

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

This is a great time of year for me. Even more so when I lived up in the upper Midwest. We denizen of the "upper tundra" had spent months working through all the gifts of winter. Nothing more fun than shoveling snow for long periods of time or getting stuck in a snow drift. Also, how can one not enjoy below zero temperatures for days up days (especially during my ministry days in North Dakota). While tromping through heaps and depth of snow, blowing meanly upon the face cheeks, dreams of Spring looming warmly in the mind, until shelter of the Church or parsonage was found.

I tried to explain to "Old Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma ministry partner) the challenge of winter driving up North in the winter, especially during a blizzard or blowing snow. She had no idea what I was taking about having always been a resident of New Mexico. She has seen the little snow we get here but had no comprehension of inches upon inches of

miles of snow in all directions. Two of my old ministry partners got a lot of opportunities to work in winter climate—"Old Blue" (1973 Ford F100 Custom (1984-2001)); "Gray Lady I" (1994 Ford Ranger (2001-2012)). Their successors not so much being they were all Southwest vehicles.

"Gray Lady II" has been lately able to be part of living in my joy of Spring. In my last parish in Northeast Iowa when Springtime enveloped the countryside, white would give way to green. The crab apple and apple trees would have blossoms, trees would start putting out leaves and the yard appeared. The heralding of nature excited me when I looked to where I had my 15 by 17 foot garden, with the rhubarb patch next to it starting to sprout through the thawing soil. "Gray Lady" would haul me to town to get the seeds, seed potatoes and plants I needed for the garden. It would take days for Joel Borkowski to come and till the garden, me to put up the fencing around the garden to keep out those who wanted to enjoy fruits of my labors (mostly possums, raccoons and rabbits, with deer being another challenge because they could step over the fencing. It was a lot of work but after being idling indoor for months the sweat on my brow was worth it.

Now, "Gray Lady II" and I have been making trips to garden stores to help my daughter put in a garden in her backyard. She is so excited with peas, beans, tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, green pepper and strawberries, all showing green against the brown backdrop of the garden soil. She is filled with remembrances of her youth and our gardens, now she has her own. She cannot wait to share it with her daughter and husband. As they say, "hope blooms eternal."

Is that not how the followers of Christ must have felt after the gloom of Jesus death and resurrection and now filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost have a new mission and hope of being the gardeners of the Risen Lord for all those who have been languishing separate from the grace of our Lord. Every new community and/or group of people gathering to hear their message of the gospel must have been like the feeling of a person emerging from winter to plant a garden and make ready to share the bounty of its richness.

The Lord said that the world is the place of harvest for bringing people out of the gloom of sin and bring them into the fruit of living in the Kingdom of God. Those early evangelists knew that the working of planting the seed for the salvific harvest in Christ would be filled with challenges and frustrations, but they would not be daunted. There would be those who would do what could be done to keep the harvest from being reaped into the Lord's glory, not unlike those various critters which would want to get into my garden (along with drought and hailstorm problems). There would be no time for me not to have to attend to keep the garden as healthy and growing as possible.

It is so true for us today as people of Christ to keep earnest in our efforts to bring all healthy and growing in the glory of Christ for His Holy Harvest into His eternal Kingdom. We will need to be good gardeners of faith in Christ, so to speak. We need to daily keep attentive to the work of the Kingdom of Christ every day and all day, never to be daunted in our good quest for Christ's glory and our world's salvation in His Name. Our work for the Lord is too important to take lightly. May the Lord be your hope and strength each day to live in His glory and work for a good harvest of all people to be in Christ, always.

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





June Scripture 2021

<p><u>June 6th</u> Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1 Mark 3:20-35</p>	<p><u>June 13th</u> Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 4:26-34</p>
<p><u>June 20th</u> Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41</p>	<p><u>June 27th</u> Lamentations 3:22-33 Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (alt) Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43</p>

<p>Sunday Worship 9:30 am Worship Service (Onsite and Zoom) Fellowship following service</p> <p>Weekday Bible Study Wednesday at 9:30 am</p> <p>Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm</p> <p>MLC Women Restart TBA</p> <p>Sew & Share Restart TBA</p> <p>Craft Class Restart TBA</p> <p>Rising Sun Christian Community Restart TBA</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"> • Carole Baker • Barbara Bachechi • Loring Emery • Marian Kulju • Helga Lindner • Jimmy Pepper • Dotty Dahl • Doreen Barelo • Pat Baca & family • Irene Aldredge • Kellen Tetrault <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...

