

MESSIAH MESSENGER

May

2026

From the desk of



Pastor Kurt Hoover

*"...It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
...for if righteousness were through the law,
then Christ died for no purpose."
(Galatians 2:20-21)*

You are already complete, you already have the life God intended. Because it is in God that *we live and move and have our being* (Acts 17:28).

This is not a someday reality, this is your reality. This is your identity. What makes you who you are is this unknowable, uncontrollable influence tugging at your heart and the back of your mind... the countless influences all around you driving each action and word you speak. You are not in control of your own life, nor did God ever intend for you to be or desire for you to think you are. And yet that is our predicament. We have been told our whole lives otherwise and we actually do think and act as if who we are is up to us.

You are a product of your faith. The trouble is we don't like that. We have no control over that. If this is true, we cannot shape our own destiny nor control our future. This is a scary reality, yet it also is a freeing reality! You are sheep ...with a shepherd. You are clay in the master potter's hands. You are a child ...and the Father holds you tight.

You have been crucified with Christ. Even now as you hear read these words your independence from God is being crucified with Christ! So that you can once again be a product of your faith in God. Every word spoken into your life from the very beginning.

When Eli was 3-4 years old, we were reading a book before nap time. We ended up wrestling and, at some point, he was laying on my chest. I asked him, "Are you, my turtle?" (It was in the book we had just read, "Who is my Turtle?") ..."I am." "Who is my Turtle?" ..."I am." "Who is my Turtle?" ..."I am." "Yes, you are mine!"

Every word spoken into your life from the very beginning. Every, "I love you, I am there for you, you are mine!" that has instilled in you a concept of self-worth. Yes, those words came from parents and friends, but they were also from God. That is who you are. And no amount of self-searching or attempts to prove yourself can change that reality.

Enjoying the freedom of the King,

pastor.hoover@mlcjoliet.org

WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost
Sunday, May 24th



STEWARDSHIP

You are invited to support and/or participate in the Pregnancy Resource Center's Will County Walk on Saturday, May 16th at 9 a.m. The walk is held at Judson Memorial Church, 2800 Black Road in Joliet. You can walk, run, donate, or just show up to collect a cup of coffee! This is one of just two fundraising efforts they hold each year. The walk in May, along with their fall banquet are primary in funding all their programs during the year.

Messiah believes in the work that is being done at the PRC, and we tithe monthly to them. All their services are offered at no cost to the client:

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| Pregnancy Testing | Ultrasound Scanning |
| Pregnancy Options Information | STI/STD Information & Testing |
| Parenting Classes/Education | Abortion Pill Reversal |
| Resource Assistance | Perinatal Grief Support |
| After-Abortion Support | Residential Programs |

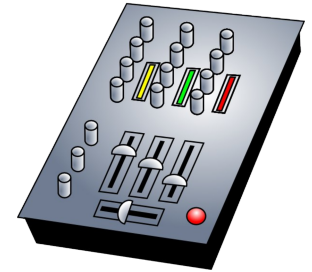
Your help will make a difference in the life of a woman facing a pregnancy who has little or no other support. More information and registration may be found here:

<https://www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org/get-involved/events/will-county-events/>

- *Gerry Boe*, Stewardship Director, stewardship@mlcjoliet.org



WORSHIP & TECH TEAM Recruiting Session



Can you carry a tune?
Want to learn how to work a sound board?
Then WE NEED YOU on the Worship & Tech Team!

Now's the perfect time to join! We are planning to host a recruitment/training session for anyone interested in learning more and will be setting a date soon, so please keep an eye out. Anyone can attend!

Questions? Reach out to Tech Coordinator, Nikolai Stier at tech@mlcjoliet.org or Worship Coordinator, Justin Brown at worship@mlcjoliet.org.



We welcome to the pulpit...

- Seminarian Mike Brown will preach at both services on May 3rd;
- Pastor Emeritus David Nygard will preach at both services on May 10th.

