

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 moving into a New Year. There are many things to think about ranging from what has happened in the past and what is ahead. There is possibly a fluctuating movement of pleasant thoughts about the past and troubles for which they have passed. We look to the future to enhance that which was pleasant and avoid times for which we could have woes. Prayerfully, all that read this look forward with comfort and joy as you look to the future. The Lord will be with you.

This past week I have been trying to convince that the latest news which caused "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma Pickup ministry partner) received will be okay. It was news she never wanted to hear. All things in her day's past were the way she liked it and looked forward to them to be more of the same. I did not think the news was a crisis. It would be overcome because her predecessor ministry partners and me managed through it in the past. I will have to admit, I was disappointed and concerned with the news, but good can come out of disappointment and worry. "Gray Lady II" and I will just have to find a way to cover the loss.

"Gray Lady II" has lost her maintenance garage in her future. Yes, the dependable, professional, and friendly shop lost its lease and is no longer open. I did not know it

was going to happen. "Gray Lady II" and I were driving by the shop a week ago and I noticed that the lot was not its usual buzzing self. A few days later we stopped into the empty lot and read the disheartening notice on the front door saying that they would not be available to care for their faithful customers vehicles anymore because of the loss of lease.

This has happened to me in the past, but since our being together, it was her first having to find a new place to care for her. Over the years I had Randy's Repair (Marion, ND), Knudson Repair (Irwin, IA), Larry's Repair (Prairie du Chien, WI, and Jim's Service (Waukon, IA), available dependably to care for my former ministry partners. It was not an immediate relationship when I moved to a new community, but with some advice and good comments, my former ministry partners related to really good mechanics.

I am sure this has happened to you in a variety of different ways. Maybe it was a hairdresser or barber? They had come to know how to do your hair in a style and cut you liked. Or maybe a butcher who had just the right cuts of beef, chicken, fish, pork, or lamb? Or maybe, one of many, different kinds of home and yard maintenance which you so appreciated over the years for their dedication and punctuality? Maybe even a best friend with a good listening ear or interests? We get used to them and find ourselves at a loss when we no longer have them available.

We, the people of our Lord's holy Church, probably understand such quick break change than anyone else. Imagine the early followers of Christ, just getting used to His special ways and declarations about what He was doing and what was to be ahead. They even blended some of their old traditions to fit in and make sense of this wonderful teacher and healer. They would follow Him from town to town, leaning in closely not to miss a word or be part of what He was doing. Then, in Jerusalem, an appearing unbelievable separation took place. They had moved on from their former concepts of Messiah, for the most part, since the birth of the blessed Christ Child and now at a high point of all that could be of worldly salvation, Jesus was brutally crucified. Now what? And then He resurrected, an empty tomb caused a lowness of separation. Where were they to go? God does not leave them despondent and at a loss. How can anything good come from this drastic and unbelievable event. Christ was gone. Now where were they to go?

Guess what today's people of faith. Christ did not leave them desolate. Christ lifted them up as He had promised by the Holy Spirit and those from generation proclaimed His glory over sin and death. We, through Christ, have new life, eternal, filled with hope and strength. We are not forgotten or left to despair. We are a lifted up and mercy filled people of the Spirit because of His love, concern, coming and ascending, following the Cross event. Amen.

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

January Scripture 2022



<u>January 2nd</u> Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalms 147:12-20 Wisdom of Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	<u>January 9th</u> Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalms 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	<u>January 16th</u> Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalms 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
<u>January 23rd</u> Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalms 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21		<u>January 30th</u> Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalms 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

<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 Saturday's starting January 8, 2022, at 9:30 am</p> <p>Sew & Share Restart TBA</p> <p>Craft Class Restart TBA</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"> • Jacen Hoyt • Dotty Dahl • Doreen Barelo • Pat Baca & Family • Irene Aldredge • Kellen Tetrault • Gerald Kruger • DeAnna Dahm • Carole Baker • Loring Emery • Marian Kulju • Helga Lindner <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...

January 2022 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Monthly meetings of the MLCW will begin again this month on Saturday, January 8, 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 did have a successful Christmas Cheer drive for a mother and her son (who is a student at KMS). Thank you to all of you who helped bring joy to this family at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

This endeavor went wonderfully. One listed above with KMS and the other was a family living next door to Pat Baca. We did have a third family which was presented by Pat Baca for my son-in-law's company. We gave to that family as well. The three opportunities to bring Christmas joy to our neighbors was greatly appreciated. Thank you for your care and donations.

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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.)

RISING 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.
- 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) ANNUAL MEETING: Messiah congregation's annual meeting is set for Sunday, January 16, following the 9:30 am worship service. We are planning to meet in the Fellowship Hall (ZOOM is a possibility). We are still in need for members to consider being on the ballot for the 2022 Church Council. We would love to have you.

Treasurer Report November 2022

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

January 2022 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Council meetings will take place the 2nd 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

MLCW will Bible Study resume on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 9:30 am, in the Messiah Conference room. We will be holding the Bible Study the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please bring refreshments to share. We use the Bible Study provided in your Women of the ELCA Gather Magazine. Men are welcome, too.

2021 Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 16, 2021
Following the worship service
(location and ZOOM possibility)



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Volunteers Needed!!!

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

Sign-up on the volunteer board at MLC.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am			9:30 am Bible Study			9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
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