

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

Well, today is the first day of the new year. Yes, I am late on getting this done. So, as much as we look forward to some things being new, some things seem to stay the same. Sorry. Yet, I am glad that we are able to be together and looking forward to doing together the work of our Lord. Also, I am glad for what we have been able to get done. Hopefully, you were able to enjoy is some way or other the past crazy and frustrating year.

This year has started out differently for me and "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma ministry partner). She got to sleep in this morning and have a day of rest. She stayed at home on the driveway and hopefully enjoyed some down time. I drove over to the church with my wife's vehicle. It has been weird looking out into the parking lot and asking myself, who is here with a red vehicle. Then, I do a forehead slap, and say duh. Isn't it interesting how we can be creatures of habit and expectations.

Fortunately for "Gray Lady II" and our household we have been able to not fall victims to COVID-19. The only maladies causes some struggles for us is our aging. We both have some new creaks and pains. My wife got the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine last week and her first dose caused her very little problems, except a sore arm around the

injection site. Twenty-eight days for that day, she will get her second dose. I am glad she got the vaccine, and so is "Gray Lady II". We need her to be healthy and so do her clients.

As I go into the new year, getting older, but not necessarily wiser, it is the Lord for whom I trust. In Him, over the past many years of my life, hope and strength beyond my own capabilities have notably come from Him. My favorite hymn is "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less." This hymn is probably even more necessary than it ever has been for me. Maybe for you, also. "Gray Lady II" I think cringes when I am driving and singing this hymn out loud in her driving cabin. Well, too bad for her, but uplifting for me.

The first verse is such a bolstering faith statement for me, a mere mortal without Christ. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name." This hymn reminds me of my feet of clay, even in some of my best intentions. I am so glad that Jesus loves his people and makes it possible each day to strive with hope and strength to keep the focus in life knowing I am "redeemed [by Christ] to stand before the throne."

The chorus is so revealing to those of us of Christian faith and life's realities. "On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand." I hear these words and I remember all those who have gone before me in faith and suffered through the perils of life, with a hope and strength that motivated them to hold fast and look ahead with confidence. We are not alone as we look back and ahead. We are able to stand boldly against all challenges of life, even COVID-19, if we are doing so with Christ's power and in our prayers.

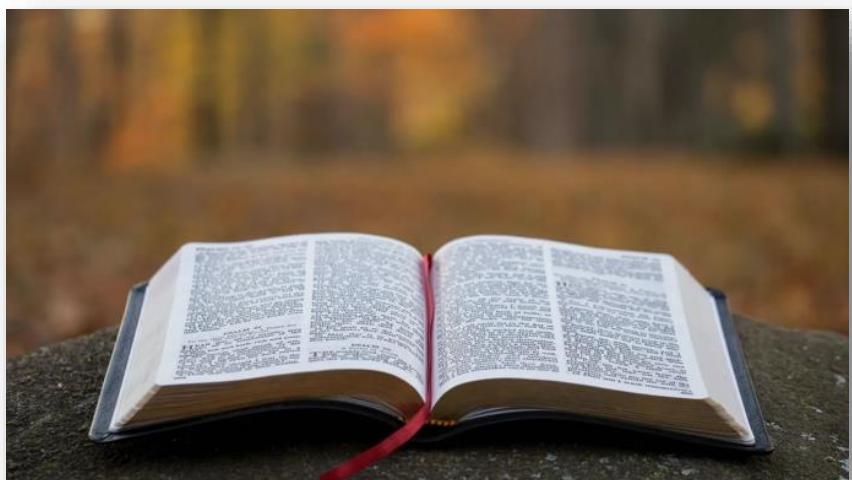
Messiah has had many, and do so presently have many, faithful people who have taken on the mission of the Risen One, our Lord. The Lord has walked with us to be His people standing on the solid ground of His hope and strength for all that can be good in this world. We may be daily pressed by things which go beyond our understanding or comprehension. Things we do not want to hear about or know. Yet, if we keep our faithful intentions based on Christ, we will prevail in His name and glory. God bless you all. Christ is with you.

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





January Scripture 2021



<p><u>January 3rd</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 31:7-14 Sirach 24:1-12 (alt) Psalm 147:12-20 Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 (alt) Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18</p>	<p><u>January 10th</u></p> <p>Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11</p>	<p><u>January 17th</u></p> <p>1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51</p>
<p><u>January 24th</u></p> <p>Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20</p>		<p><u>January 31st</u></p> <p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28</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...

JANUARY 2021 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

MLCW monthly meetings are still postponed for the time being, except the Wednesday morning Bible Study. As soon as we know when they will reconvene, it will be announced.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

We were able to make 10 families happily surprised with 30 boxes (plus some bags and gift cards) of food for Christmas. Each family was contacted by Edna Torres from KMS and each family got three good sized boxes. (look at the picture in this newsletter). Thank you to all who participated making it possible to bring this Christmas joy. Those involved directly were Ron K., George H., Buddy and Sara B-H, Sydney S., Dave H., Tim H. Debra H., Reuben and Pat B., Steve M., and Pastor Doug.

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

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 not sure when they plan to begin worshiping back at the Messiah building. We look forward to seeing them about our place and sharing in the Good News of our Lord and Savior. 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.
- 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
We traditionally have our Annual Meeting on the third Sunday of the month (January 17, 2021). How we will be meeting will be set closer to that date if it is approved by the Church Council. We will be needing people to **volunteer to be nominees for the new Church Council**. We also will need to set our new budget for 2021 before the Annual Meeting.
Also, we will need to be getting our reports together for the Annual Meeting, as soon as you are able.
- 5) Thank you to those who helped with the "Hanging of the Greens" and the "Illuminarias." It was a great crew of people: Robert, Thade, Tristan, and Betty H.; Ron K.; Gene and Irene A.; and Kristi Adams.
- 6) Thank you to those who have made a special offering toward the "Christmas Thirteen Month" offering.
- 7) The Robert Hauge family will be moving to Idaho this month, and we will miss them. The Sew and Share group decided to give High School Graduation quilts to Thade who will be graduating this Spring, and Tristan and Dylan as they will be graduating in the next few years. A gift from Messiah and in appreciation to all their efforts to help in our ministry. May the Lord be with them and the whole family in their new adventure.



*Thank you to all of you
who have been donating
sanitizer cleaners,
paper towels, facial
tissues and toilet paper
to Messiah.*



Figure 3. Christmas groceries and gift cards for ten Kennedy Middle School families.



Figure 1. Messiah lighted up outside for Christmas Eve Service



Figure 2. Sew and Share group gives graduation quilts to Thade Hauge (graduating this Spring), Tristan Hauge and Dylan Hauge (graduating in the upcoming years).

January 2021 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 <p>church council MEETING</p>	<p>Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (On Zoom)</p>
<p>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</p>	
	<p>The Annual Meeting will be held January 17, 2020. We are looking for volunteers to be nominees for the new Church Council.</p>

November 2020 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$9,271.85	US\$85,157.91
Expense	US\$5,058.30	US\$69,430.47
Net	US\$4,213.55	US+\$15,727.44
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$83,248.56	US\$87,337.72
MM	US\$8,643.33	US\$8,643.58

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1.	2.
3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			
10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
9:30 am Worship Annual Meeting following service			9:30 am Bible Study			
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			
31.						
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)						

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