Dear Messiah Family,

I feel incredibly blessed to have such wonderful people in my life! My heart is overflowing with all the prayers, cards, phone calls and texts that were poured over me. Thank you! I had no pain with my surgery and the cancer was removed, praise God!

Love & Hugs,
-Marcy Vickers



To the Army of Prayer Warriors - Thank you!

Your prayers were felt before, during and after my surgery last week. What a comfort you bring to all you pray for.

Blessings,
Pat Boe



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MESSIAH IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:



Daybreak Shelter

For the first time in 35 years we have had to pause our once-per-month commitment serving dinner to those less fortunate at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. We are looking for a volunteer (or two) willing to serve as ministry leader which would entail coordinating volunteers & food donations, light shopping and communicating with Daybreak staff as needed.

Stay-N-Play Ambassadors

Stay-N-Play, Messiah's FREE weekly play group, opens our gym for kids five and under. Stay-N-Play meets every Tuesday morning (September-April) from 9:30-11. This important ministry is at risk of closing it's doors after the end of this season if we are unable to recruit hosts to help set up toys, make coffee, greet our guests and answer questions. Guests are required to supervise their own children!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REACH OUT TO LAY MINISTRY DIRECTOR, PAT BURKE AT LAYMIN@MLCJOLIET.ORG OR CALL THE FRONT OFFICE.

Thank you, in advance for your thoughtful consideration!



NEW

Grief Support Group

INTRODUCING... MESSIAH'S NEW GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Please join Messiah's new Grief Support Group on the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. in Room 101. This group offers caring and confidential space for those walking through loss.

You are not alone.

We are here to support one another.

-Pat Burke & Judy Fowler

FOR THE LADIES OF MESSIAH



A flyer for a "Women's Spring Luncheon" event. The background is a soft, light pink with a subtle floral pattern. In the center is a large, circular floral wreath made of pink and red flowers. To the left of the wreath, the text reads: "Women's Spring Luncheon" in a cursive font, followed by "Sunday, May 3rd", "Noon - 2 p.m.", and "Childcare provided." in a simple font. To the right of the wreath, the text lists "Salad Bar", "Games", and "Prizes" in a simple font, followed by "Get your tickets April 19th & 26th" in a cursive font. At the bottom center, the phrase "Bring a Friend" is written in a large, elegant cursive font. In the top left corner, there is a logo for "MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH Women's Ministry" with a heart icon.

WOMEN'S GARDEN GETAWAY

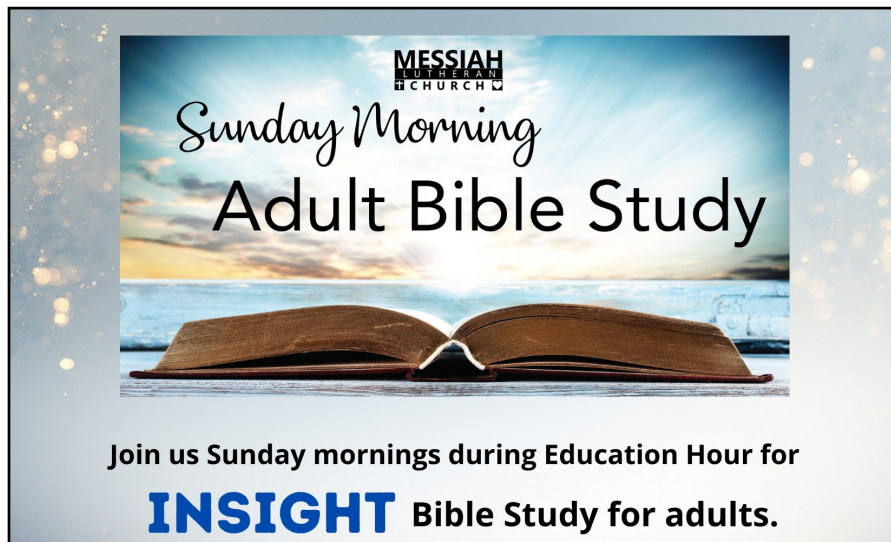
Join the Messiah Women's Group for a fun morning at the Elwood Children's Garden on Wednesday, **June 10th**. The garden is a free, whimsical and interactive garden that offers fun and nature's beauty for all ages. The garden has themed small scale areas including Peter Rabbit's Garden, beautiful flower gardens and so much more to see!

