

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**

You have probably noticed as you have driven by the parking lot that "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck) has not made as many trips to the church with me as she used to do. She has been disappointed but understands that I am trying to put less miles and wear and tear on her. She is not getting any younger. So, I have been putting my wife's vehicle into service to cover the miles "Gray Lady II" would have done with me.

We have had some fun trips and some work trips. A few weeks ago, we went up to Durango, Colorado, to spend some time away with our granddaughter and her folks. We rode the Durango-Silverton train. We actually went to Cascade Canyon. It was a great time. "Gray Lady II" had a special moment of helping out during one night when we were having supper at their campsite. (We stayed at a nearby Bed and Breakfast). We were cooking out side on a portable, iron plate, gas grill. Just after we got done

eating, it began to rain. We did not want the grill to get full of water, so we stowed it on "Gray Lady II's" tailgate, under the shelter of her topper.

The other day, on a to work trip, "Gray Lady II" and I, began to visit about our trips across town. She had noticed over the past plus five years the changes around the roads we traveled. She was reflecting on how many businesses had closed, boarded their windows and put security fences around their property. Also, how many businesses were looking for people to work at their businesses. We talked about it for a while with a ho-hum expression. Then she pointed out to me the new businesses which were popping up over her last few travels. In fact, on the trip we took over here the day of this writing, she pointed out that there was another new recreational cannabis retailer.

It is amazing how many of these enterprises have shown up, just on the roads she and I use. She asked me, "Where are they getting the employees to work at these new start-ups while the established retailers were having trouble getting help?" I had no answer and still do ponder it. Ultimately, I am glad that people are getting employed.

I do worry about the plight of people financially and health-wise with our present economy in its unfriendly state. It should be a serious concern. It gives me pause when I think about the future for the general population. I am grateful for all the various churches and non-profit organizations focused on helping those in need. My wife, now retired, has taken it upon herself to begin volunteering at the Storehouse West Food Bank, not too far from our home. The people using their services have been very thankful and expressed their gratitude for their service to their hunger plight.

It is a great blessing whenever people use their gifts and time to help those struggling to get past their present dilemmas. I thank all of you, here at Messiah, for your open generosity to help out, especially our neighbors, institutions, strangers, family and friends, in whatever way you may. When you help someone, you make a difference and may the Lord be praised. Keep up the good work of Christ in any way you are able.

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

September Scripture 2022



<p><u>September 4th</u> Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33</p>	<p><u>September 11th</u> Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10</p>
<p><u>September 18th</u> Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13</p>	<p><u>September 25th</u> Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31</p>

<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 Tony Carson tony@messiahbq.org</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"> • 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...

September 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, September 10, 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

We have been in contact with these schools for what they will need next school year. The MLCW has put together money to buy and deliver \$250 worth of outdoor play equipment for Tomasita. The balls and jump ropes were delivered the end of August.

Kennedy is need of shoes/socks and backpacks (small and large). We are presently collecting these items for them in the Narthex and will deliver them to Kennedy on September 13.

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.

RSCC Rummage Sale went well last month.

WORSHIP AT MESSIAH

We are worshiping 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 of 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 September 6 and 20, 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 have met three times, so far.
- 4) We had a nice farewell event for Tony Carson (moving to South Carolina and will be playing organ for Immanuel Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC). Thank you to all who made it a wonderful time.
- 5) Our new Music Director is Katherine Alexander. Her first Sunday leading us through worship is September 4, 2022. Give her a warm welcome.
- 6) 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.

September 2022 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Messiah Lutheran Church 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

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

- September 6th

- September 20th

MLCW Bible Study will meet on Saturday September 10th at 9:30 a.m.

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Volunteers Needed!!!

- ZOOM and PowerPoint on Sundays

- Offering Counters

- Church Council Members

Sign-up on the volunteer board at MLC.

Treasurer Report July 2022

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$8,153.00	\$64,769.14
Expense	\$11,531.14	\$47,744.57
Net	-\$3,378.14	\$17,024.57
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$124,922.71	\$120,647.94
MM	\$13,646.95	\$18,647.09
Total Assets	\$138,569.66	\$139,295.03

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
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
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study			
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
7:30 am Sunrise Service Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		9:30 am Sew & Share	9:30 am Bible Study			
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am			9:30 am Bible Study			