

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

Rides with "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 gray Toyota Tacoma pickup truck) and I had a really wonderful drive the other day. I have missed our usual drives together, as I said earlier, I am trying to use her service a little less to help keep the miles off her chassis and motor. Well, this morning we were going down Menaul, heading east toward the mountain, just a little before sunrise. We had a full day planned at Messiah.

It really hit us the difference of this morning, over other morning drives. We had been the past days in the moisture of the Monsoon Season and the mountains must have a lot of moisture resting on its soil and tree branches. The rocks were warming up and there were puffs of clouds showing themselves as they rose out of the valleys between the front peaks and the main peak of the Sandia Mountain. There was the sun beaming just over the peak through some puffs of clouds there, also.

I had "Gray Lady II's" driver side window open and my other senses were also greeted. The road was water covered and the tires were making a rhythmic sound through the treads of her tires. And the smell of the earth's dampness permeated my nasal awareness. The whole trip was glorious and an anomaly to most of our travels across town. It

reminded me of the aroma which overwhelmed me of wet pine when we went for a morning walk when we stayed at Dulce many years ago.

It also brought to mind the Old Testament lessons we will be having over the next few weeks. The people Israel really at the upper moments of their faith really appreciated the majesty of God's providence. They truly appreciated the mountains which grew out of their desert land and the wells which were filled with sweet and refreshing water, spotted about in various portions of their land. These natural earthly presentations not only gave them benchmarks on their nomadic travels but also reminded them of the ever-present God. They named them as places to which they knew that the great creator stationed in their places, but also was present Himself in His ever-concerning nature of over-seeing of their lives.

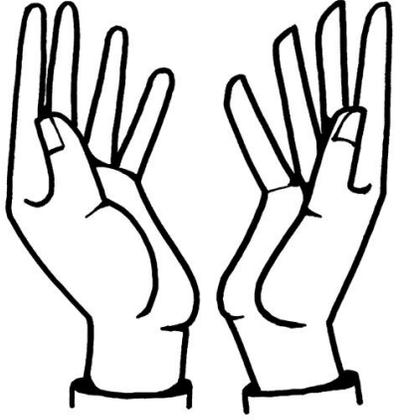
I and "Gray Lady II" travel a lot. Most of our recent travels have been around here, but we do traverse curiously other parts of our area. When we travel, no matter how far, landmarks are essential and affirming. We need places to eat, get fuel, and rest. We know that when we pass certain landmarks, especially those we go past regularly, how far we are from where we intend to be when we are done. There are schools, businesses, bus stops, banks, and churches.

It is the churches, in no matter what town we are in, with their various forms of Our Risen Lord's Cross, which sparks a special warmth in me. Each time we pass a church and see the Cross, it immediately causes me to reflect on my faith relationship with my Lord. That Cross says without words to "Gray Lady II" and I, as we roll along, are not alone and shall not be alone. Those crosses speak of a gracious Lord and His people who are so filled with hope and strength in the midst of their daily travels, that they want to say the Lord is with us. The Lord is also with you.

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

October Scripture 2022



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| <p><u>October 2nd</u> Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10</p> | <p><u>October 9th</u> 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19</p> | <p><u>October 16th</u> Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5 Luke 18:1-8</p> |
| <p><u>October 23rd</u> Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16- 18 Luke 18:9-14</p> |  | <p><u>October 30th</u> Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36</p> |

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| <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 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month</p> <p>Craft Class Up and running Contact for meeting time</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 Katherine Alexander kalex@unm.edu</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"> • Steve McHenry • Dennis Milks • Stephanie • 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...

October 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, October 8, 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 and other designated lessons. 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

Kennedy is still in need of shoes/socks and backpacks (small and large). If you would like to donate some, especially men’s size sneakers (8-12).

Thanksgiving— We will once again be involved with providing food for Ten Families of Kennedy Middle School. If you would like to donate non-perishable food which we can bag up to be given to them, Wednesday, November 16, 2022, please bring them to the church and put in marked area in Narthex. There will be more information coming later. We will use Thrivent Dollars to buy sliced ham, butter, processed cheese and bread. We look to your help for the rest.

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). They have been having fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. They are working on getting a second camera up and running for their streaming service of their worship.

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 and Lee Danielson for making the communion bread we are presently using. If others would like to make the bread, we have a recipe available for you.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT MESSIAH

- 1) Sew and Share—They will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. They will meet in the Conference Room, at 9:30 am, with some food and fellowship following. Come and have a great time putting together quilts and working with other members of the church. The next gatherings will be October 4 and 18, 2022.
- 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. We have been looking for someone who would be willing to be the Treasurer next year (This is a council position.) and we have someone to fill that position (Thank you). Lee, the present Treasurer, will work with someone over the fall months to get familiar with the position.
- 3) We have formed a “Vision Committee” to review and look into what is ahead for worship and other activities at Messiah. Presently, the committee consists of Ron Kulju, Steve McHenry, Cassandra and Brian Osterloh, Chuck Danielson, KD Pass, and Pastor Doug. They are interested in visiting with members of Messiah, as we look ahead being a worshipping center for our Lord.
- 4) Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Rocky Mountain Synod Forest Fire Disaster Fund. Lutheran Social Service is already at work at the Calf Canyon/Hermit’s Peak area around Las Vegas, NM. We collected for their use to help those struggling people the amount of \$1,500.00.
- 5) **Trunk or Treat**—We are planning to have an event for our neighborhood kids on Sunday, October 30, 2022, from 5-7 pm, in our parking lot. Contact Debra Hoyt if you have any questions.

October 2022 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC and RSCC
Trunk or Treat
 Sunday, October 30, 2022
 5pm-7pm
 Needing volunteers to come with your vehicles,
 dress up your car, hand out treats.
 Also need donations of candy and trinkets.
 Sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Council meetings will take place the 2nd Tuesday this month at 6:30 p.m. (On Zoom)

Sew and Share will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

- October 4th
- October 18th

MLCW Bible Study will meet on Saturday October 8th at 9:30 a.m.

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

Volunteers Needed!!!

- ZOOM and PowerPoint on Sundays
 - Offering Counters
 - Church Council Members
- Sign-up on the volunteer board at MLC.

MLC Contact Information:

Phone: 505-299-3311
 Email: office@messiahabq.org
 Website: <http://messiahabq.org>

Treasurer Report August 2022

| YTD/MTD | MTD | YTD |
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| Income | \$7,818.92 | \$72,587.06 |
| Expense | \$5,849.88 | \$53,533.28 |
| Net | \$1,968.04 | \$19,053.78 |
| Balances | Beginning of Month | End of Month |
| Checking | \$120,647.94 | \$122,696.61 |
| MM | \$18,647.09 | \$18,647.25 |

October 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 9:30 am Grounds Clean Up |
| 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. |
| 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am | | 9:30 am Sew & Share | 9:30 am Bible Study | | | 9:30 am MLCW Bible Study |
| 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. | 14. | 15. |
| 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am | | 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting | 9:30 am Bible Study | | | |
| 16. | 17. | 18. | 19. | 20. | 21. | 22. |
| 7:30 am Sunrise Service Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am | | 9:30 am Sew & Share | 9:30 am Bible Study | | | |
| 23. | 24. | 25. | 26. | 27. | 28. | 29. |
| 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am | | | 9:30 am Bible Study | | | |
| 30. | 31. | | | | | |
| 9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am 5 – 7 p.m. Trunk or Treat | | | | | | |

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