We will carpool from Messiah, leaving at 9 a.m., or you can meet us at the Children's Garden at 9:30. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the pavilion. The Elwood Children's Garden is located at 801 N. Chicago Street in Elwood.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY EDUCATION HOUR

We meet in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 9:40. We'd love to have you join us!



ALTAR FLOWERS - Sign up in the Narthex

If you'd like to help beautify our Sanctuary and sponsor Altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, or to memorialize someone important in your life, the sign up chart is on the Connect Wall in the Narthex (outside the Fireside Room). Arrangements are \$25 each and may be taken home to enjoy after Sunday services have ended.



FAITH & BODY THURSDAYS

Lace up your shoes and enjoy a walk in the Family Life Center, weekly on Thursdays (Sept -May) from 9-10 a.m. Everyone walks at their own pace and it's a great time for fellowship.

LIL LOVES MINISTRY



Lil Loves at Messiah aims to come alongside underserved parents and babies in the area by providing **FREE** assistance with diapers and much needed baby supplies. Lil Loves is available on a by-appointment basis, and those requesting assistance may sign up on our website.

Lil Loves thanks you for your donations of:

- *Diapers and Pull-ups
- *Wipes
- *Baby Wash/Shampoo
- *Baby Lotion
- *Toiletry items for the moms such as deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, etc.

Trial-sized toiletry items are especially appreciated, rather than full-sized. If you'd like to donate, please place your items in the black bin in the Narthex. Our Lil Loves Ministry has helped many, many families in need with care packages thanks to your loving generosity!



WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT FORMULA OR USED ITEMS. Formula and used baby clothes are happily accepted at Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center at 903 Infantry Dr., Ste. 600, in Joliet.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets at the church from 9 a.m.-noon, on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Did you know that we make stuffed teddy bears (and dogs) out of the clothing of people who have passed away, to comfort the grieving? We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing. Text Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or email regency118@comcast.net for more info. Hope to see you on **May 26th**!



MICRO PANTRY

Did you know that Messiah has TWO food pantries? Our indoor pantry is in the hallway across from the offices and our outdoor "Blessing Box" is on the sidewalk right outside the office! This ministry is 100% donation-driven, and you can help to support it through prayer, monetary and/or nonperishable food donations. Please leave your nonperishable food donations in the bin in the Narthex. **NO EXPIRED ITEMS, PLEASE.**

OFFICE HOURS & PUBLICATION DEADLINES

The office is staffed Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays and evenings are by appointment. **Sunday bulletin** material must be received in the front office by 2 p.m. each Tuesday. Material for the **newsletter** is due the 20th of each month.



OWLS

OWLS meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon, September through May. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex.



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Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors

OWLS

**Tuesday, May 12th
at noon**

Beverages will be provided.

Sign up in the Narthex to let us know a headcount and what appetizer/finger food, salad, bread or dessert you will bring!

*During our May luncheon, we'll prepare greeting cards to send to members of our congregation!
OWLS will then be on break until September.*



Prayer Chain

Messiah uses an email-based (not in-person) Prayer Chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community and nation in times of crisis. Prayers are shared amongst the group via email, and are confidential and anonymous as much as possible. Text Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or email regency118@comcast.net for more info.

PRAYER TEAM

Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings at 10:15 in the Fireside Room for approximately one hour, to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info text Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or by email to regency118@comcast.net, or Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

QUILTERS - MAY 5th BONUS DAY!

Messiah Quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out! We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to sew a quilt top together.



Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. In May, we have added a **bonus day** on Tuesday, **May 5th**, in addition to our regular quilting day of **May 19th**! Hope to see you there!

