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RIDES WITH "OLD SHIFTER"

The other day in the mailbox I received one of the plethora of unsolicited mailings so graciously directed my way. It appears that it could have potential for my well being financially. The flyer came from Smiths Food and Drug. It had coupons that they said were to be "special savings picked for you."

Is not that wonderful that they have been so diligent in tracking my purchases thereby knowing what I need. Then to follow up with special care to provide savings which would be beneficial, especially for me. It is so nice to be having an entity watching over me and mine. Some of the coupons were usual purchases for our household. Yet, there were some that maybe I needed and did not realize it.

It is true that there are times when I do not know what is beneficial to me. I set my decision on what I want and go about trying to see that it happens as such. I have let my preconditions override what really could work out for me. Even stubbornness prods me to be stupid about what I need. And sometimes, I get fooled by having to go a different course than planned and being pleasantly surprised.

When time was coming close for my having to part ways with the services of "Gray Lady" (a 1994 gray Ford Ranger pickup), I formed in my mind what I wanted to replace her. The definite wants were an extended cab, four-wheel drive, automatic transmission, Ranger, and not white in exterior paint color. I knew that the Ford Ranger was not being made anymore, but I felt confident in the Albuquerque area I could find a lower mileage Ranger.

The task was not as easy as it seemed. I bopped around various car dealerships. Success was not the word following from lot to lot. There were some nice ones and some possible F-150 pickups, but no cigar. Finally, at the Chalmers Ford used car lot there was a supercab used Ford Ranger.

There was a problem initially, it was white. That tainted me on the making of the purchase before I even got near the vehicle. I told the salesman, no used looking at it any longer. We moved on to other pickups.

A week or so passed, and I went back to their lot and the Ranger pickup was still there. Being a man of faith I allowed myself to be tempted into thinking it must be a sign. I could overlook the exterior color. The supercab was better than an extended cab like I thought I wanted because the back section had doors that swung open for easy access. Guess what, it was not an automatic transmission, either. My knees are getting a bit old for shifting all the time, but I gave it a test drive anyway. I was still not able to get past some of my wants there were not going to be met if I purchased it.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays ~ 9:30 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

2nd Tuesday ~ 6:30 p.m.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

CHURCH WOMEN

2nd Saturday ~ 9:30 a.m.

SEW & SHARE

1st & 3rd Tuesdays ~ 9:30 a.m.

CRAFT CLASS

Every other Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MESSIAH BOOK CLUB

4th Saturday ~ 10:00 a.m.

RIISING SUN CHRISTIAN

COMMUNITY

Weekly Service

Sundays ~ 11:30 a.m.

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Well, I was finally swayed when the dealer told me the price after the trade-in of "Grey Lady." "Old Shifter" has now been with me in my ministry work for its second two year license plate renewal; sticker firmly affixed last week. We have gotten accustomed to each other and I appreciate how she has been good and helpful for me, and others. She may not have been what I thought I wanted but she has been beneficial.

I truly believe that our Lord does watch our going out and our coming in, even better than we do ourselves. Jesus, our Risen Lord, is great in His ultimate concern for our well-being; here and unto eternity. Please allow your faith in Christ be your directive for living. Do not only be fixed on how you think things should be, seek guidance beyond your preconceptions to allow the Holy Spirit provide for you the most beneficial way.

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

Pastor Doug



Council meetings take place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to come!

If you have any concerns or questions, please talk with any council member.

