

Messiah Messenger

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Rides with "Gray Lady II" A Message from the Pastor

It is probably pretty obvious the day when I put this newsletter article together. This morning I felt the joy of my former upper Mid-west winter living and the chore. According to the radio, our area of town had up to ten inches of snow. So that meant before I could head over to the church, I had a lot of snow to get off my wife's vehicle and "Gray Lady II." As it turned out, my wife called me at the church and told me that her boss told the office people not to come into work. Good for her, I am glad she got to stay safely home. I guess I could have waited until later to clean off her vehicle. Oh, well.

"Gray Lady II" and I did get to drive on the snowy, slippery roads. "Gray Lady II" got the pleasure of using one of her accessories, four-wheel drive. It was handy and did give me a little more of a sense of security. There was not a lot of others on the road at the time of our travels, yet it was interesting going down roads in which one could not figure out what lane one was in. It also was interesting that the top speed of the traffic on Coors Blvd. was forty miles per hour. That most definitely is an anomaly. No one goes that slow when the roads are clear.

I said above that having the assistance for travel on sloppy roads with "Gray Lady II's" four-wheel drive capabilities gave me a sense of security. Yet the fact is, it can be false security, if a person is not careful and take into consideration what the road conditions offer. There are some common cautions voiced over the years concerning four-wheel drive vehicles and their abilities. One is, that if you are stuck with a four-wheel drive vehicle, you know you are stuck. Another is that with a four-wheel drive vehicle a person can get a little deeper into a big snow drift before getting stuck. The fact of the matter, if your vehicle has bottomed out in a drift and your wheels do not touch ground, it does matter how many are spinning, you will go nowhere. And a third, you cannot get a vehicle to stop on in climate roads whether you have four wheel or not; the weight of the vehicle will keep a person sliding forward or sideways.

So, if a four-wheel drive vehicle can get you moving it does not mean you will be guaranteed to keep moving or stopping. A person if he or she ventures out in bad weather needs to have both hands on the steering wheel and not throw caution to the wind. In fact, a person's security senses should be heightened and not lessened. The wise need to be wary and follow due caution.

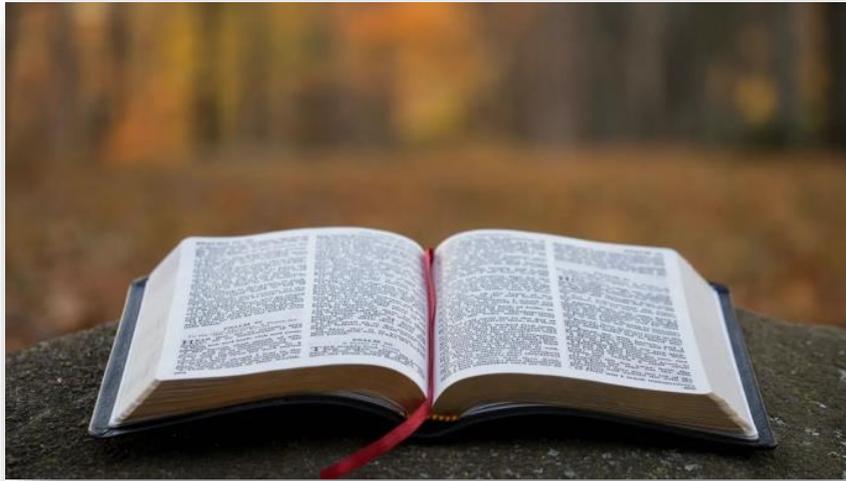
It is also the same with the living of our life of faith. Paul in his letters tries to keep a balance of living a life of grace with deep devotion and not take our grace and forgiveness of Christ with casual attention. Paul was concerned that people would live their lives without being serious in the measure of their faith in Christ feeling that seeing Christ had already saved them they could live as reckless as they wished. Christ loved them and that was all that mattered. They could now know Christ had won them a right relationship with His Father, live free to be careless with their faith life and righteous actions. Christ would truly forgive them.

