

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 getting closer to longer and warmer days. When "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup and ministry partner) and I are finding out now that the sun is a little more of a challenge when traveling east on Menaul on our way to church. It is almost blinding in its intensity. The sun is welcomed but makes driving a bit of a challenge.

Another thing "Gray Lady II" and I have been in conversation about over the last few months is the increased amount of others sharing the road with us. Admittedly, some sharing it better than others. But I guess for the economy and psychological well-being of our community the increase in people also on the road is a good thing. Now, if we could just keep down the accidents.

I remember a little less than a year ago, "Gray Lady II" and I talked about how we almost owned the roads as we had the very restrictive stay home health orders. It is almost hard to believe that we have been in a health order from the State of New Mexico for close to a year. I think March 11, 2020 (or about then), was when we had to restructure our daily lives and works to protect from the COVID-19 pandemic. They have hampered us in a variety of ways, but we have persevered.

Once we were restricted from many of our favorite activities, like going to worship at Messiah, I changed the sign out in front of our church. I strongly believed and wanted to share with all those traveling by our church and struggling in their own ways. Those words on the sign have always been true for Christians over the two-thousand years. "Christ is our hope and strength." I make sure that in my morning prayers that I always ask the Lord to be our hope and strength, and I wholly believe He has been doing it. He will continue to do it.

By the grace of our Lord and help of our dedicated members, we have been able to find ways to worship and help those in need. We have been on ZOOM since Palm Sunday. ZOOM was not something at that time I was familiar with, but the Lord provided those who did to help us. I am still pretty ignorant on the ZOOM subject. I do know though that the Lord will continue to provide people who can help me get the hang of it and that we can use it to the advantage of others, in the name of the Lord's earthly ministry.

"Gray Lady II" has mentioned her being impressed that this imposition placed before us, that I have dragged myself out of my comfort zone. She knows how hard it is for me to move forward with change. I like things that I have come to do and do proficiently. I did not say great, just proficiently. Routine is my go-to point and using what I have come to know for as long as I can. I have not changed vehicles very often. Usually, it is not until I have to because they wear out or they have outlived their dependability (like my knees). "Old Blue" (my 1973 Ford F100 pickup ministry partner from 1984-2001) was an eyesore but dependable up to the time with 267,000 miles on he; her heads went, a devastating malady. We had to part with tearfully. I keep my shoes until they fall apart, especially when the soles allow water to flow in.

Then May seventeenth provided another movement in our hope and strength to provide the word and sacraments of the Lord in a more personal way. We opened our doors for both in house and ZOOM worship. We followed the proscribed health mandate restrictions and worked hard to protect as well as provide for those who wanted to be in some way together for worship. As we gather, either by ZOOM or in person, the Lord works through us and for each us to provide hope and strength through that which confounds and concerns us—COVID-19.

Ultimately, as we are able to find ways to worship and have our meetings, it is the Lord who helps us prevail. We have analyzed the problems we have, and the Lord has given us wisdom to see that we get His work done. We were able to have our Christmas Eve Candlelight service and Ash Wednesday services. Who would have known that we could have those services, but the Lord. He rose up ideas in our membership and with great joy and volunteer work, we were able to have wonderful worship services.

Mostly, I want to thank the Lord for His presence in our life and His guidance to help us live our lives not in morose over how things are but live our lives following His care with hope and strength. We do not know what is ahead for us over the next months, but we do know one thing, Christ will not leave us alone. Let me close with Paul's thoughts as I paraphrase his words from 1 Corinthians 1:24b-25. "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." Rest in the comfort of knowing that our hope and strength is securely founded on the fact that our Lord is all knowing, all powerful and all present in His world and our lives. He has promised to be with us always.

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

March Scripture 2021

<p><u>March 7th</u> Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22</p>	<p><u>March 14th</u> Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21</p>
<p><u>March 21st</u> Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Psalm 119:9-16 (alternate) Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33</p>	<p><u>March 28th</u> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1--15:47 Mark 15:1-39 [40-47] (alternate)</p>



Sunday Worship

9:30 am (Onsite **and** via Zoom)

Fellowship: TBD

Weekday Bible Study

Wednesday's 9:30 am

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm

MLC Women: TBD

Sew and Share: TBD

Crafty Class: TBD

Rising Sun Christian

Community: TBD

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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.

- ♦ Harlan Wilson
- ♦ Bill Eve
- ♦ Elizabeth
- ♦ Betty Lou Harvey
- ♦ Dotty Dahl
- ♦ Doreen Barelo
- ♦ Toby Carson
- ♦ Jimmy Pepper
- ♦ Pat Baca & Family
- ♦ Irene Aldredge
- ♦ Kellen Tetrault
- ♦ Deanna Dahm
- ♦ Carole & Bill Baker
- ♦ Barbara Bachechi
- ♦ Loring Emery
- ♦ Marian Kulju
- ♦ Helga Lindner
- ♦ Kathy Adams

Serving in the Military

- ♦ Matt Braund
- ♦ Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)
- ♦ Daniel Vickers (Navy)
- ♦ Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves)



For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

March 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 (ZOOM). As soon as the MLCW knows when they will reconvene, it will be announced.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are still in conversation with Edna Torres, but nothing new can be reported at this time.

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 the month at 6:30 pm. Presently, we are meeting on ZOOM. We are in conversation about meeting in person at the church and on ZOOM.)

RISING 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 are almost ready to be back in our sanctuary for worship, both in person and "streaming." They hope that this will take place in March. 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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP 2021

Sunday, March 28 (9:30 am) –Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 1 (7:00 pm) – Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 2 (7:00 pm) – Good Friday
Sunday, April 4 (7:30 am & 9:30 am) – Easter

(We will update the congregation about when we will be having ZOOM and in sanctuary worship for the above services.)

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) Lent–we hope you are enjoying the dialogue worship services that Pastor Doug and Pastor Steve are doing in place of a Midweek worship service in the church.

January 2021 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$4,210.89	US\$4,210.89
Expense	US\$6,198.41	US\$6,198.41
Net	US-\$1,987.52	US-\$1,987.52
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$86,240.86	US\$84,920.48
MM	US\$8,643.75	US\$8,643.97



March 2021 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

March 14, 2021

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday (we lose an hour of sleep)

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



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