

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

Well, this will be the last newsletter from "Gray Lady II" (my 2009 Toyota Tacoma pickup ministry partner) and I. We have made so many trips over to Messiah and around the vicinity. We have been met by interesting driving on the way over and warm greetings when we arrive. On the ride over today she noticed that I was a little moody. I tried to explain to her that my days of the two of us doing ministry at Messiah was coming to a close.

Now, if you remember when we embarked on this journey seven years ago, I had just ended doing interim work at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hobbs. At that time, it was "Old Shifter" (a 2004 white Ford Ranger, with a four speed on the floor shifter) who was my ministry partner. She got used to making many trips across town and our ministry together began on the week leading up to the first Sunday Service on April 23, 2017. Our ministry area was new territory for "Old Shifter" and me. What a great beginning to a wonderful relationship with you fantastic people. We said in the opening months that "We Were Here For A Reason." "Old Shifter" and I were so excited about being a part of the Lord's work being done through the people of Messiah.

Then, "Old Shifter" needed to be retired because my left knee was beginning to struggle with all the shifting at the myriad of stop lights and construction zones around town. Along comes "Gray Lady" to my rescue and off we went doing the ministry of Messiah. (One of our members one time asked if all my pickup ministry partners had names. The answer was yes, beginning with my first one in 1984: "Old Blue" (a 1973 blue (then gradually rust brown) F100 with three on the tree shifter); 2001 "Gray Lady" took over (a 1994 gray Ford Ranger automatic); 2013 "Old Shifter" and then 2018 (?) "Gray Lady II".)

In response to "Gray Lady II" query about my moodiness, I told her that it is not easy to separate from someone, a kind group of people (being friends, colleagues, Christian brothers and sisters, family, parish or "ministry partner." All these event changes in life can hit hard, even those separations which happen with good opportunities envisioned and pleasantries possible.

Messiah Lutheran Church members have provided a special time in my aged years. It has been a pleasure working with you in the various ministry options we have had over the years, for ourselves and our community. I want to also express the pleasure which has filled my heart with the people of the Lord's ministry, Rising Sun Community Congregation, and the time they have been spending sharing the Lord's work here worshipping at Messiah.

"Gray Lady II" asked me if I could come up with how I feel as I come to an ending point of doing ministry with the people of Messiah. Upon reviewing all the possible wonderful words, I could use to express my feeling of our adventure together, the word "blessed" continually filled my mind. You folks have been a blessing to me. I want to stress, not only me, but many people about our community. God be praised.

I will keep you in my prayers as you new adventure of doing the Lord's work through and out of Messiah. Prayers is the best that I will be able to do, which is a good thing because our Lord hears our prayers and works through them. I will not be able to be involved in your new adventure in any way, but I will always be with you in my heart and thoughts. May you enjoy what the Lord will make available to you. May all the work you do, people you meet and parish opportunities be filled by the Lord's Holy Spirit and His guidance.

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

May Scripture 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 5th</u></p> <p>Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 12th</u></p> <p>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 19th</u></p> <p>Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 26th</u></p> <p>Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17</p>

May 2024 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 meet May 7th and 21st
at 9:30am

MLCW Bible Study will meet May 11th at
9:30am.

Council meeting will take place **Tuesday,**
May 21st this month at **6:30 p.m.** (On
Zoom)

Financial Reports

Treasurer Report March 2024

YTD/MTD	MTD	YTD
Income	\$9,252.00	\$21,555.36
Expense	\$6,024.67	\$19,063.96
Net	\$3,227.39	\$2,491.96
Balances	Beginning of Month	End of Month
Checking	\$152,181.36	\$152,479.58
MM	\$18,650.04	\$18,650.20

<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 3rd 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"> • Baby Athena • Harlan Wilson Family • Stephanie • Dotty Dahl • Pat Baca & Family • Irene Aldredge • 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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For the Love of Our Neighborhood...

May 2024 ~Exciting News for Our Neighbors

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Monthly meetings of the MLCW meet once a month. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, **May 11**, 2024, 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 are waiting to hear from the respective school communicators to let us know what they presently need.

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you to the newly elected officers for their willingness to guide us through the next year in doing the Lord's work.

President: Steve McHenry

Vice-President: Brian Osterloh

Secretary: Sharon Wilson

Treasurer: KD Pass

Financial Secretary: Cecelia Pepper

At Large Members: Kristi Adams, Debra Hoyt

(The Church Council meets on the Third 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 still meeting in our building and enjoy being with us on Sundays. They have been having fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. We have made a quarterly arrangement to see to keeping paper and cleaning supplies up to date. **Rising Sun will provide supplies for January, February and March. Also, RSCC will be having a rummage sale on the parking lot Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8 am to Noon.**

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 **May 7 and 21, 2024.**
They decided this past year to make quilts for the **Linus Project** and **Saranam**. The theme of the Linus Project is "Covering New Mexico with Love." You are invited to participate in any way you feel you are able to assist in these projects.
- 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, Fellowship time treats and other activities throughout the year. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- 3) **VISION COMMITTEE:** The planned shared use with Holy Cross has been put on permanent hold. It seems that Pastor Matt has taken a call at another church. That leaves Holy Cross needing to find a new pastor and Messiah is going to have to fend for themselves. The Spirit has been with us (here at Messiah) once again. Upon hearing the news of no shared use, the Council was able to procure the services of a Supply Pastor (Pastor Bradley Brauer) for most of May and all of June. The Vision Committee and the Council are diligently working together to find us a permanent Part time Pastor. While we know that Pastor Doug held a very special place in our hearts and cloning him is not an option, we have faith that the Spirit will provide for us and guide an equally good Pastor to shepherd us for some time to come.
- 4) **Flowers:** We are looking for people to bring flowers to adorn our flower shelf behind the altar. There is a flower chart on the big bulletin board by the Narthex Door if you would like to pick a certain Sunday.
- 5) **Choir.** We would love to have more members as part of our choir. We practice after services on Sunday morning in the Conference Room.
- 6) **Property:** We need to fix the landscape at the southeast corner of our parking lot.
- 7) **Saranam:** This is a caring facility for homeless families, not too far from Messiah. It is on Eubank and they provide housing, education, and community involvement opportunities. They are also making available a setting for the westside of Albuquerque. (Montano and Taylor Ranch)

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1.	2.	3.	4.
			9:30 am Bible Study			
5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
9:30 am Worship & Fellowship Rising Sun Worship 11:30 am		9:30 am Sew and Share	9:30 am Bible Study			9:30 am MLCW Bible Study
12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
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26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	
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