

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" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup ministry partner) and I had gone to the clergy text study at Holy Cross, a couple weeks ago. We Lutheran clergy from around the Albuquerque meet on Tuesday every week to go over the lessons for the upcoming weekend, plus other ministry related items. Well, this particular Tuesday, Pastor Matt had asked me to host for him, because he was going to be gone. I had time to look around and read articles on bulletin boards at his church before people arrived.

One bulletin board caught my eye. It was filled with information about a place that they had connected and worked with in town. At our Vision Committee meeting we were talking about our community involvement, which is really good. "We are here for a reason" has been our mantra. Last year we picked up another connection through "Sew and Share", the Linus Project of quilts and blankets. Sharon and the other quilters showed some of the work they had been working on and would be donating at our worship service the end of April.

It was interesting that at our text study, out of the blue, Pastor Krista had mentioned that one of their groups from St. Luke had just been at this community help provider site. She was quite impressed. So, I told "Gray Lady II" about this coincidental

happening and I told her we should look into it. "Gray Lady II" agreed. As it turns out, we drive by the site twice almost every day and did not notice it. It is one Eubank, north of a few blocks from Lomas. So, last week, "Gray Lady II" and I went to their office and met with Connie. She talked to me about their mission and gave me a tour of facilities. Really a nice set up. When I got back in "Gray Lady II" I told her I would present them to our congregation and see if it would be another mission opportunity for our members.

The helping agency is called "Saranam" (A Refuge from Homelessness, A Journey Home). Their purpose statement: Saranam 's mission is to empower families to end their homelessness and poverty through housing, education and supportive communities.

I will expand on those three points from their brochure: Housing Provides the Foundation. A fully furnished apartment and living necessities provide stability for living. Families can then focus on addressing individual issues that created their homelessness. Education Provides the Opportunity. Adult education and life skills courses provide better employment opportunities for the future. Children also learn life skills and more to give them an advantage in life. Community Provides the Support. Community building is a unique element for ending homelessness. The development of a broad support system provides families a resource they have lost.

This introduction to you is an invitation to pray about a possible involvement in the mission work of Saranam. They look for many various styles of donations (see their request for needs to help incoming residents (Welcome Baskets) in this newsletter and on bulletin board) and various volunteer needs. Let Pastor or the Council know your feelings on this. Saranam will gladly send a staff person to come and speak to our congregation and answer your questions.

Just a fun note from our travels across town: A tire and repair shop has painted on old tires by the road the different repair work they provide. "Gray Lady II" nudged me and said look at that tire it reads with this spelling: "Breaks." I smiled and wondered how they provided breaks and to whom. Also, "American Auto Clinic" had another newly presented witicism on their sign: "My wife says I do not listen to her or something like that."

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

June Scripture 2023



<p><u>June 4th</u> Genesis 1:1--2:4a Psalms 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20</p>	<p><u>June 11th</u> Hosea 5:15--6:6 Psalms 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</p>
<p><u>June 18th</u> Exodus 19:2-8a Psalms 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]</p>	<p><u>June 25th</u> Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39</p>

<p>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Onsite and Zoom) Fellowship following service</p> <p>Weekday Bible Study Wednesday's 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"> • Stephanie • Dotty Dahl • Pat Baca & Family • George Holly • Irene Aldredge • Carole Baker • Loring Emery • Jacen Hoyt <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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Help us welcome our incoming families with these much needed tools and supplies!

We need **11** of each Welcome Basket and Handy Kit by July 20th to stock the apartments for our 2023 families. Email Jennifer Clear at jclear@saranamabq.org before July 1st if you or your organization are interested in supplying any of the baskets or kits below.

Welcome Baskets	Handy Kits
Paper Goods Basket: Toilet Paper (12 Rolls) Paper Towels (2 Rolls Select-A-Size) Tissues (2 Boxes) Coffee Filters (Sized 8-12 Cup) Plastic Zip Sandwich Bags Plastic Freezer Quart Bags Plastic Freezer Gallon Bags Aluminum Foil Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (25+ Count) New Reusable Shopping Bags (6) <div>≈ \$55 Walmart</div>	First Aid Kit: Assorted Band-aids (Family or Variety Pack) Oral Thermometer Hydrogen Peroxide Gauze Pads & Tape Triple Antibiotic Ointment Tweezers Hand Sanitizer <div>≈ \$25 Walmart</div>
Cleaning Supplies Basket: Liquid Dish Soap (20+ oz) Kitchen Sponges w/Scrubber (2) Liquid Dishwasher Detergent (75 oz) Multipurpose Spray Kitchen/Bath Cleaner (Clorox/Generic 32 oz) Multipurpose Floor/Surface Cleaner (Fabuloso 48 oz) Disinfecting Wipes (80 Count) Broom & Dustpan (Full-size) Bucket & Libman Wonder Mop Spray Carpet Cleaner <div>≈ \$55 Walmart</div>	Laundry Kit: Laundry Basket Laundry Detergent (100 Loads, Purex or All) Liquid Fabric Softener (30 Loads, Suavitel) Dryer Sheets (80 Sheets) Spray Laundry Stain Remover Small Sewing Kit <div>≈ \$25 Walmart</div>
Toiletry Supplies Basket: Hairbrushes (4) Hair Combs (Combo Pack) Toothbrushes & Toothpaste (Adult & Kids) Shampoo & Conditioner (Suave Almond & Shea or Garnier Fructis Sleek & Shine) Body Wash (Adult & Kids, Suave) Bar Soap (2) Lotion Sunscreen (SPF 30+) Women's Deodorant (Secret or Suave) Disposable Razors (2-4) Liquid Hand Soap & Refill <div>≈ \$55 Walmart</div>	Basic Tool Kit: Toolbox/Bin Hammer Standard Screwdriver Phillips Screwdriver Tape Measure Pliers Flashlight <div>≈ \$10 Dollar Tree</div>
Technology Supplies Bundle: Laptop Backpack (black, fits 15.6") Wireless Computer Mouse Shaped for Right & Left Hand Use (USB Receiver) Surge Protector Power Strip Adult Wired Earbuds/Headphones with Microphone <div>≈ \$60 Walmart</div>	Study & Desk Kit: Pens, Mechanical Pencils & Highlighters 3 Single Subject Notebooks Scientific Calculator Stapler with Staples Scissors & Tape Paperclips Envelopes & 10 Stamps <div>≈ \$35 Walmart</div>



Choir Anthem May 28th



June 2023 NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- **June 6th**
- **June 20th**

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

Council meeting will take place **Tuesday, June 13th** this month at **6:30 p.m.** (On Zoom)

Sew and Share has a sewing machine we can provide to sew squares together for the Linus Quilts. I can bring the machine to your house, walk through how the particular machine works and provide squares to sew into tops. Sew and Share ladies will then pick them up and finish the quilts for the Linus Project. Thank you, Sharon Wilson.

Contact Messiah at office@messiahabq.org or call 505.299.3311.

Treasurer Report April 2023

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$6,325.00	\$31,476.52
Expense	\$8,555.69	\$29,331.68
Net	-\$2,230.6	\$2,144.84
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Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$122,827.89	\$121,597.04
MM	\$18,648.33	\$18,648.48

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		9:30 am Sew & Share Meeting	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	9:30 am Bible Study			
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
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