

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" (2009 Toyota Tacoma), my ministry travels partner and I want to apologize that we did not have an article for you in May. We chose not to do a newsletter for lack of knowledge of what we were going to be able to do for worship and other activities of Messiah. We pray that you have been doing okay over these past months of being sequestered.

"Gray Lady II" and I have to admit there has been a little bit of selfish appreciation over the lack of traffic because sadly there were not a lot of people on the road. We could get across town so much faster, but we admit, we would rather have the traffic than people being out of work. I was talking to "Gray Lady II" one morning driving over to Messiah how eerie it was not to have a vehicle within blocks ahead of us. I could barely see its brake lights when it stopped at a light because it was so far away. We did not have to worry about rear-ending it, that was for sure.

We have noticed the past couple weeks as the businesses and other places were beginning to open, more traffic. "Gray Lady II" told me she was glad to have more friends about her as we traveled across town. It is a good feeling sensing that people were beginning to get back to their "normal" activities. I am glad that we are able now to start having people for worship. It was good to be able to do ZOOM. What I found interesting about using it with no congregants before me how when I am leading worship and preaching, I watch you folks for cues. You make worship leading so much easier than you probably realize.

I was talking to "Gray Lady II" over the past weeks about the things my wife and I have been doing while staying at home. She has left the shopping to "Gray Lady II" and me. Some of what we did while at home in the afternoons and evenings fell into a pretty good routine. Mary being an essential worker would get home from work and we would either go for a walk before or after supper.

We had not done jigsaw puzzles for quite a while and now in the afternoons we have been doing them unless I was doing yard work. Then in the evening we would read. We have been going through books. (I am glad that the used book store is now back open, with appropriate precautions.)

I want to share with you a reflection on all the "free" time I have for yard work (no excuses available like before being daily self-secluded at home). "Gray Lady II" and I were out for a drive and we saw a sign draped over a wall behind a house facing a street intersection. We laughed when we read it, "Help! If the COVID19 virus doesn't kill me the honey-do list will."

Upon review of the past months, I have found that our home lifestyle had not really changed a lot. We really do not do much. We do miss going out to eat at a restaurant once in a while. An occasional movie or opera, but we live pretty frugally. (No cable, dish, Wi-Fi or internet, and most evening television over the air at night is not very interesting.) We have been trying to support stores which can do carry-out or curbside business. It hurts me deeply to consider 49 million Americans who have filed for unemployment (as of 5/28). I cannot imagine their plight and pray that things will quickly turn around for them.

It must be hard for those struggling through these months and the unknown of the months ahead. Matthew 6:25 states, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" We need to help each other find the faithful trust of these words and Jesus promise that the Father is watching over us. It is not always easy to hold fast to this truth, especially when our lives and wherewithal are so dearly distressed. But we need to help each other that all is in our Lord's care and we have His strength through His Spirit to get through the stress and fears of the day.

I pray that all of you will be able to weather these days with very little problem. The Lord is with you. Verse 33 reads great words of hope for now and forever, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. You are a good people, especially in God's eyes, and may your goodness help lift each other above the problems of today.

I would like to close with an interesting trivial thing which humors my oddness and I hope you do not mind me sharing it with you. Like I was saying above, I have been doing a lot of reading. In the past weeks, I have read two books by different authors, with a book or two between them. I read Steve Berry's "The Malta Exchange" and the later Clive Cussler and Robin Burchell's book "The Oracle." (You might enjoy the 97 proverbs, mostly African, which head each chapter.) Well, why reading "The Oracle" part of the plot had a penta-palindrome (I believe that is what it called it.) "sator." tied into the God of Saturn and the Saturnina festival.

While reading "The Oracle", a bell went off in my head, did not one of the other books I had just recently read have the same device as part of the story plot. I went back to the Steve Berry book and there it was. This time as part of the story line formed around Constantine and the Christian tradition. The two-story lines from each book were about a thousand years apart and on opposite sides of the Mediterranean Sea. I will say no more as to not ruin the reading of these books for you. I just found it interesting. Have a wonderful day. God blesses.

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

Pastor Doug

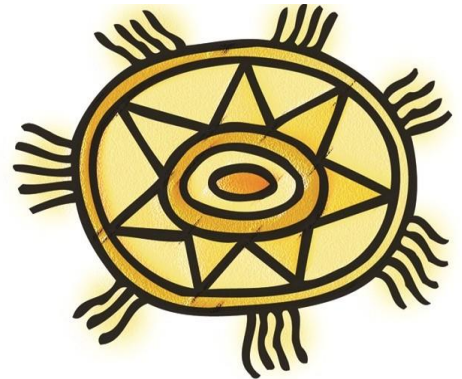
Worship Notes – June

June 7th

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalms 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14th

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalms 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]



June 21st

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalms 69:7-10, 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28th

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42



Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
(Onsite and Zoom)
Fellowship: TBA

Weekday Bible Study

Restart June 17th

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

**Messiah Lutheran
Church Women**

RESTART AUGUST 8TH

Sew & Share

Restart TBA

Crafty Class

Restart TBA

**Rising Sun Christian
Community**

Restart mid-June

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Albuquerque Journal (Page A7)

May 16, 2020

Archbishop John Wester**Roman Catholic Church Open for In-Person**

People over age 60, those compromised immune systems, and anyone concerned about being infected with the COVID-19 virus should stay home.

Congregants must keep a distance of six feet from one another in all directions, and pews may be roped off. Members of the same family may sit together.

No handshaking or contact between people or families.

Anyone over the age of 3 must wear face covering except when they are speaking.

Cleaning staff are to disinfect commonly touched surfaces after each Mass, including pews, chairs, lecterns, door handles and rails. Restrooms are to be disinfected after each liturgy.

