

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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Worship Through Songs

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Children's Message

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Word of God Speak 3: At a Loss For Words"
By Pastor David Stier

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Communion

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

OUR PSALM

Psalm 145:14-21 (NLT)

Reader: Tom Bond

¹⁴ The Lord helps the fallen and lifts those bent beneath their loads. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you in hope; you give them their food as they need it. ¹⁶ When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in everything he does; he is filled with kindness. ¹⁸ The Lord is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He grants the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them. ²⁰ The Lord protects all those who love him, but he destroys the wicked. ²¹ I will praise the Lord, and may everyone on earth bless his holy name forever and ever.

OUR FIRST EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:1-4, 15-16 & 26-29 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. ¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. ²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

OUR SECOND EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. ²⁰ Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC NEWS

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 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. The church office will be closed Wednesday, June 1st, for a staff retreat.

YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Lay Ministry board is looking for a youth choir director. The job consists of preparing the youth choir for one performance a month during the school year during the 9:30 and 11:00 services. The approximate time commitment is 2 hours per week. The position has a small stipend and will start after the summer. Please contact the church office or email Tom Bond at tlbond7@hotmail.com if you are interested

NURSERY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The Lay Ministry board is looking for a few adults or couples who can make themselves available as substitute nursery attendants in case our regular nursery attendant is absent due to illness or other commitments. This is a volunteer position, but the expectation is that the commitment will be infrequent. Please contact the church office or email Tom Bond at tlbond7@hotmail.com.

GET INVOLVED

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th, 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.

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. We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing as well as jobs that do. Please contact Cindi Souza (815-931-8478) for more information.

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.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

We are in need of volunteers to set up and/or clean up our Sunday coffee table in Fellowship Hall. Our new list starts June 5, and currently our rotation schedule is approximately 5 weeks. Are you interested in learning more? Please call or text Carol Gordon at 815-685-1485.

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where you 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](tel:8156851485) 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

We have 70 children registered for VBS!! Parents and volunteers please check you email and the Messiah VBS 2022 Facebook page for important updates. The wish list board is coming and will be located on the bulletin board just outside the narthex. Please take a tag and return items as soon as possible to the Fellowship Hall in order for us to plan our needs.

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

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

HSSS continues this week.

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

Summer is just around the corner! Lets celebrate the last month of school with a bash! Come by the church to hang out with your friends, eat dinner, play games, and have time to celebrate summer 2022

IGNITE (Wednesdays from 6-8 starting in June)

Join the student ministry starting June 1 for our Wednesday night summer program. Open to 7th-12th grade. We will meet at the church.

MEXICAN FIESTA FUNDRAISER (Today from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm)

Consider yourself invited to this awesome youth fundraiser/lunch. The menu is beef and chicken soft and hard shell tacos, nachos, Mexican rice, refried beans, queso and desserts. Donations go towards student summer trips. The workers for this will be 7th-12th grades.

STUDENT MINISTRY CAMPING TRIPS

There will be a June camping trip on June 14th-17th, and a July camping trip on July 29th-Aug. 1st. Both will be at Mendotta hills and are open to 7th-12th grades. Details and sign-up sheet is available at bit.ly/MLCCampJune

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.

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)

Join us for a great time of fellowship and study of God's word in the fellowship hall. Today, Teaching today is Tom Bond.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, May 24th 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.

Congratulations to James and Stacey Weller on the baptism of their son Connor James Weller

MAY SERMON SERIES

Word of God Speak

May 1 - Theme: Words Are Powerful

The promise: God is love

May 8 - Truth Rings True

The promise: God is truth

May 15 - At a Loss for Words

The promise: God hears you

May 22 - Perfect Unity

The promise: God's love is in us

May 29 - Think Good Thoughts

The promise: the Holy Spirit guides you

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (May 15)

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
10:45 am Fiesta Fundraiser
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids

MONDAY (May 16)

N/A

TUESDAY (May 17)

9 am Quilters
9:30 am Stay and Play
WEDNESDAY (May 18)
6 pm Summer Celebration

THURSDAY (May 19)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (May 20)

6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal
Church Family Camping

SATURDAY (May 21)

Church Family Camping

NEXT SUNDAY (May 22)

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
Church Family Camping

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 50
9:30 am: 77
11:00 am: 77

Online: 132

MSM: 8

Messiah Kids SS: 40

Insight/Mosaic: 24

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$11,202

Received year-to-date: \$212,773

Needed year-to-date: \$227,322

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 12:6

"And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us."

ALTAR FLOWERS

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