

# 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 rolling right along in the New Year of 2022. January is coming to its end and now February is ahead of us. We will still be in the season of Epiphany through the month. Ash Wednesday will be the first Wednesday in March. We will go from a season of enlightenment to a season of reflection, Lent. This transition from being informed to considering what it means to us is powerful for our faith and life.

"Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pick-up ministry partner) and I travel a lot on the same streets each day. I will have to admit I am a routine person and if I find a way I like to travel, I do it as a regular option. I do survive detours, but I prefer not to have to hunt for different paths to get from point "a" to point "b". That being said, "Gray Lady II" and I see a lot of the same things every day. We anticipate what is ahead and pay attention to those driving around us. New things rarely show themselves upon our trips, but they do happen.

Our comfort zone is that nothing changes or something new avails itself. Yet, there are moments when we have to deal with the unsuspecting. Many of those things cause us to frown, but “Gray Lady II” and I try to make the best of it. Quite often those inconveniences or alterations to what we are used to be about or see are good.

On Menaul, when I got first started making my trips across town (this would even be before “Gray Lady II and I started working together) I would start seeing business after business closing down and gradually boarding up its windows. Now, some of them have put up fences to protect their property. It brought a sadness. Joy has unveiled itself, as at one of the closed businesses, over a period of time I watched it being transformed by construction workers into a new facility. I would ask my ministry partner, “What do you think will be there?” To my culinary excitement, it became “Stripes” restaurant. “Gray Lady II” and I pull into their drive-thru at least once a week on the way to Messiah to buy a “breakfast burrito, sausage, regular, with green chile”.

As many of you know, my meal purchase of choice is a cheeseburger with fries, but to my surprise this food business has unveiled for me a surprising meal choice. In fact, I look forward to “Gray Lady II” pulling into line to order, my exact payment amount in hand before I had left home and the white bag, they give me after paying. It has pleasingly become a routine and essential part of my life.

Enlightenment is based on this unveiling of something that is available to know but not yet fully understood or seen. On Seven Bar Loop South by our house there are two lion likenesses on a fence to one of the houses overlooking the arroyo. “Gray Lady II” and I drive by them many times during the week. My wife and I have walked past them both for years as we go for our walks, usually to the “Deer Run” park. I had never noticed them. They were right there to see, but I apparently had others places to look and ponder, thereby, ignoring their presence. It was until an enlightenment moment by our granddaughter, being pushed in a stroller on one of our many walks, who yelled out, “Lions.” She even made the “roar” of the lion as she pointed them out. I asked her where she saw them. She pointed up to them and there they were and probably had been for years, unbeknownst to me.

It is interesting how much we miss of the world and God about us because we are consumed with only the things which are a preoccupied with our own concerns and interests. The fact is, we all need to be enlightened each day and let that which is unveiled move us to a new vision and/or place.

The Gospel lessons we had the last weeks of January from Luke Four is a microcosm of the problem the people of God had with living through being enlightened. What was unveiled to Jesus' hometown folk at the Synagogue should have been exciting and good news. It was what they had been praying for with Yahweh (God) providing a Messiah. Their lives and views of living in Yahweh's care was to be available to them, and all people, by Jesus' coming.

The problem was, not unlike all of us from time to time, the vision provided by Christ's enlightening declaration did not meet with what they were anticipating. This enlightenment said Yahweh was bringing hope and salvation to them through His Son. They were disappointed in said message. They had it all figured out how their lives should be affected by Yahweh's saving activity, and it did not necessarily mean a change in how they lived or viewed the world. Also, what did it mean that there would be those out of their little circle that Yahweh was concerned. Disappointed in what was unveiled before them in the synagogue, they became stiff-necked and angry. Yet, Jesus was not to be deterred or change His mission of salvation. Praise be to God.

Let this message from Christ be available to you as you look to be enlightened in ways to be a part of Christ's saving activity and His whole evangelical mission.

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

# February Scripture 2022



<b><u>February 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]</b> <b>Psalms 138</b> <b>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</b> <b>Luke 5:1-11</b>	<b><u>February 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Jeremiah 17:5-10</b> <b>Psalms 1</b> <b>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</b> <b>Luke 6:17-26</b>
<b><u>February 20<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Genesis 45:3-11, 15</b> <b>Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40</b> <b>1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50</b> <b>Luke 6:27-38</b>	<b><u>February 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Exodus 34:29-35</b> <b>Psalms 99</b> <b>2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2</b> <b>Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]</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> Saturday's 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>• Jacen Hoyt</li> <li>• Dotty Dahl</li> <li>• Doreen Barelo</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...**

## **February 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, February 12, 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**

We had the opportunity at the end of January 2022 to provide to Kennedy Middle School dozens of donuts and bagels as a gift (encouragement) for school attendance. The school is working hard to find ways to urge and promote the importance of learning and being at school. Thank you.

### **2021 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

(New 2022 Council Offices will be decided at the February meeting)

(The 2022 Council will consist of the same members listed here)

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 each month at 6:30 pm. We have been meeting in person at the church and on ZOOM.)

### **RIISING 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, 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: Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022. We will have two services that day for the "Imposition of Ashes" and Holy Communion, 11:00 am in Sanctuary and 7:00 pm in Sanctuary and on ZOOM. We are planning for a Mid-week worship service during the evenings in Lent at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and possible a service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. We will give you more information closer to that time.

## **Treasurer Report December 2021**

<b>YTD/MTD</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Income	\$11,354.69	\$92,071.40
Expense	\$5,963.59	\$74,610.33
Net	\$5,391.10	\$17,461.07
<b>Balances</b>	<b>Beginning of Month</b>	<b>End of Month</b>
Checking	\$97,133.03	\$102,075.07
MM	\$13,646.05	\$13,646.16

# February 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

Thank you to Al Burmeister for the wall hanging in the Narthex. It is a latch-hook piece of art showing Jesus as the Good Shepherd in a bluish hue.

## **Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

Worship services for the "Imposition of Ashes" and Holy Communion will be at 11:00 am (Sanctuary) and 7:00 pm (Sanctuary and ZOOM).



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## **Volunteers Needed!!!**

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

Sign-up on the volunteer board at MLC.



# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
			9:30 am Bible Study			
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
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
13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
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