Quilt Sunday October 5th, 2025



STAY-N-PLAY

Stay-N-Play is our **FREE** weekly play group that opens our gym for kids five and under along with their parent/guardian. We meet on Tuesday mornings (September-April) in the FLC from 9:30-11! Please like our Facebook page ([MLC Stay-N-Play Playgroup](#)) for additional information, and share with your friends and neighbors!

Stay-N-Play is in need of hosts! Contact Sherri Unyi if you are available to serve as an MLC Stay-N-Play Ambassador to help set up toys, make coffee, greet our guests and answer questions. Guests are required to supervise their own children.

WORD PLAY! PODCAST - God Has a Word for You



Hosted by Pastor Kurt Hoover and Nikolai Stier, you'll find a new podcast each weekday morning that delves into the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday, focusing on one word in each passage. We'll also feature occasional guest pastors from our area and other LCMC members.

Tune in as they exchange insights into the Word of God... along with some nerdy banter! Each 7-8-minute podcast is available on Spotify here:



Jesus' words of grace are enough for you (2 Cor. 12:9).
Jesus says, "You have all you need. You are not missing anything."

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study for our post-high school young adults will pause for the summer on Field Day, May 17th.

MESSIAH KIDZ CLUB (K-5TH GRADE)

Parents of children (K-5th grade) can join the Messiah Kids group on the Remind app by texting the code mlcmk to 81010, or by going to:



<https://www.remind.com/join/mlcmk>

We'll send reminders/notifications about Sunday School and events!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir will share their final performance for this season during the 10:45 service on Mother's Day, **May 10th**. (Please note date change from April 26.) For more info please reach out to Season Lawler.



J-CHURCH

J-Church is the third Sunday of every month (except December) at 10:45 in the FLC.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW) SUMMER PROGRAM



MKW has ended for the program year. Our summer MKW kickoff is on **June 17th** and runs through July 29th (except during VBS week). We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

NATIONAL BIBLE BEE

Messiah will once again host the National Bible Bee this summer, **June 10th** through August 12th from 5-6 p.m.! Registration is open at BIBLEBEE.ORG. For more info please reach out to Leslie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Pre-K through 5th groups meet upstairs in the Kidz Club, 6th-8th in the Youth Room! We'll wrap up our program year on Field Day, **May 17th**! Our summer session will run July 5th through August 16th for k-8th.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.





VBS REGISTRATION CLOSING JUNE 1ST!

There will be a workshop for all **VBS volunteers** on Sunday, June 7th at 9:40 in Fellowship Hall.

Want to learn more about volunteering to work with our AMAZING VBS TEAM? Reach out to VBS Director, Stephanie Knudsen-Feehan at vbs@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES

(6TH TO 12TH GRADES)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room and will continue year-around.

FRIENDS AND MENTORS (FAM) AND HEAD2HEART (H2H)

FAM AND H2H will continue meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 through **May 6th**. We'll then have a few weeks off until Summer SALT begins.

SUMMER S.A.L.T. KICKOFF PARTY

This summer we will meet in a combined format for 6th-12th graders! Our **kickoff party** will be on Wednesday, **May 27th** from 6-8 p.m. at the Stier's home. Our summer program will meet at church from 6-8 p.m. June 3rd through August 5th. *Please note that we will not meet on 07/22 or 07/29.*

For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

Baccalaureate and Graduation Ceremony and Brunch Save the Date!

June 14th – 9:45 a.m. Ceremony in the Sanctuary followed by brunch for **all** students: PreK – High School and College

We will celebrate all our students by acknowledging their academic, extracurricular, and ministry accomplishments! And we will celebrate our college, high school, 8th grade and kindergarten graduates.



Baccalaureate

What else? Beginning next year, scholarships will be awarded to our senior high school students going on to higher education and trade schools.

What needs to be done? Information packets (available in the Narthex) need to be completed for each student. These packets are due by May 17th. Besides providing information for our celebration ceremony, these packets give families a look at the criteria that will be used to evaluate and choose scholarship recipients starting next year.