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brian Osterloh

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Treasurer: Ellen Dobson

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Historian: TBD



WORSHIP NOTES - JUNE

June 3

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-51

The **FIRST** Sunday of **every** month,
bring your loose change and place in
the offering plate to be
sent in for



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE ~ JUNE

	JUNE 3	JUNE 10	JUNE 17	JUNE 24	JULY 1
Assisting Minister	Cassandra Osterloh	Gene Aldredge	Ellen Dobson		Cassandra Osterloh
Lector	Cassandra Osterloh	Ellen Dobson	Steve McHenry	Carol Hartenberger	Cassandra Osterloh
Ushers	Bonnie Jo Hunt			Hartenberger	
Greeters	Sandi King			Hartenberger	
Counter	Cassandra Osterloh				Cassandra Osterloh
Create PowerPoint	Cassandra & Jess	Cassandra & Jess	Cassandra & Jess	Cassandra Osterloh	Cassandra Osterloh
Operate PowerPoint					
Fellowship Snacks	Osterloh		T. Gordon	Ellen Dobson	
Fellowship Setup	Aldredge	Irene Aldredge	Irene Aldredge	Irene Aldredge	Irene Aldredge
Altar Flowers	Hauge	Dobson	King	Adams	
Yard Work	Amy Hlad	Amy Hlad	Amy Hlad	Amy Hlad	Amy Hlad

Altar Guild: Kristi Adams, Irene Aldredge, Mary Emery, Hazel Mella

For the Love of Our Neighborhood....



AUGUST 2018 ~ EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Backpack Ministry: We will be putting a school supply wish list for donations needed to fill the bags and/or cash to purchase supplies. The backpacks will be put together for each student prior to the opening of school on August 13. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to fill the backpacks that day. By the grace of God, and your hard work and generosity, the past years we have been able to put supplies and backpacks in the hands of many students. They are so appreciated by the school, students, and families.

MLC "Swap Meet": The "Swap Meet" will be **August 4, 2018, 8am to noon**. Pat Baca has graciously offered to oversee the event. Start bringing your gently used clothing items to church. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, contact Pat Baca at 505.974.0740.

CONGREGATION LIFE COMMITTEE

- A) Father's Day Pancake Breakfast - June 17, 2018 at Messiah, from 8 to 9:15 am.
- B) Independence Day Celebration - July 1, 2018, following worship.



KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The "Homework Diner" program which would be an after school program has been put on hold until the next school year. We are still in contact with teachers to see if there is any way during the summer that some tutoring assistance may be possible.

MESSIAH and HOLY CROSS

This "gift" sharing ministry is gradually coming together. Pastor Matt Powell has been called as the Holy Cross half-time Pastor. He will begin at Holy Cross on July 3, 2018. Pastor Matt's installation will be July 28, 2018, at Holy Cross. I am not sure of the time, presently. Messiah Church Council is putting together a one year contract call for Pastor Douglas Mathison, which will be very similar to the agreement we are working under as a "supply plus" pastor.

What is potentially ahead? Pastor Doug and Pastor Matt will start working through their designed four-part portfolio to see how our gifts can be put together to enhance the ministry of both congregations and their respective communities, as well as, the larger ministry of the Church and our Lord.

We would like to design a conversation committee from Holy Cross and Messiah which would have a direction and co-ordination nature. Probably two or three people from each congregation, to meet quarterly, and take the ideas shared to their respective Church Councils. Pastor Matt and Pastor Doug will be there to listen and have context for conversation and initiation.

HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We have two High School graduates being recognized - Madison Abillar and Brooke Tetreault. A special treat is that our congregation will give each graduate a gift of the groups hand crafted quilts made by the "Sew and Share" group.

PRAYER GUIDE

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 Baker

Barbara & Carlo Bachechi

Susan Bishop (JoAnn Hauge's mother-in-law)

Matt Braund (KAFB)

Al Burmeister

Toby Carson (Tony Carson's brother)

Danielle Currier

Mary Emery

Bill and Joanne Eve (Betty Hauge's aunt and uncle)

Micah Kesatie (Army Reserves, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)

Marian & Ron Kulju

Joseph Patrick Lawler, III

Dr. Rev. Lincoln Leer

Helga Lindner

Robert Maranville

Arlene Mickelson

Charlotte Moritomo

Laura Ross McHenry

Brian Selby (Betty Hauge son-in law)

Allen J. Tetreault (KAFB)

Daniel Vickers (Navy, Eloise Kesatie's grandson)



June 5 - Tristen Hauge

June 28 - Marian Kulju

Pray **WITHOUT
CEASING**



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