No open holy water should be present in churches.

Hymnals, missalettes and other prayer books should be removed.

There will be no congregational singing except by the cantor and one instrumentalist.

Collection baskets will not be passed and congregants are encouraged to use online giving. (We already do not pass the plate)

At MLC we believe that these guidelines will ensure the safety of our members and we will do our best to follow them. If you have any thoughts about this, please let us know.

For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

June 2020 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

MLCW monthly meeting will be announced as soon as we know when the next meeting will be and as it stands now it will probably start up again on August 8, and will meet at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

- A) KMS will be having their once a month Food Pantry through the summer. The Food Pantry is supplied by the Road Runner Portable Food Pantry. We have volunteered to support the Saturday, July 25, 2020, KMS Food Pantry.
- B) Our participation entails a few things:
 - 1) We donated \$300.00 to pay for the Road Runner Portable Food Pantry to be available on July 25, from 9:30 am-Noon, at the south end parking lot of KMS. (Truck comes at 8:00 am, so volunteers should plan to be there then and probably it will get done before Noon.) First come, first serve style and when the boxes are all handed out, then we are done.)
 - 2) We have been asked to have 6-8 volunteers to help load pre-packaged boxes into the vehicles of the recipients of the gracious gift of food. If you are able to help that morning, please let the Messiah office know.

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President: Cassandra Osterloh

Vice President: Dave Hartenberger

Secretary: Ron Kulju

Financial Secretary: Steve McHenry

At Large:

Debra Hoyt

Carlo Bachechi

Rosemary Butler

K D Pass

RIISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Rising Sun Christian Community has not been worshipping at our building for the past few months due to the response for health concerns levied within the state. They have been worshipping like us in a digital format off-site. They plan to begin worshipping back at the Messiah building in mid-June. We look forward to seeing them about our place and sharing in the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

PENTECOST SEASON WORSHIP - 2020

We have been doing our worship by ZOOM the past month and 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. As of May 17, we have been allowing a few members to worship on site, following all the appropriate health precautions. We will continue to expand that policy and look forward to more people worshipping at Messiah and still do the ZOOM. (What happens going into the future only the Lord fully knows.) We want to thank Brian and Cassandra for their work making ZOOM possible, and Tony for his recording the service music and getting it to us, so as to enhance and assist our worship music.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD ASSEMBLY FOR 2020

The Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly was held via ZOOM, on Saturday, May 2, 2020, from 8:30 to just past 1:00 pm. Pastor Doug, Cassandra O. And KD P. were our representatives to the assembly on their own respective computers. Voting was done also by electronic digital format. All went pretty well and the voting only had a small glitch, which did not affect the results. The music was really nice and the presentations were informative.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MESSIAH (projected)

- 1) Wednesday Morning Bible Study – We are thinking of starting them up again on June 17, 2020, at 9:30 am, in either the Conference Room or Fellowship Hall.
- 2) Family Promise of Albuquerque – Sadly, we have been having to postpone, month after month, the presentation by Rich Neely and Kris Erickson. In my last conversation with Rich, we decided to be in conversation to set a date in late June or Mid-July. Family Promise is a “unique and non-traditional solution for homeless families.” They work through faith agencies to provide safe shelter, meals, keeping the families together, plus much more.
- 3) Sew and Share – has not set a getting back to quilt making at the church, yet. They had made three quilts for our high school graduates and they have been graciously received. Thank you “Sew and Share” group.
- 4) High School Seniors will be honored by way of individual video presentations at our June 7, 2020, worship service. The senior graduates are: Alexandra Osterloh, Morgan Kappenman and Autumn Devine.
- 5) Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study – We are going to wait to start up until the month of July. The projected date and time are July 14, 2020, at 8:00 am.
- 6) Swap Meet at Messiah – We have decided to not have the Swap Meet on Saturday, August 1st, 2020, at the Messiah parking lot. We are considering doing it in October.





Men's Bible Club

Restarts July 14th

Women's Bible Study

TBA

Wednesday Mornings Bible Study at 9:30 am

Restarts June 17th



Messiah Lutheran Church

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

2020 Church Council

President: Cassandra Osterloh

Vice President: Dave Hartenberger

Treasurer: Lee Danielson

Financial Secretary: Steve McHenry

Secretary: Ron Kulju

Members at Large:

Debra Hoyt

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KD Pass



Council meetings take place
the 2nd Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 p.m. (On Zoom)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship	8	9 6:30 a.m. Church Council (On Zoom)	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship TBD	15	16	17 9:30 a.m. Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship TBD	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. Worship No Fellowship 11:30 a.m. RSCC Worship TBD	29	30	1	2	3	4

Prayer Guide

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.

- ✚ Carole & Bill Baker
- ✚ Barbara Bachechi
- ✚ Loring Emery
- ✚ Kennie Bishop (JoAnn Hauge's Parents-in-law)
- ✚ Marian Kulju
- ✚ Helga Lindner
- ✚ Robert Maranville
- ✚ Bill Krueger (Betty's brother)
- ✚ Baby Gus in Montana
- ✚ Charlotte Moritomo
- ✚ Toby Carson (Tony Carson's brother)
- ✚ Bill Buffo (Lee Danielson's older brother)
- ✚ Joseph Patrick Lawler III (Hazel Mella)
- ✚ Shawn & Athena Richmond (Steve McHenry's Daughter & Son-in Law)
- ✚ Kathy Adams (Kristi Adams' Sister)
- ✚ Rodney Justice (Rosemary B.'s Brother)
- ✚ Pat Baca & Family
- ✚ Irene Aldredge
- ✚ Kellen Tetrault
- ✚ Robert & Kumi Romero (Eric Hauge's parents-in-law)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Matt Braund
Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)
Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)
Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)



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