

MESSIAH

LUTHERAN

✝ CHURCH ♡

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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Video: "Empty"

Welcome/Announcements

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Confession & Giving

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

Children's Message

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Three Words Answering Three Questions"

By Pastor David Stier

(Copies of today's sermon are available in the narthex or online at mlcjoliet.org)

Special Music: "Follow Me"

Prayers of Intercession

Communion

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

SCRIPTURE READING

OUR FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24: 1-12 (NLT)

Reader: Doug Potts

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

⁵ The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man ^[b] must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."

⁸ Then they remembered that he had said this. ⁹ So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. ¹¹ But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. ¹² However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.

OUR SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:39-58 (NLT)

³⁹ "Our father is Abraham!" they declared.

"No," Jesus replied, "for if you were really the children of Abraham, you would follow his example. ⁴⁰ Instead, you are trying to kill me because I told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham never did such a thing. ⁴¹ No, you are imitating your real father."

They replied, "We aren't illegitimate children! God himself is our true Father."

⁴² Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me! ⁴⁴ For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me! ⁴⁶ Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC NEWS

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

We have a new way that you can connect with us! 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 connection card, and give online. Scan it now to connect with MLC.



ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an easy way to give to MLC, and there are three ways to do it:

- 1) Go to this link: churchcenter.com/giving
- 2) Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed all of next week.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir will practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00 – 6:30 pm (right before AWANA and Head 2 Heart). Your child ages Kindergarten – 8th grade can worship the Lord through song with their friends. Our performances will usually happen once a month at the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday services. Please email Sherri Unyi at unyi86@comcast.net to register your child.

Join us next Sunday as Pastor David Nygard joins us for preaching all three services.

GET INVOLVED

MEMORY BEARS

The Memory Bears Life Group meets together once a month to make teddy bears out of clothing from people who have passed away to comfort the grieving. We also make and sell bears once a year to raise money for supplies and children's charities. With the lost time with Covid and orders having not slowed down, we really could use your help!

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. We have so many quilts ready to be tied and you don't need any sewing or quilting experience to help us. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits ready for you to sew.

We are in need of any size sheets. Please be sure they are without rips, tears or stains. We can also use the pillowcases as we stuff them with our fabric scraps and make dog/cat beds for the animal shelter. There is a basket in the narthex to put them in. Contact Kathy Mueller (815-953-6601) at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Drop by and see what we are doing.

MEAL TRAIN

We all know someone who may be overwhelmed during a difficult time. Perhaps an illness, surgery, loss of a family member or a job or the challenge of a new baby. Messiah is forming a Meal Train for anyone who would like to prepare and deliver a meal or need a meal. To sign up for the Meal Train team or request a Meal Train, please visit mlcjoliet.org/meal-train.

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where can keep you updating on what's going on. Parents of Sunday School aged children (Kindergarten through sixth grade), you can join the Messiah Kids Remind group by texting the code mlcmk to 81010.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Messiah Kids Sunday school continues next Sunday at 9:30 on the 2nd floor.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY 11 AM

Messiah Kids happens during the 11 am service, right after the children's message. Just sign in at the kiosk in the narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

VBS registration is NOW OPEN!! Kids entering 4 yr old preschool-6th grade are welcome to attend on June 6th-10th. All registrations and payments will be made online this year. Please visit the Messiah website for the link and more info. Volunteer sign-ups are also online. We need help in all areas all week and also for our Sunday Funday on June 12th after the 11:00 service. Please like our Facebook page **Messiah Lutheran Joliet VBS 2022** for updates and needs. Contact Lori Spielman at 708-204-9755 or Lspielman75@yahoo.com with any questions .

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)

Middle school students confirmation class.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)

HSSS continues this week.

SUMMER CELEBRATION (Wednesdays in May from 6-8 pm)

Summer Celebration is a time for the students to come by play games, eat food, and celebrate summer vacation! It goes through the month of May, and the ages are 6th-12 grades.

CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP (June 26th-July 1st)

For 5th-8th grade. This is where students go to learn about the Bible while experiencing God in nature. Be sure to come to the parent info meeting March 20th or sign up online at <https://www.centerlake.org/middleschoolcamps>.

HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP (July 17th-July 23rd)

For 9th-12th grade. This is a time for the High school to go to WV. to Alpine Ministries to experience God in nature and adventure. We will go white water rafting, repelling, and traverse a high ropes course. Need more info? Reach out to Brian at brian@mlcjoliet.org

EVENTS

STAY AND PLAY (Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 am)

Stay and Play is a weekly playgroup for kids 5 and under. Bring the kids and enjoy coffee on us, Feel free to bring snacks and drinks., Parent/caregiver must stay, Waiver required. Large open space to run and play Lots of toys and ride-ons. Check out the group on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup . Volunteers needed. Let the office know if you can help.

PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)

In the Fireside Room. Email pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org for more information.

INSIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays at 9:30 am)

There is no Insight today.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm)

Hey guys, need to connect with other Christian men? Feeling that you are just missing something? After a lot of prayer and seeking God's will, Messiah will once again have a men's ministry. We're calling it Messiah Men. We'll meet a few times a month and even do some guy trips and gatherings. Come check us out! Our goal isn't to add another commitment to your life; it's to help ease your burden so you can be the man God wants you to be.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Pastor Stier will be leading this three-week class starting Sunday, April 24th at 9:30 am. Every Christian has been given supernatural abilities called spiritual gifts to glorify God and be used by Him, and one day we will give an account for how well we used them. We read about them all over the New Testament, but the responsibility is on us to unwrap them and figure out where to use them. This class will not only help you understand what spiritual gifts are but will also help you discover yours and how to put them to use for God's glory. All are wel-

come. If you did the intensive 90 minute class in February, this class will still be good for you to attend, because we'll have more time to dig into what God is doing.

AFGHAN FAMILY RESETTLEMENT TEAM

Please contact Mike Brown if you have interest in being part of a team exploring an opportunity to help resettle a refugee family from Afghanistan.

NEXT STEPS

Take advantage of two (among many) ways for you to respond to the Good News of Easter:

Pr. Dave Nygard will be preaching April 24th. Who will be there with you? God is using you to invite family and friends to renew their commitment to worship.

2) The Evangelism Board has put together a week-long devotional designed to guide you through text and prayer. Join us in praying for our part in the Kingdom of God.

EASTER LILIES PROVIDED BY:

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In Honor/Memory

Our Parents
For God's Glory
Betty Powers (Mom)
Evelyn Korth, Asfrid & Leonard Anderson
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Martha Uhler, Mary Kluge
Loved Ones
The People of Ukraine
In Memory of Loved One
Our Parents
Joan Cohoon, Ronnie Carlson
Our Parents
Grandmother- Mary Ann Hurstik
For God's Glory
Our Parents
Lloyd, Allen, & Kim Jelm
Our Fathers

(Lillies may be picked up after the last service on Easter)

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (April 17)

6 am Sunrise campfire
6:30 Sunrise service
7:30 11 am Easter breakfast
8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids

MONDAY (April 18)

9 am CCHC Homeschool

TUESDAY (April 19)

9:00 am Messiah Quilters
9:30 am Stay and Play

WEDNESDAY (April 20)

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool

THURSDAY (April 21)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (April 22)

6 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

SATURDAY (April 23)

N/A

NEXT SUNDAY (April 24)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 am Mosaic Life Group
9:30 am Insight
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 66
9:30 am: 78
11:00 am: 70

Online: 150

MSM: 8

Messiah Kids SS: 30

Insight/Mosaic: 12

SALT: 10

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$12,567

Received year-to-date: \$160,431

Needed year-to-date: \$179,464

Amazon Smile YTD – \$58.47

Thrivent Choice YTD – \$1,438.00

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488.