

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

It is beginning to feel like Springtime in Albuquerque. As "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup ministry partner) and I have been enjoying the coloring of the environs for which we travel. The trees have been putting out their green hues and some even flowering. The yards are showing new life: the grass greening, flowers blossoming, sprinklers spraying water. The stores which carry herbs, vegetable plants, flowers and trees are full of people going in with visions and leaving with full carts and excitement. It is a time of new life within the old and every day.

It put me in such a exuberant mood, that I thought to take the time to give "Gray Lady II" a wash job. I wanted to get her cleaned from the slop, dust and smudges covering her shell and her insides all vacuumed out and polished. I could have done it myself and have, but I wanted to give her a wondrous spraying, scrubbing and buffing. Again, offering new look in life in the midst of her everyday travels. It took a while and probably an inconvenience of my time and wallet; but she really deserved the treat.

She was now washed clean of all that gave her look a blemish. She shined and glistened. She was her old self by definition and function, but now this face lift made her new and sparking. The wash, vacuum, polish and wax job also would protect her

against the new evil elements which land on her skin and get into her inner workings. She felt like new. I could sense it in her purring as we left the "Auto Therapy" site toward home.

In fact, we went to the store on the way home. I parked "Gray Lady II" in the regular area where we parked in the parking lot. It was pretty full. I went into the store, got my groceries and then headed back out. It was such a treat to see her beaming in the sun light with her new clean coat. In the midst of the many dirty vehicles (sadly, like she quite often is) and shone out with brilliance. She was still her aging self, but she was new in her bathing and buffing.

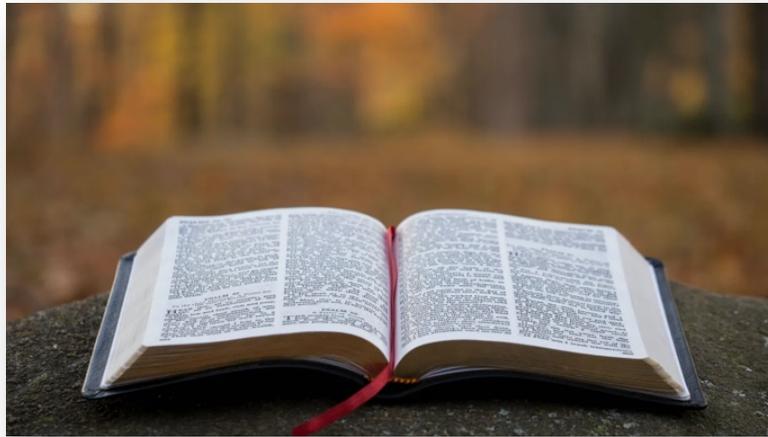
We are in the season of Easter. A season which reminds us that, yet we are sinners, the Risen Lord so loved us that He laid down His life for us. He did what we could not do for ourselves (not unlike the fact that "Gray Lady II" can't wash and buff herself), defeated sin and death, and rose to have new life in Him unto eternity. We are still in our shell a people affected by sin, but through Christ's washing of us at our Baptism, we have a new and glorious life. We shine through our faith and devotion to Christ. Jesus did not have to do this, but it was out of His divine love, He did so. It brought Him pleasure that He could add a cleansing to our sinful life that could not be tarnished, except by unfaithful neglect.

When we are born and take on life, we begin to live. We can function and fashion our lives in a mode of purpose and possibilities, yet we would be entangled within sin and its shallow offerings. Death would always be an endnote to our living. But in Christ glorious resurrection over sin and death, we have been given a newness to living. As we live in Christ, we glow in the midst of the gloom of sin about us. We stand out as Christians in the midst of a world focused on a dismalness to life. As a Christian, we live and breathe with a newness of hope and strength which lifts us up above the heaviness of the day.

Let me end with this piece from our Baptism liturgy which I pray will bring a smile to your faith, warmth in your hearts and energy in your Christian devotion and action. These words come to you in the baptism service when the pastor hands over the lit "baptismal candle" following water spread upon your head and making you new and saved by the glory and love of Christ's invitation to be a part of His Kingdom. "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

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

May Scripture 2021



<p><u>May 2nd</u> Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8</p>	<p><u>May 9th</u> Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17</p>	<p><u>May 16th</u> Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19</p>
<p><u>May 23rd</u> Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>		<p><u>May 30th</u> Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17</p>



Sunday Worship

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

Weekday Bible Study Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

MLC Women

Restart TBA

Sew & Share

Restart TBA

Crafty Class

Restart TBA

Rising Sun Christian Community

Restart TBA

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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.

- ◆ Bill Eve
- ◆ Janice Buffo
- ◆ Elizabeth
- ◆ Carole & Bill Baker
- ◆ Barbara Bachechi
- ◆ Loring Emery
- ◆ Marian Kulju
- ◆ Helga Lindner
- ◆ Cecilia Pepper
- ◆ Betty Lou Harvey
- ◆ Martin Osterloh
- ◆ Dotty Dahl
- ◆ Doreen Barelo
- ◆ Toby Carson
- ◆ Kathy Adams
- ◆ Pat Baca & Family
- ◆ Irene Aldredge
- ◆ Kellen Tetrault

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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



For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

May 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 all of you who contributed to the purchase of fans for classroom use.

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 worshipping at our building for over a year 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 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.

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.

March 2021 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$5,557.88	US\$17,692.45
Expense	US\$5,389.63	US\$12,407.01
Net	US\$168.25	US-\$104.19
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$86,542.65	US\$84,417.14
MM	US\$8,644.19	US\$8,644.61

May 2021 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



church council
MEETING

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



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“Grab and Go/Stay
and Chat” following
worship in the
Narthex area.**



May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
9:30 am Worship (Fellowship Following)			9:30 am Bible Study			
9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
9:30 am Worship (Fellowship Following)		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.
9:30 am Worship (Fellowship Following)			9:30 am Bible Study			
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
9:30 am Worship (Fellowship Following)			9:30 am Bible Study			
30.	31.					
9:30 am Worship (Fellowship Following)						

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