



Family Praise & Worship
June 28, 2026
10:45 a.m.



**Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me
receives him who sent me.**

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Giving

Emerald Crossing VBS Celebration



Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Discipleship: Ministry to the Least"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

A manuscript for this sermon and those previous can be found in the Narthex.

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Save these dates: Saturday, September 19th - Dinner Banquet (time TBD); Sunday, September 20th - Reception Celebration between services.

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Our Sunday morning Bible Study for adults resumes on **July 12th** at 9:40 in Fellowship Hall. Our opening topic will be "Resurrection of the Body."

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME



Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until after the later service gets out. If you are an 8:30 attender - stay late! If Family Praise & Worship is your service - come early! Make new friends! If you'd like to help with Sunday morning coffee, please reach out to Joyce Pawlowski at 630-890-1203.

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a Connect Card, and give online.



Scan here to connect with MLC:

Online Giving - There are two convenient ways to do it:

- 1) On our website at <https://www.mlcjoliet.org/give>.
- 2) Through the Church Center app on your phone or tablet, or scan the QR code above.

MEMORY BEARS



Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **June 30th** (bumped out one week due to VBS). We have jobs that do not require sewing! Reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478 for more info.

PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses an email-based 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 kept confidential as much as possible. Reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478 for more info.

PRAYER TEAM

Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings in the Fireside Room from 10:15-11:15 to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info, reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478, or Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

QUILTERS

Messiah Quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Please note that we will not meet in July.** 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. Hope to see you on **August 18th**!

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW) SUMMER PROGRAM

Our summer MKW kickoff is on **July 1st** and runs through July 29th (except during VBS week). We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

NATIONAL BIBLE BEE

Messiah is hosting 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

Our summer session for K-8th graders will run **July 5th** through August 16th. We meet upstairs in the Kids Club.

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.

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-round.

SUMMER S.A.L.T. (for both FAM and H2H groups)

This summer we're meeting in a combined format for 6th-12th graders! 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.

Discipleship

SERMON SERIES
MAY 31 - AUGUST 23, 2026

*"The harvest
is plentiful,
but the
laborers
are few."*



*What
ministry
has God
given you?*



MESSIAH
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DAILY DEVOTIONAL PODCAST "WORD PLAY!"

God has a Word for you!

Hosted by Pastor Kurt Hoover and Nikolai Stier,
we delve into the Scripture readings for the coming week
by focusing on one word in the passage.

Look for a new episode each weekday as we exchange insights
into the word of God ...along with some nerdy banter.

Find us on Spotify here:



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are provided in celebration of the June 27th wedding of Keith Jurich & Amy Anderson.

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

SUNDAY, June 28

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*high school only*)
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,
VBS Celebration
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

MONDAY, June 29

n/a

TUESDAY, June 30

9 a.m. Memory Bears

WEDNESDAY, July 1

5 p.m. Bible Bee
6 p.m. Summer SALT
6:30 p.m. MKW kickoff

THURSDAY, July 2

10:15 a.m. Prayer Group
12 p.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, July 3

n/a

SATURDAY, July 4

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, July 5

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Education Hour
(*for k-8th & high school*)
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
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ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30: 75
10:45: 30
Online: 14

2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359
YTD Operating Budget: \$333,826
YTD Giving Received: \$255,243
Needed Each Week: \$13,353
Received Last Week: \$6,525

1st Quarter 2026

Actual Income vs. Expense:
-\$14,823

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you.

Messiah office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
otherwise by appointment. Please call (815) 741-4488.

