

# 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

What gleeful days I have been having the last few days. As I am writing this article for July, it is pouring rain outside of the church. Last Friday night, we sat out back on our patio, and watching the rainfall and even felt some of the drifting rain in the breeze. Oh, what that nice. After sixty plus days with measurable rainfall at the Sunport Airport, these last days have been a blessing. You could almost hear the sunbaked trees and plants, saying, "Ah, thank you Lord."

Our granddaughter was with us over that weekend. It was fun watching her running out, when it was drizzling on our previously run baked flagstone containing puddles, splashing in them in her bare feet. Then she would run on to our patio and make footprints on the dry concrete. She made some handprints, also. What a joy listening to her laughter and watching her play with a carefree nature in the water.

The following morning, after the evening of a lot of rain, she and I went out front by "Gray Lady II" sitting in the driveway, to look for passenger air balloons. We did see some. While we were out there, she said to me, "Grandpa, your pickup truck got a bath last night." She was right and it was sad to notice that she realized how filthy she was before the rain.

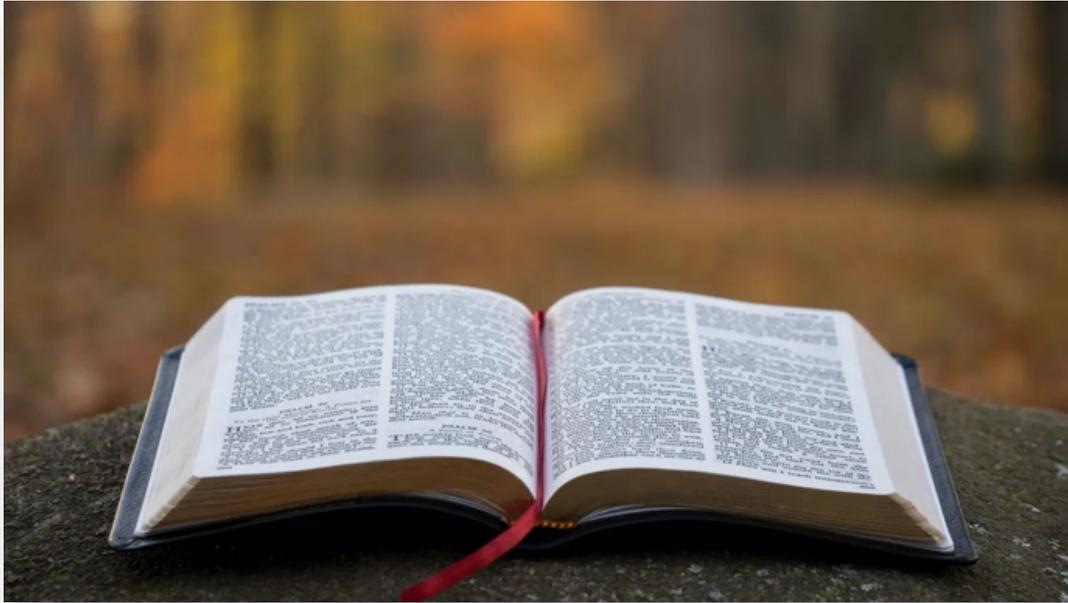
I quietly offered another apology to "Gray Lady II" for neglect of keeping her outer coat and inner cab clean. Until, about a year and a half ago, I kept her pretty clean. After we were allowed to go about around town to businesses which re-opened, "Gray Lady II" and I would go to a specific place to keep her clean and give them business. But now, my budget has been put under stress and some things had to be let pass without regular attention, like car washing. In fact, the place where we were going raised their prices a few months back by seven dollars, not counting the tip. Also, the price of gasoline has gone up so much, that it costs me approximately twice as much as it did approximately two years ago.

Sadly, analyzing reality, like each time "Gray Lady II" and I come over to Messiah, it is like two trips over and back, fuel cost-wise. It is not easy living within a budget, but it is true diligence of adulthood. We liked to go out and eat and support others who were trying to make their budget stay out of the red, but now it gets harder for us, especially with my wife is retired. We think a little longer than we used to about just running down and seeing the granddaughter and family or go out of town to get away for a few days. You are surely in the same situation.

So, the Lord providing rain (even if it means more weeding for me) is a blessing. It breaks up the heat of the day and provides to our waterways a rise to their flow. The fact of the matter is that we cannot live without fresh water and the Lord's providence in all things. I believe this is why we so cherish the Twenty-third Psalm and hymns like "Let All Things Now Living" (ELW 881), which emphasize in our life and world, His glory and care. The Lord does daily provide in our earthly concerns, listens to our prayers and draws us unto Him unto Eternal Life. Praise the Lord with all your faith and thankfulness!

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

# July Scripture 2022



<p><b><u>July 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> <b>Isaiah 66:10-14</b> <b>Psalm 66:1-9</b> <b>Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16</b> <b>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</b></p>		<p><b><u>July 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Deuteronomy 30:9-14</b> <b>Psalm 25:1-10</b> <b>Colossians 1:1-14</b> <b>Luke 10:25-37</b></p>
<p><b><u>July 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Genesis 18:1-10a</b> <b>Psalm 15</b> <b>Colossians 1:15-28</b> <b>Luke 10:38-42</b></p>	<p><b><u>July 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>Genesis 18:20-32</b> <b>Psalm 138</b> <b>Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]</b> <b>Luke 11:1-13</b></p>	<p><b><u>July 31<sup>st</sup></u></b> <b>Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23</b> <b>Psalm 49:1-12</b> <b>Colossians 3:1-11</b> <b>Luke 12:13-21</b></p>

<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>  2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month at 9:30 am</p> <p><b>Sew &amp; Share</b>  1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month</p> <p><b>Craft Class</b>  Up and running  Contact for meeting time</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>• Stephanie</li> <li>• Ceceilia Pepper</li> <li>• Irene Aldredge</li> <li>• Deanna Dahm</li> <li>• Carole Baker</li> <li>• Loring Emery</li> <li>• Marian Kulju</li> <li>• Helga Lindner</li> <li>• Jacen Hoyt</li> <li>• Dotty Dahl</li> <li>• Pat Baca &amp; Family</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...**

## **July 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, July 09, 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 had nothing specifically going on with those two schools last couple months. We should get in contact with those schools for what they will need next school year.

### **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 for making the first supply of bread and Lee Danielson for the second supply. 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 of 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 July 5 and 19, 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 will be having an Independence Day potluck, July 3, 2022, following the worship service. Please bring your favorite dish to pass, this will be a breakfast/brunch potluck. Refreshments will be provided.



# July 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

Sew and Share is starting up this June and be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

- July 5<sup>th</sup>
- June 19<sup>th</sup>

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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 May 2022

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$15,429.00	\$49,683.14
Expense	\$7,136.69	\$30,267.12
Net	\$8,292.31	\$19,416.02
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$114,498.96	\$123,162.03
MM	\$13,646.73	\$13,646.84

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3.</b>	<b>4.</b>	<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b>	<b>7.</b>	<b>8.</b>	<b>9.</b>
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship  Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		9:30 am Sew & Share	9:30 am Bible Study			9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
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<b>17.</b>	<b>18.</b>	<b>19.</b>	<b>20.</b>	<b>21.</b>	<b>22.</b>	<b>23.</b>
7:30 am Sunrise Service  Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		9:30 am Sew & Share	9:30 am Bible Study			
<b>24.</b>	<b>25.</b>	<b>26.</b>	<b>27.</b>	<b>28.</b>	<b>29.</b>	<b>30.</b>
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