Be sure to RSVP for this year's ceremony and brunch. You'll find the RSVP in the information packet.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AND SUNDAY BULLETINS

Can't make it to church this week? The 8:30 a.m. service is live-streamed online on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Links to both are at mlcjoliet.org/worship (please scroll to the bottom of the page). You can also view or print the bulletin, if you'd like to follow along!



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ONLINE giving



Two convenient ways to give online:

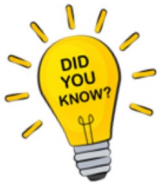
- 1) On our website at www.mlcjoliet.org/give.
- 2) Church Center app on your phone or tablet.



Fast

Simple

Secure



Download the Church Center app! It's not just for online giving.

- You can also:
- View our church calendar!
 - Receive event notifications & reminders from MLC directly to your phone (with notifications enabled)!
 - Register for events that request sign-ups!

Our **online giving app** now offers some new features designed to streamline the process. You will have the option to split your donation between giving funds. It will be easier to donate via ACH (only a flat \$0.30 processing fee per transaction, versus the 2.15% plus \$0.30 for credit cards). Previous donations will be saved, and better security with identity verification. All to make it easier to donate online.

May 25th **MEMORIAL DAY**
REMEMBER AND HONOR

A Memorial Day Prayer

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this through your name. Amen.



HELP! We are looking for help in updating our church history. We have the booklets from our 75th and 100th anniversaries, but need to update the last 25 years and maybe even collect more information dating back further! So, if you have any photos, flyers, letters, programs, booklets of the people and events that have transpired over the last 25 years here at Messiah, we would love to see them. If you have a memory

you would like to share, we would love to hear it directly from you or you can write it down for us. If you were part of an event or activity and have a great story or fun memory, we would love to hear that also!

We are gathering this information now. A basket labeled "Messiah Memories" is provided in the Narthex for you to drop your info in. If you have photos (or other memorabilia) and want them back, include your name and phone and we will return them to you. Also, if you are able to identify any or all of the people in a photo, that would be wonderful!

Original charter members of Hauge Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Nels Nelson	Jacob Wetteland	Ole Eddy	Iver Eddy	A. Thorson
G. Stnerson	Alfred Johnson	Austen Jones	Christ Erickson	

Are you related to any of these people? Let us know! Be sure to check out the historical photos on the Community Board in the Narthex. You can contact Kathy Mueller, 815-953-6601 or scpbklane@aol.com for more information or questions on Messiah's 125th Anniversary!

Our 125th Anniversary: 1901-2026!

Our story continues --- We Continue to Grow!

With our move to our new building at 40 Houbolt Rd in 1981, our congregation was busy. Church picnics were held at Dellwood Park and Inwood. We began working with Morning Star Mission in downtown Joliet. Vacation Bible School had over 100 children! Our Women's Group put together a cookbook and participated in the Christmas Crossroads Bazaar in Lockport (profits went toward a copier, tables, new church linens and \$2000 towards a new piano and handbell fund). The Wednesday evening services during Lent included short skits, and Sunday School averaged 90-100 children weekly.

In November of 1983, the first Scandinavian Dinner was held. The pews were removed from the Sanctuary and it was turned into a dining room. The kitchen was located where the current choir loft and area behind it are now. Meatballs, white codfish, potatoes, vegetables and Scandinavian desserts were served to 368 people. A bazaar was held in conjunction with the dinner and the proceeds used to purchase a new piano. The annual Scandinavian dinners continued for over 20 years.

In 1984, ceiling fans were installed in the Sanctuary and processional Communion begun. Fundraising efforts by the youth resulted in the formation of the Messiah Messenger Puppets led by Dave and Carolyn Torkelson. The puppet ministry continued for many years performing all around the area.

In 1986, Pastor Glesne began a radio broadcast on the local Joliet radio station. "Bright Spots" was a one-minute catchy, humorous, human interest story to provide a positive thought at the beginning of each day.

Our 125th Anniversary: 1901-2026!