June 2021 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

All monthly meetings are still postponed for the time being, except the Wednesday morning Bible Study (in person) and Church Council (in person and ZOOM). As soon as the MLCW knows when they will reconvene, it will be announced. (Prayerfully in September)

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you to the member of Messiah who donated three boxes of various office use supplies in May.

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

K D Pass

(The Church Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We are going to try to meet in person in the Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM.)

RISING SUN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Rising Sun Christian Community has not been worshiping at our building for over a year 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 almost ready to be back in our sanctuary for worship, both in person and "streaming." They hope that this will take place in May. Their "Praise Band" has been practicing on Saturdays at Messiah. 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 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 are now having a "Grab and Go/Stay and Chat" following worship in the Narthex area.** We keep working to offer the best worship and Bible Study opportunities possible. Thank you to Brian and Cassandra, K. D. Pass, Rosemary Butler and Tony for making all this possible.

COMING SOON FOR WORSHIP----Our plan is for the Sunday worship service on June 13, 2021, 9:30 am, to move closer to our traditional way of doing Holy Communion during the service. Those of you who have been worshipping in the sanctuary know that for the past many months we have limited movement during the service and masks were mandatory. Well, the State of New Mexico has lessened the need to keep on masks on in public inside events, like worship. So, if you wish to not wear a mask and have been fully vaccinated, you have that option.

At the June 13, worship service, when it is time to for the sacred elements distribution, you will be asked to come up around the altar, be before the altar railings or stay in your pew and we will serve you. Please do keep in mind social distancing no matter what you choose.

Pastor will bring the bread (wafer) to each person and another person will follow with the trays of filled disposable wine cups (safely space away from each other on the tray). There will be no words shared and each person is to hold the elements until Pastor gets back in front of the ZOOM camera at the altar. Pastor will make sure all people are ready to receive the elements, both in house and on ZOOM, so we can receive the sacrament as a full community of Christ. Then the Pastor will say, "The body of Christ given for you, amen," and everyone will eat the body, and then "The blood of Christ shed for you, amen," again all will drink.

Once all have received the Body and Blood, the Pastor will bless the meal. Those not in their seats will return to their pews, giving space for each returning and dispose of the cups in the trash can in the aisle. We are still trying to see how this all flows and when we will sing the Communion Hymn. It may take us a couple of weeks to get this all moving smoothly. God bless.

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. We ask that those attending not to bring items in with them, all that is needed for the study will be provided. (Of course, coffee will be made, and also, we do not want you to leave personal items in your vehicle.)

- 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) We are hoping to have a social outing in the next couple of months. We were not able to have our "Trunk and Treat" in October and we would like to have something with a rejoice filled feeling for all of us in this community.
- 5) We have been blessed by having Louie from our neighborhood keeping our outside property of the Messiah looking nice. He enjoys taking care of us and we have been showing our appreciation by paying him for his efforts. If you would like to make a special gift to cover his great work, please let the Pastor know. Our inside custodial work has been done a couple times a week by Anthony (and his son) [his pay is in our budget]. Anthony is a member of Rising Sun Christian Community.

Treasurer report April 2021

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$13,320.00	\$31,012.45
Expense	\$5,502.66	\$23,299.30
Net	\$7,817.34	\$7,713.15

Balances	Beginning of month	End of month
Checking	\$84,417.14	\$92,648.79
MM	\$8,644.61	\$8,644.61

June 2021 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each 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



The *Christ In Our Home* devotional for July – September is now available for pick up in the entry way of the church.

You can also contact the office for a copy.

Congratulations to high schoolers Elizabeth Devine and Thade Hauge for graduating from their perspective school. Elizabeth graduated on May 12 from Monzano High School and Thade Hauge graduated on May 14th from Volcanoe Vista. Good luck to these two in all your future endeavors. God Bless!



June 2021

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 following		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			
13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
9:30 am Worship Fellowship following			9:30 am Bible Study			
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
9:30 am Worship Fellowship following			9:30 am Bible Study			
27.	28.	29.	30.			
9:30 am Worship Fellowship following			9:30 am Bible Study			

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