

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 Pickup ministry partner) and I travel over the surface roads, mainly of Albuquerque, Los Lunas and Rio Rancho. I am sure this is no surprise to you, and I have mentioned it before in other newsletters. We get to see a lot of white lines, yellow lines, potholes, stop lights and signs, plus other traffic flow signs. We also get to see a lot of construction, both on the roads and around them. It can be quite entertaining, but hardly something to look forward to from day to day.

We had a classic example of passenger car driving a little over a week ago. It was the second Thursday snowstorm in February (or you could be particular and say most of the snow came on Wednesday). Yet, "Gray Lady II" and we had to drive about on Thursday morning. We were at the intersection going west on McMahon and coming up to the Unser Blvd. intersection. My traffic flow had four lanes at the intersection. One to turn left, one to turn right and two middle lanes to go straight ahead. I was in the right lane of the two straight ahead lanes and slowing down a ways back because the intersection looked to be slippery and it was. Well, in the left turn lane a driver started to pull sideways into the left straight-ahead lane. I wondered what he/she was up to so we stopped back from the intersection. And sure enough, that driver went across our lane, into the right turn lane, then off the driver went north on Unser. We just mumbled to

ourselves and glad we were not part of a pile up. There was no way anyone was going to be able to stop when trying to miss the person. Luckily, there was nobody else around except “Gray Lady” and me.

We get the opportunity to go to Los Lunas and Bernalillo occasionally. The preferred passage when going to Los Lunas is down Coors, to the little Isleta casino, and then continue on down the two-lane road. It is so peaceful, scenic and serene. I set the cruise control at the appointed speed, and take in the scenery (yes, watching the road, also). Sometimes, we are greeted by the Rail Runner train. The water in the canal varies in depth and the horses seem to enjoy their environs.

It is not too dissimilar, when we travel up to Bernalillo. Usually, it is not a work trip but pleasure. We like to go to the used bookstore, “Under Charlie’s Covers.” We take Alameda, to Fourth, turn left and meet up with the highway which goes past the Sandia Pueblo. I believe it is Highway 313. There are many fields and birds to see along the way. Also, quite often there are bicycle riders, enjoying a nice day out pedaling. There is some traffic, but overall, it causes me a travel time of peace and tranquility. Maybe, even a little remembering of the many miles of country roads I traveled on before moving down here. (When going to Durango, Colorado, it is a most beautiful and pleasant trip, once getting to the Colorado border.)

These reflections place me in sense of prayerful comfort. Jesus many times went up to pray and be alone with His Father. After, busily doing His ministry. The teaching of the disciples. The healing of those of varying needs while out about towns and countryside. The preaching and inviting of people to be part of the Kingdom of God. The defending of His name and His Father’s glorious plan of salvation for His creation. Jesus would need to find time for His own reflecting on what had been before and what was to be ahead.

This special time of pulling away from all the important hustle and bustle of His ministry and then praying, gave Himself time to slow down, talk to the Father, listen to the Father, and make ready for what was to come. We so truly need that same kind of time, away from all that beckons for our attention, and speak to and listen to the Lord. We, the people of faith in Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, are never far from the possibilities of conversation and blessing from Him. Prayer time is essential for the Spirit of God to move in us, for us and the whole creation. So please follow the practices of Christ and enjoy a peaceful time of conversation and direction from Him.

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

March Scripture 2022



<u>March 6th</u> Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	<u>March 13th</u> Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalms 27 Philippians 3:17--4:1 Luke 13:31-35
<u>March 20th</u> Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalms 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	<u>March 27th</u> Joshua 5:9-12 Psalms 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

<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 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 • Pat Baca & Family • Irene Aldredge • Kellen Tetrault • 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...

March 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, March 12, 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 had the opportunity at the end of February 2022 to provide to Kennedy Middle School with some breakfast food and macaroni and cheese.

The MLCW initiated a shoe drive for the kids at Tomasita Grade School, with \$300. The congregation also has jumped on board with donations in a box in the Narthex, for the season of Lent. (28 pairs of shoes taken over to the school, far) Dave Hartenberger has also gotten a grant for this project of \$250 from Thrivent Financial. If you would like to donate please leave said shoes in the Tomasita Shoe Drive Box.

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). 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. It will probably begin real soon, as plans are being made for it.
- 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) Lent Season: Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022. We will have two services that day for the "Imposition of Ashes" and Holy Communion, 11:00 am in Sanctuary and 7:00 pm in Sanctuary and on ZOOM. We are planning for a Mid-week worship service during the evenings in Lent at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary and possible a service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. We will give you more information closer to that time.

Treasurer Report January 2022

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$4,437.00	\$4,437.00
Expense	\$6,985.73	\$6,985.73
Net	-\$2,548.73	-\$2,548.73
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$104,282.74	\$99,666.20
MM	\$13,646.26	\$13,646.37

March 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

Remember to put in the calendar for March—Council meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm; Wednesday morning Bible study at 9:30 am; and the 11:00 am and 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten worship services.

The Tomasita Shoe Drive throughout Lent, box for donations is in the Narthex.

Shrove Tuesday (March 1, 2022) pancake supper will be in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Worship services for the “Imposition of Ashes” and Holy Communion will be at 11:00 am (Sanctuary) and 7:00 pm (Sanctuary and ZOOM).

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Volunteers Needed!!!

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

Sign-up on the volunteer board at MLC.

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		Shrove Tuesday 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	9:30 am Bible Study Imposition of Ashes" & Holy Communion 11:00 am (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm (Sanctuary and ZOOM).			
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