Messiah membership and worship services continued to grow in the late 1980's. Office space, worship space and educational space were a problem. In the mid 1980's, the Adult Education classes started meeting at Howard Johnson's Quality Inn down the road on Jefferson Street. Sunday School classes were held in nearly every room of the parsonage and Troy Junior High School.

So, another building project was embarked upon in 1989. The congregation under the leadership of the building committee (Marv Jothen, Doug Hawkinson, Christy Ott, Dennis Price, Marty Hohisel and Ron Sarver) borrowed nearly a million dollars to pay off the existing loan and build an addition to the church. This space included staff offices, Fellowship Hall with a kitchen and education space and was three times larger than the current structure. The building was dedicated in 1990 at which time family membership was 249.

As we continued to grow, our programs and ministry called for a second full-time pastor to serve our congregation and Pastor Dave Nygard was called to serve on April 13, 1987. He brought a solid Christian belief, creative energy and a gentleness of a sensitive parish pastor.

In 1992, Pastor Dave Glesne accepted a call to start a new church in Southern California. The congregation still felt the need for two full time pastors and in 1995 Pastor Lou Quetel was called to serve as Senior Pastor.

In the 1990's, a coffee hour began each Sunday morning, food baskets were delivered during Thanksgiving and Christmas and blood drives were held. The puppet ministry had 25 puppets and were invited to do a monthly cable television program, plus they have performed at telethons, assisted living/nursing homes, other churches, weddings, and summer festivals! In 1994, the Contemporary Worship Service began. The Men's group held a Wild Game Dinner and Fellowship Turkey Fry that was attended by 150.

In 1997 Pastor Nygard wrote seven short plays that were performed by our members during Lent and also a play performed during that summer. A Progressive Dinner was held, we did Christmas Caroling for shut-ins, and the 15th annual Scandinavian Dinner served 625 people.

1998 saw the largest 7th and 8th grade class with over 50 young adults. Work projects included repair to the youth house, Fellowship Hall roof repair and a Sanctuary upgrade. Things put together a pictorial directory, held a summer picnic at Inwood, a Pig Roast and Christmas Family Fun Night!

In September of 2001, Messiah Lutheran Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary with the theme "Cherishing the Past; Challenging the Future". "Cherishing the Past" was an acknowledgement of those who laid the foundation, built on it and sought to maintain the presence of God in the community. "Challenge the Future" was a call for members, pastors and staff to carry forward with confidence and enthusiasm in Jesus' name.

To be continued next month. Stay tuned!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JOLET AREA CHRISTIAN WOMEN

You and your friends are invited to Joliet Christian Women's upcoming luncheon in Messiah's Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, **May 20th** at 11:15 a.m. \$22.00 includes a catered lunch, a special guest speaker/presentation and good fellowship. May will feature a presentation on how to improve balance and prevent falls.

RSVP by May 13th by contacting Barb at 815-439-2076 or mrs.brutus56@gmail.com, or call Sonya at 815-727-1626.

Check out their website at <https://www.stonecroft.org/>.

Next luncheon is June 17th.



Join the Pregnancy Resource Center of Joliet for their annual Walk fundraising event on Saturday, May 16th!

Donate or register here: 

PRAY JOLIET

Christ followers of all ages are invited to Pray Joliet's monthly prayer walks which take place the 4th Saturday of each month from April to October from 8-10 a.m. We go to a different location each month around the Joliet area and walk and pray. Paths are good for strollers and walkers! Locations are announced the week prior and are posted on Messiah's group Facebook page, or you may call the church office.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



- 3 - James & Season Lawler
- 9 - Steve & Cindy McPhail
- 12 - Brian & Lynda Wielbik
- 15 - Bill & Sherri Unyi
- 18 - Doug & Beth Hohisel
- 23 - Randy & Laurel Ling
- 28 - Tom & Lynn Bond
Lou & Kim Ciuffini
- 29 - Tom & Tammie Eigenbauer



