

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 has been a little more enjoyable for "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 gray Toyota Tacoma pickup) and I to be driving about town. The travel across town begins cool and dark. Quite a relief from the sweltering hot travels of August and early September. She and I have even noticed more businesses being open during the day.

These open businesses have done their best to survive the close down of the early months of the COVID-19 health requirements for the public. We have noticed that there are many with outdoor tents and barricades about the shops and restaurants. Almost all people are wearing masks. Social distancing inside and out are being respected. Many that allow people inside have chairs and tables either removed or strategically placed. It is interesting seeing the new industry which has come to fruition, face masks and shields. The masks are not only made for function, but also to be stylish. Almost all stores have a section now for masks and antiseptic solution.

We are a people who appreciate what we are able to do and receive. We are a people who have a great capacity to adapt for the better given a chance. We are a clever people and we can be quite agreeable with good purpose. Just the other day "Gray

Lady II" and I were out doing garage sale shopping, looking for some particular items. At one place, a woman had a large collection of masks. I asked her if she made them and she said yes, for herself and a company out of Taos. She had made over 500 by the time of my visit. I bought two from her. I liked the distinct look and work, and I wanted to support her use of her gifts.

As I was sharing my thoughts with "Gray Lady II" she interjecting a consideration quite close to home for her. She so appreciates the maintenance that CarER does for her. When the COVID-19 health orders and fears came out months ago, she was worried that her favorite vehicle care center would close. It was close. The owner was shut down for a while and then when he did open up the regular customers were leery of coming in the shop or letting people in their vehicle.

"Gray Lady II" became quite despondent as I told her I did not know what I was going to do to keep her fluids fresh and her running smoothly. When it got close to the time for her next checkup and refreshing, by the grace of God, CarER was able to be re-opened. The owner had to cut back on days they were open, and we had to make an appointment. Usually, for the regular maintenance we could just stop by but now it was more complicated. The customer would have to wear a mask while entering the shop office.

We were so glad that she could be taken care of, but even more so, that her place of care was open. We knew it was not easy for the owner. The business' income, for lack of customers and wanting to keep his dedicated staff on the payroll, was way below the old days. We are so appreciative of CarER doing their best to deal with the recent problems and take care of us. "Gray Lady II" has been so thankful for their efforts she has me stop by periodically and drop off some money for their lunchtime, as they work straight through to satisfy their customers' needs.

Jesus during His time on earth spent much time with the disciples (and us) working to help them come to understand their role following His resurrection. Things were not going to be easy. Not every day they were going to be hailed as wonderful as they worked to be evangelists of the Gospel message. We can read in the New Testament the threats placed against them as they went from community to community. Look at all the near-death experiences Paul had while speaking of salvation through Jesus Christ. He was beaten, imprisoned and run out of town. Yet, even when he was under house arrest in Rome, waiting for his final hour, never stopped working for the Lord on behalf of those who needed to hear of the grace and forgiveness available by repenting and living a life of faith.

There have been many martyrs of the faith throughout the centuries who had to deal with the adverse climate about them while they preached the Good News of Jesus Christ. They lived not in hiding but boldly with hope and strength in Christ, did their best to their end to give others a chance to live in the peace they had in their hearts.

They did not fold or blame the world, but instead worked to be in the world and do their best to help people be and stay refreshed in the new life presented by the salvation won for them by the entrance, ministry, Cross and Resurrection of Christ our Lord.

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

October Scripture 2020



<u>October 4th</u> Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalms 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	<u>October 11th</u> Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalms 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	<u>October 18th</u> Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	<u>October 25th</u> Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalms 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
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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...

October 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.

PENTECOST SEASON WORSHIP - 2020

We have been doing our worship by ZOOM these past months 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. As of May 17, 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 will continue to expand that policy and look forward to more people worshipping at Messiah and still do the ZOOM. (What happens going into the future only the Lord fully knows.) We want to thank Brian and Cassandra for their work making ZOOM possible, and Tony for providing the service music as it enhances and assists our worshipping.



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 - We are still not meeting in October, possibly in November we will be able to get together again.
- 4) Tony Carson's 40th Ann. as a Church Musician
There will be a special worship service at Messiah on Sunday, October 18, 2020. This service will be a celebration of Tony's 40th Anniversary as a Church Musician. We have been so fortunate that over a decade of those years he has helped us enjoy expertly played music assisting us with having a meaningful offer of praise to Christ each Sunday, and other special services.
- 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.

September 2020 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$10,367.25	US\$62,495.07
Expense	US\$5,753.48	US\$48,593.37
Net	US+\$4,613.77	US+\$13,901.70
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$81,943.72	US\$87,124.87
MM	US\$8,642.24	US\$8,642.61

OCTOBER 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>Tony Carson's 40th Anniversary Celebration as a Church Musician will be held at the Sunday worship service October 18, 2020.</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>



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
9:30 am Worship Tony Carson's 40 th Anniversary Celebration (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.
9:30 am Worship (No fellowship)			9:30 am Bible Study			

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