

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" (my 2009 Tacoma pickup ministry partner) and I drive all around town, and in other towns, quite frequently. We see all kinds of different things as we roam about these communities. Sometimes, we are looking for very specific places and other times we are just getting from point A to point B. Besides road signs and lights (which we try to honor at all times) there are signs which do advertising and/or giving information. Some are large commercial signs and some are homemade.

"Gray Lady II" and I like to go to yard sales. Those signs usually are smaller, some colorful with arrows, of which we follow to buy things we just have to have and to visit with the sellers. Estate sale signs are quite similar. People put up these signs because they have a need to be relieved of some of the items they have and they make witness to it by those signs.

In our neighborhood, presently, we have signs on wheels giving witness that for so many days we will have to find another way to travel because of roadwork. Those signs of witnessing to an activity which would cause detouring out of the way help with making travel quicker and safer, going another way. If you do not pay attention to their witness, you could end up disappointed by the diversion, and maybe even late to your destination.

Quite often we see all kinds of signs which advertise, giving witness to their business. When we are traveling “Gray Lady II” and I depend on those signs to tell us where we could find a place to eat or if we are away from home, a place to stay. They give all the positives of which they could think of and place on the defined dimensions of the sign. I do not believe that I have read any (unless it is one of trying to be humorous and catch my attention) which speak of how awful their product or hospitality is.

Some are a little vague in their messaging. Those signs tend to be a little more user specific. People who are in tune with their offerings grasp the messaging more easily than somebody out of the loop. Case in point would be some advertising signs which are about town and represent the medical procedure clinic my son-in-law works. “Gray Lady II” and I had seen those signs, read their witness, shrugged with indifference, and moved along the road to new signs. Now that my son-in-law works there and I know what they do to save peoples’ lives, we acknowledge them with more interest.

Jesus had exhorted his followers to be witnesses of the salvation for which He had provided to all who had “ears” to hear. Their witness was to be clear and offered with peace to all they came in contact. All people have the opportunity to live in Christ’s mercy, grace, forgiveness and power. Jesus through His entrance into our world, His ministry, His teaching, His death, resurrection and ascension, all people who wish to have them in His life are able. There is no one to be on the outside of this witness. All should be able to easily accept and understand. The witness of His followers would be a sign to the world of the presence of pure and gracious love of a God who truly cares and is not hiding His grace.

Acts 5:12, “Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles (“witnesses” of Christ).” As we read on in the text, people took to heart the witness and the healing activities flowing from their efforts, and witness through signs and wonders. It was not an easily accepted activity by some who wanted them to stop speaking in Jesus’ name. In fact, those in opposition, would not even say Jesus’ name.

As you read through the witnesses of Christ, they were thrown in jail, freed by an “angel of the Lord,” back at the Temple teaching and then arrested quietly again. Witnessing for the goodness which comes from knowing Christ as one’s Lord, can not be stifled. The “goods” which the disciples were witnessing were so powerful and glorious, they could not be ignored.

Gamaliel, a great teacher of the law [Saul’s teacher] and was revered amongst his peers says it best in verses thirty-eight and thirty-nine, “So in the present case, I tell you (the leaders trying to quiet the witness of the disciples), keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin [of no value], it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God.”

The Risen Christ is the real deal and our true path to salvation and righteousness. Any witness offering earnestly His glory, can not be overthrown or stifled. Witness and be glad in Him.

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

May Scripture 2022



<p><u>May 1st</u> Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19</p>	<p><u>May 8th</u> Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30</p>	<p><u>May 15th</u> Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35</p>
<p><u>May 22nd</u> Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-- 22:5 John 14:23-29</p>		<p><u>May 29th</u> Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16- 17, 20-21 John 17:20-26</p>

<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 2nd Saturday of the Month 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"> • Ceceilia Pepper • Irene Aldredge • Deanna Dahm • Carole Baker • Loring Emery • Marian Kulju • Helga Lindner • Jacen Hoyt • Dotty Dahl • Pat Baca & Family <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...

May 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, May 14, 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

The MLCW initiated a shoe drive for the kids at Tomasita Grade School. The congregation also has jumped on board with donations in a box in the Narthex, for the Season of Lent. Thank you to all who helped make this project a success. Rosemary brought a total of 63 shoes (plus a lot of socks) to Eduard at Tomasita on the next to last week of April. He was quite pleased.

Kennedy Middle School teachers' appreciation coffee the beginning of May. We received donations equating \$100.00. Thank you.

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(The 2022 Council will consist of the same members, yet some do have different positions than last year.)

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. They had an Easter Sunday potluck following their service.

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. If others would like to make the bread, we have a recipe available for you.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MESSIAH

- 1) Sew and Share—is still on hold for the time being. The plan is to start again in June. Probably the first and third Tuesdays. More information will be made available as soon as we solidify the days and times.
- 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
- 3) Spring Clean up at Messiah will be Saturday, May 7, 2022, beginning at 9:30 am. Please bring gardening tools, plastic bags and weed spray.

May 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

Sew and Share will start up in June and be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Saturday May 7th we will have Spring Cleanup at 9:30 a.m.

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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 March 2022

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$8,829.72	\$20,169.72
Expense	\$6,987.91	\$18,230.17
Net	\$1,841.81	\$1,939.55
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$103,941.27	\$105,635.69
MM	\$13,646.50	\$13,646.61

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am	2.	3.	4. 9:30 am Bible Study	5.	6.	7. 9:30 am Spring Cleanup
8. Mother's Day 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am	9.	10. 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	11. 9:30 am Bible Study	12.	13.	14. 9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
15. 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am	16.	17.	18. 9:30 am Bible Study	19.	20.	21.
22. 7:30 am Sunrise Service Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am	23.	24.	25. 9:30 am Bible Study	26.	27.	28.
29. 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am	30.	31.				