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| 2 - Elliana Jurich
Megan Kuhn
Anne Ogle | 3 - Terry McClintock
5 - Jane Costello
Evie Hester | 6 - Dean Cariveau
Mandy Cariveau
Cindi Souza | 7 - Stan Buhr
John Kewenig
Ben Knudsen-Feehan | 8 - Kathy Hanouw
Alex Pribnow | 9 - Sandy Anderson | 10 - Marlene Petersen | 12 - Debra Waller
Bill Wilkinson | 15 - Dan Bajt
Madilyn Erzinger
Kevin Snider | 16 - Leonard Hohisel
Ava Liberty | 18 - Audrey Endebak
Diane Hedden | 20 - Kirk Brandmire
Gavin Hester
Doug Hohisel
Ken Schroth | 21 - Alison Bogdan-Capps | 22 - John Wiley | 23 - Mason Luebbing | 25 - Josh Johnke
Jerry Kavich
Jackson Ogle | 27 - Mary Etta Buhr
Cynthia Nevsimal | 28 - Madelyn Enix |
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MAY SERVERS

Counters

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| 05/03/26 | Gayle Arko, Bob Miller |
| 05/10/26 | Stan Buhr, Joy McClintock |
| 05/17/26 | Judy Fowler, Zach Hoelscher |
| 05/24/26 | Ken Skinner, Dan Stukel |
| 05/31/26 | Gayle Arko, Bob Miller |

Communion Assistants 8:30

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| 05/03/26 | Nancy Bertnik, Jane Costello,
Rowan Hedden |
| 05/10/26 | Paul Allen, Tom Bond,
Bev Korby |
| 05/17/26 | Marvina Allen, Doug Potts,
Lynn Tapella |
| 05/24/26 | Nancy Bertnik, Rowan Hedden,
Doug Potts |
| 05/31/26 | Jane Costello, Joy McClintock,
Doug Potts |

Communion Assistants 10:45

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| 05/03/26 | Rob & Joy Hepburn,
Darryl Hoelscher |
| 05/10/26 | Terry Anzalone, Pat Burke,
Darryl Hoelscher |
| 05/17/26 | Terry Anzalone, Pat Burke,
Linda Hallberg |
| 05/24/26 | Terry Anzalone,
Tom & Lynn Bond |
| 05/31/26 | Terry Anzalone, Darryl
Hoelscher, one needed |

Greeters 8:30

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| 05/03/26 | Pat Boe, one needed |
| 05/10/26 | Kirk Brandmire, Bev Korby |
| 05/17/26 | Marty Hohisel, one needed |
| 05/24/26 | Pat Boe, Bev Korby |
| 05/31/26 | Kirk Brandmire, one needed |

Greeters 10:45

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| 05/03/26 | two needed |
| 05/10/26 | Lynn Tapella, one needed |
| 05/17/26 | Beth Hohisel, one needed |
| 05/24/26 | Lynn Tapella, one needed |
| 05/31/26 | two needed |

Readers 8:30

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| 05/03/26 | Jane Costello |
| 05/10/26 | Angie Mitchka |
| 05/17/26 | Paul Allen |
| 05/24/26 | Angie Mitchka |
| 05/31/26 | Doug Potts |

Readers 10:45

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| 05/03/26 | Elaine McGrath |
| 05/10/26 | Molly Hoover |
| 05/17/26 | needed |
| 05/24/26 | Molly Hoover |
| 05/31/26 | needed |

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| 05/03/26 | Jerry Buchenau, Dan Stukel |
| 05/10/26 | Bill Unyi, Alan Costello |
| 05/17/26 | Wayne Lauffer, Bob Miller |
| 05/24/26 | Craig Stone, Paul Allen |
| 05/31/26 | Alan Costello, one needed |

Ushers 10:45

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| 05/03/26 | two needed |
| 05/10/26 | Tom & Tammie Eigenbauer |
| 05/17/26 | Josh Johnke, one needed |
| 05/24/26 | Darryl Hoelscher, Gary Phillips |
| 05/31/26 | Tom & Tammie Eigenbauer |

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