

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" and I travel about town and outside of it a lot. I am grateful these past weeks for her ability to provide cool air while her engine is running. The sun can be so blazing and hot. I have a "C" clamp holding down the lid of my trash can lid, and it burned my fingertips. I do not know how the flora and fauna survive. It is amazing how the earth absorbs the moisture I am trying to provide to my plants and trees. Yet somehow the weeds and brush seem to flourish.

I cannot imagine how the skin on "Gray Lady II" withstands the extreme elements of the environment. Here her shell has been getting so hot these past weeks it is uncomfortable to the touch. I am so impressed that when her thermometer reads over one hundred degrees that she still functions. If I was her, I would protest, never wishing to leave shade and shelter, but I am a whiner. Yet, she faithfully carries me through our ministry work and grandfather duties. Her skin fades from the solar rays upon her and she keeps on moving.

If she was up where I used to live, she would have other elements to overcome and I am sure she would do well because she is a "trooper." Snow, sleet, high drifts, below freezing temperatures for days overnight and into the day, would be her challenge. Do not forget the salt, and liquid bring and sand, which are spread all over the roads most

of the wintry weather periods. That stuff is nasty to the frame, parts and shell of a vehicle like "Gray Lady II". I am sure she would be a faithful companion through that climate as she is here. She knows we have places to go and work to do, and she will not let outside forces interfere.

There are other elements of the world which try to interfere with the work of the Church and its faithful workers. It is amazing that over the centuries there have been various distractions to the true mission of the Church. The Church tries to free people from said diversions and keep them in a close relationship with the Lord. There have been some very overt activities over the years which have tried to rid the world of the true faith in Christ. Even in Jesus day there were forces which wanted to quiet, even squelch His call to repentance and join in His holy call of belief in what He had to offer and planned for the faithful. They had such a desire to quiet Him they found it expedient to put Him to death, on a horrid Cross, where all could see and learn what happens to those who do not follow them. Yet, Jesus could not be daunted, and His Resurrection offered to all who wanted to be sanctified and part of His Kingdom of salvation His glory. Those who live in Him through faith and by the power of the Holy Spirit get to be lifted up above sin and its tools. Even today, there are many evil forces which try to eliminate the Church of the Risen Lord, but they do not and will not prevail if we stay the faithful course of Christ's will.

There are also other elements, not all of them overt, which try to pull our attention away from the pure path of righteousness which can only be known through Christ. They will sing siren songs of the day or tempt by simple manners of the culture. Whether subtle or obvious, we of the Christian Church have to stay strong in what we know from Scriptures and promises of Christ. We need to keep alert to ways and sways of the sinners of the world and focus on what the Holy Spirit is writing on our hearts about Christ's mission and gift of salvation for us and through us to others who need to hear it. The faithful, like the early disciples and early Church Fathers, need to be there for each other to stave off the naysayers and evil doers of temptation to things not of the Church. In Christ, we are a body of believers, each needing the gifts and prayers of the others so we can stay active in Christ's work and our neighbors' salvation.

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

Pastor Doug



September Scripture 2020



September 6th

**Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20**

September 13th

**Genesis 50: 15-21
Psalm 103[1-7]8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35**

September 20th

**Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16
21-28**

September 27th

**Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32**



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Archbishop John Wester

Roman Catholic Church Open for In-Person

- ◆ People over age 60, those compromised immune systems, and anyone concerned about being infected with the COVID-19 virus should stay home.
- ◆ Congregants must keep a distance of six feet from one another in all directions, and pews may be roped off. Members of the same family may sit together.
- ◆ No handshaking or contact between people or families.
- ◆ Anyone over the age of 3 must wear face covering except when they are speaking.
- ◆ Cleaning staff are to disinfect commonly touched surfaces after each
- ◆ Mass, including pews, chairs, lecterns, door handles and rails.
- ◆ Restrooms are to be disinfected after each liturgy.
- ◆ No open holy water should be present in churches.
- ◆ Hymnals, missalettes and other prayer books should be removed.
- ◆ There will be no congregational singing except by the cantor and one instrumentalist.

- ◆ Collection baskets will not be passed, and congregants are encouraged to use online giving. (We already do not pass the plate)
- ◆ At MLC we believe that these guidelines will ensure the safety of our members and we will do our best to follow them. If you have any thoughts about this, please let us know.

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

September 12th - 9:30 a.m.

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.

- ◆ Maranville Family
- ◆ Osterloh Family
- ◆ Cecilia Pepper
- ◆ Carole & Bill Baker
- ◆ Barbara Bachechi
- ◆ Loring Emery
- ◆ Marian Kulju
- ◆ Helga Lindner
- ◆ Robert Maranville
- ◆ Baby Gus in Montana
- ◆ Charlotte Moritomo
- ◆ Joe Hauge
- ◆ Kennie Bishop
- ◆ Toby Carson
- ◆ Bill Buffo
- ◆ Joseph Patrick Lawler III
- ◆ Shawn & Athena Richmond
- ◆ Kathy Adams
- ◆ Rodney Justice
- ◆ Pat Baca & Family
- ◆ Irene Aldredge
- ◆ Kellen Tetrault

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

September 2020 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

MLCW monthly meeting will be announced as soon as we know when the next meeting will be and as it stands now it will probably start up again on **September 12, 2020**, and will meet at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room.

KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are not sure at the time of this printing what we will be able to do presently with KMS. We do have a family established for Christmas food and gifts. More information on that will be coming out later with the particulars.

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
KD 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. Approximately, three show up 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. Family Promise of Albuquerque – Sadly, we have been having to postpone, month after month, the presentation by Rich Neely and Karen Erickson. In my last conversation with Rich, we decided to set the date for July 26, 2020. They came to our service and I hope you had a chance to hear them and have questions answered. If you have questions, call the office and let us know. We will get the answers. Family Promise is a “unique and non-traditional solution for homeless families.” They work through faith agencies to provide safe shelter, meals, keeping the families together, plus much more.
3. Sew and Share – has not set a getting back to quilt making at the church, yet. They had made three quilts for our high school graduates to receive in June and they have been graciously received. Thank you “Sew and Share” group.
4. Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study – We were going to start up in the month of July, but that did not work out. We are projecting to start up again in mid-Fall.
5. Messiah Swap Meet – We are not at this time sure about what we are going to be able to do and when it will be.
6. Trunk or Treat - We are in conversation concerning this event and how we might be able to offer a fun day for the kids in costume and distribute food to families. If you have any ideas, let Deb Hoyt or Pastor Doug know.
7. Rob Maranville - Our sympathies go out to KD Pass, Rob’s family and friends and members of our parish with the passing of Rob. Rob died in Durango, Co., on August 7, 2020. We had a memorial service on Saturday, August 29, 2020. May God be with all who had the good fortune to know and lifted up by Christ through Rob over the years.



August 2020 Monthly Expenses Report

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	US\$5,094.00	US\$52,127.82
Expense	US\$7,338.46	US\$42,839.89
Net	US\$2,244.47	US\$9,287.93
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	US\$82,373.26	US\$81,943.72
MM	US\$8,641.89	US\$8,642.24



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



We have the pleasure on Sunday, September 27, 2020, Pastor Bre Roberts presiding over our worship. She is the Campus Pastor for Luther House on the University of New Mexico Campus. We welcome and thank her for her presence at our service and for all the work she does to bring Christ's Word and work to all those young folks, of all ages.



SEPTEMBER 2020

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

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