

MESSIAH **LUTHERAN** **CHURCH**

April 3, 2022

11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Baptism of Brooklyn and Bentley Steffen

Grandchildren of Sandra Lyn Steffen and children of Brandon Steffen (deceased). Sponsors Brittany Schwickert and Jamaal Mac

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Confession & Giving

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Jews for Jesus: Christ in the Passover"

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Communion

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

**Be sure to join in our
Easter happenings!**

April 4

Deadline to order Easter lilies

April 9

Kids Easter Event from 1 to 3 pm

April 10

Palm Sunday

April 14

Maundy Thursday &
First Holy Communion at 7 pm

April 15

Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7 pm

April 17

Easter Sunday

Sunrise campfire at 6 am

Easter services at 6:30, 8,

9:30 and 11 am

Sonrise Easter Breakfast

from 7:30 to 11 am

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

Our office hours are from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. Saturdays and evenings by appointment.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE BOE FAMILY

Thank you to our church family for the cards, words of encouragement, and hugs we received during the recent passing of my mom. They were very comforting during this time. Blessings, Pat Boe and family.

GET INVOLVED

EASTER SONRISE BREAKFAST DODNATIONS

Take a tag from the bulletin board to contribute to the breakfast to support our youth.

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! We meet again April 13th, 9:00-11:30 am.

MESSIAH QUILTERS

We are having an extra quilting day on Tuesday, April 5th 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. Drop by and see what we are doing. Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. 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.

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 today 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.

AWANA (Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm)

April 6th is the last night for this season. Thank you to our volunteers.

EASTER FUN FOR KIDS (Saturday April 9th from 1-3 pm)

Kids Kindergarten through 5th are invited to crafts, games and an Easter Egg Hunt.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK—June 6-10

VBS registration is NOW OPEN! Kids 4 yr old prek—6th grade are welcome to attend. All registrations and payments will be online so visit Messiah website for the link. Volunteer sign-ups also online. Please like Facebook page: Messiah Lutheran Joliet VBS 2022. Contact Lori Spielman at 708-204-9755 or lspielman75@yahoo.com.

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)

Middle school students confirmation class. Last H2H is April 27th.

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

HSSS continues this week.

S.A.L.T. (Sundays at 4:30 pm)

High school students, come out for a time of fellowship, fun and talking about God.

IGNITE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (April 8th & 9th)

Students, join us at Harvest New Beginnings in Oswego. For 7th-12th grades. Students need money for Chick-Fil-A after Saturday's session. Early bird price is \$40 before March 1st. After March 1st is \$50.

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

For 5th-9th grade. This is where students go to learn about the Bible while experiencing God in nature. 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

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER: A PRESENTATION

Jews for Jesus will be here today at all three services to present the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples.

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)

Join us next Sunday for a great time of fellowship and study of God's word in the fellowship hall.

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.

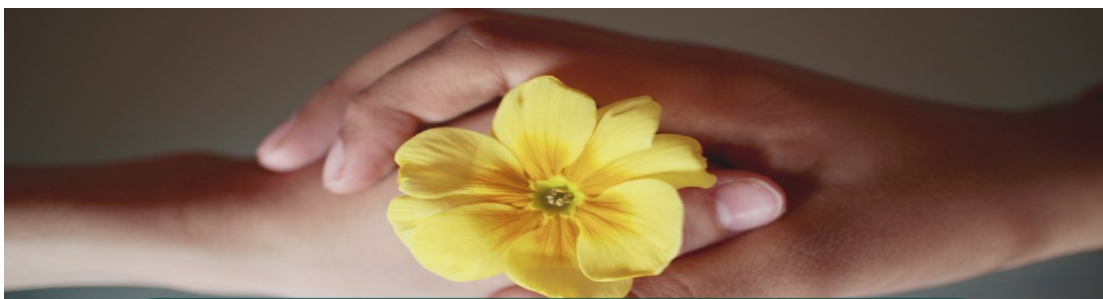
DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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 welcome. 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.

WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS



Joy through Pain

Wednesday Lent Series

Lenten Soups- 5:30pm-6:30pm

Worship Service- 7:00pm

March 2-April 6, 2022

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (April 3)

8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 Mosaic Life Group
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
9:30 1st Communion Class
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

MONDAY (April 4)

9 am CCHC Homeschool

TUESDAY (April 5)

9 am– noon Messiah Quilters
9:30 Stay and Play

WEDNESDAY (April 6)

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool
5:30 pm Dinner
6 pm Children's Choir
6:15 pm Head2Heart
6:30 pm Awana
7:00 Lenten Service

THURSDAY (April 7)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (April 8)

5pm Ignite Youth Leadership Conf.
6 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

SATURDAY (April 9)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal
1 pm Easter Egg Hunt

NEXT SUNDAY (April 10)

8:00 Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 Insight Life Group
9:30 Mosaic Life Group
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
9:30 1st Communion Class
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 65
9:30 am: 58
11:00 am: 66

Online: 147

MSM: 8

Messiah Kids SS: 26

Insight/Mosaic: 16

SALT: N/A

Awana Clubbers: 21

Awana Volunteers: 11

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$7,724

Received year-to-date: \$132,200

Needed year-to-date: \$155,536

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Joel 2:13

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing."

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by Gary and Patti Ally in memory of their late mother Nancy's birthday.
If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488.