and turn around and follow the good news of grace and forgiveness given to us by our Lord. It sounds easy, but I do know sometimes we just back slide, slip into temptation.

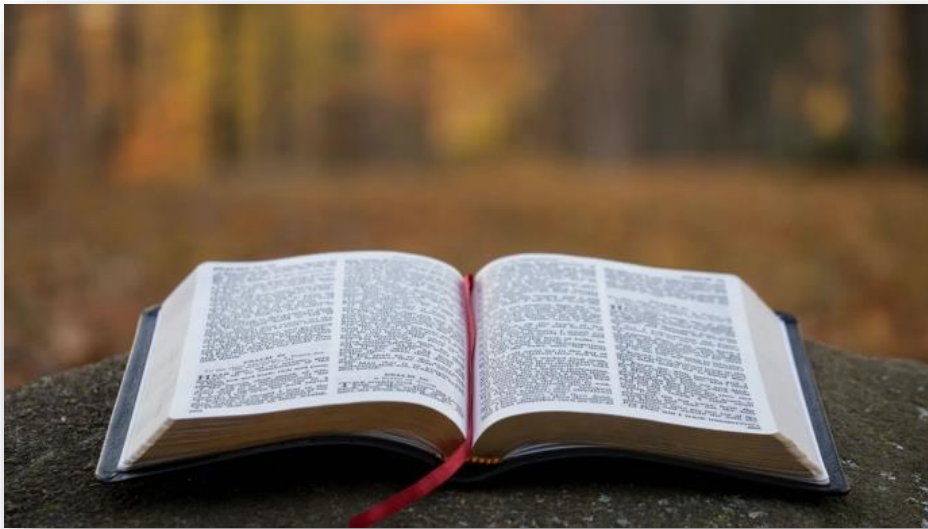
That sliding into temptation, though, is not and does not have to be the end result. The season of Lent is a time for us to reflect upon where we have been, where we are and where we wish to go. Christ is always calling out to us to stop and follow Him. If we take heed of said call, we can find ourselves at ease in His salvation and presence through His Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that He would be with us always. I want to say that we are never fall too far away from His call that we cannot stop, turn around and follow His beckoning. Upon doing so, your travels through life will not be filled with the many curves and potholes that you would without His guidance and Word.

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





February Scripture 2021



<p><u>February 7th</u> Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalms 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39</p>	<p><u>February 14th</u> 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalms 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9</p>
<p><u>February 21st</u> Genesis 9:8-17 Psalms 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15</p>	<p><u>February 28th</u> Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalms 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38</p>



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...

FEBRUARY 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 (ZOOM). As soon as the MLCW knows when they will reconvene, it will be announced.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are still in conversation with Edna Torres, but nothing new can be reported at this time.

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President: Cassandra Osterloh

Vice President: Dave Hartenberger

Secretary: Ron Kulju

Treasurer: Lee Danielson

Financial Secretary: Steve McHenry

At Large:

Debra Hoyt

Carlo Bachechi

Rosemary Butler

KD Pass

(The above is up to the Church Council meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The new Church Council will consist of the following members: Ron Kulju, Lee Danielson, Steve McHenry, Debra Hoyt, Rosemary Butler, K. D. Pass and Rebecca Hauge. They will select new officer positions at that meeting.)

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 are almost ready to be back in our sanctuary for worship, both in person and "streaming." They hope that this will take place in February. 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.

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) Annual Meeting
The annual meeting went quite well and was well attended. We are doing pretty well in our efforts to provide Christ's love and ministry. The new Church Council members are listed above.)
- 5) Thank you to those who helped with taking down the various Christmas Season decorations." It was a great crew of people: Tony Carson (luminarias), Ron Kulju, Gene and Irene Aldredge.
- 6) Lent—we are getting things ready for the Lenten Season worship. Check out the article for the Lenten Season schedule in this newsletter. Simply stated, we will be doing the Ash Wednesday, evening service like we did for Christmas Eve. There will be "baggies" containing the items needed to use at home and those in the sanctuary, ready for pick up at the church beginning February 7.

February 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



ASH WEDNESDAY February 17, 2021

11:00 am Worship with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion (**IN** church, **NO** ZOOM)

7:00 pm Worship with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion (**IN** church, **ON** ZOOM)

There will be no worship services at either the 11 or 7 time slots for mid-week during the Lenten Season.

We will have each week a series of prayers and messages sent out to members for a mid-week Lenten devotion time.

December 2020 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$9,875.00	US\$95,032.91
Expense	US\$12,371.30	US\$69,430.47
Net	US\$4,213.55	US-\$2,496.30
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$87,337.72	US\$86,240.86
MM	US\$8,643.58	US\$8,643.75

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
			9:30 am Bible Study			
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			
14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study Worship with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion - 11:00 am (in Church/NO zoom) - 7:00 pm (in Church/ON Zoom)			
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			
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