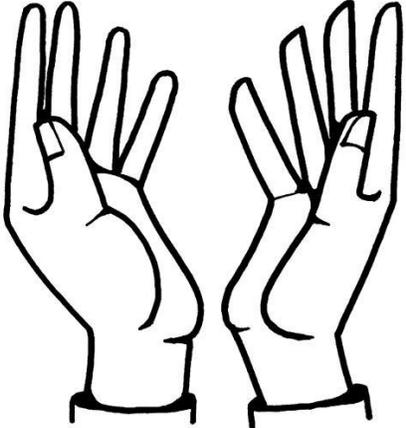
Well like being reckless behind the wheel on icy and slippery roads will only put one into a perilous spin, so is living a life separate from due attention to the Word and Spirit will bring forth an unwanted crash and possible regret. Overconfident and uncaring attitude when driving on poor travel roads and in faith life both can leave one in a precarious and desperate situation. If you read the letters of the New Testament carefully you will see the warnings to the "casual Christian." It is a slight to the gift of salvation won for you by Christ to not be attentive and dedicated to following His ways. Love Christ with all your heart, soul and mind. Live your lives paying good attention to the ways of true Christian living and not take it casually.

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



November Scripture 2020



<p><u>November 1st</u> Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12</p>	<p><u>November 8th</u> Amos 5:18-24 Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 Psalm 70 Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13</p>	<p><u>November 15th</u> Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30</p>
<p><u>November 22nd</u> Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46</p>		<p><u>November 29th</u> Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37</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...

November 2020 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

MLCW monthly meetings for the rest of the year are postponed for the time being. As soon as we know when they will reconvene, it will be announced.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

We have been in contact with KMS new interim Community Communicator, Edna Torres. She and I talked about what we had done in the past with KMS. We do have a family established for Christmas food and gifts.

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

President: Cassandra Osterloh

Vice President: Dave Hartenberger

Secretary: Ron Kulju

Treasurer: Lee Danielson

Financial Secretary: Steve McHenry

At Large:

Debra Hoyt

Carlo Bachechi

Rosemary Butler

K D Pass

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 not sure when they plan to begin worshipping back at the Messiah building. We look forward to seeing them about our place and sharing in the Good News of our Lord and Savior. Pastor Vangie and her congregation say hello.

WORSHIP AT MESSIAH - 2020

We have been 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.

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 guidelines.
- 2) Sew and Share – has not set a getting back to quilt making at the church, yet.
- 3) Men’s Morning Bible Study - No plans have been made to resume.
- 4) Tony Carson’s 40th Ann. as a Church Musician
There was a special worship service at Messiah on Sunday, October 18, 2020. This service was a celebration of Tony’s 40th Anniversary as a Church Musician. It was a great day and worship service. Thank you, Tony.
- 5) All Saints’ Sunday
We will be celebrating All Saints’ Sunday, November 1, 2020. At this service we will be remembering our dearly departed loved ones who now reside in the loving arms of Our Lord, since last November.
- 6) Annual Meeting
We traditionally have our Annual Meeting on the third Sunday of the month (January 17, 2021). How we will be meeting will be set closer to that date if it is approved by the Church Council. We will be needing people to volunteer to be nominees for the new Church Council. We also will need to set our new budget for 2021 before the Annual Meeting.
- 7) Luther House - UNM
We have a great gift of ministry through our ministry on the University of New Mexico campus. Pastor Bre Roberts is their pastor and we appreciate her work with the students and community at UNM. Also, we thank her for presiding over our service the end of September. They are still meeting on-line Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm for Bible Study and Worship. Please keep that ministry and those active in it, in your prayers and ministry support donations.



November 2020 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

	<p>Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (On Zoom)</p>
<p>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</p>	
	<p>Our All Saints' Sunday celebration will be held November 1st, 2020.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting will be held January 17, 2020. We are looking for volunteers to be nominees for the new Church Council.</p>

September 2020 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$5,765	US\$68,260.07
Expense	US\$5,275.37	US\$53,868.74
Net	US+\$489.63	US+\$14,391.33
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$87,124.87	US\$85,913.66
MM	US\$8,642.61	US\$8,642.98

November 2020

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

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