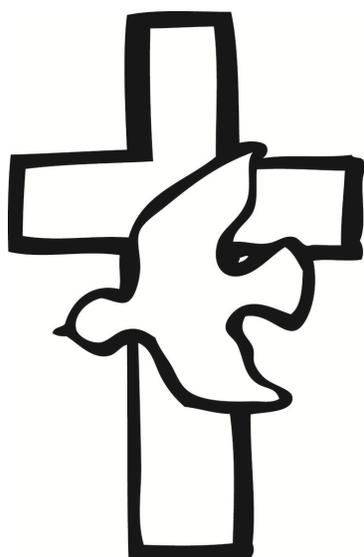


**MESSIAH**  
L U T H E R A N  
CHURCH

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 15, 2026**  
8:30 a.m.



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and after being baptized  
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And seeing signs and  
great miracles performed,  
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# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

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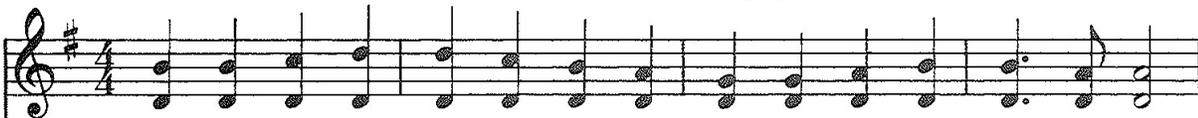
*Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully*

## PRELUDE

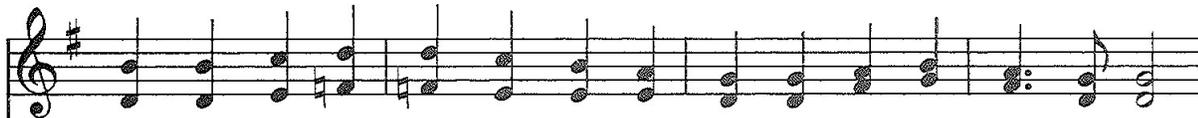
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## OPENING HYMN

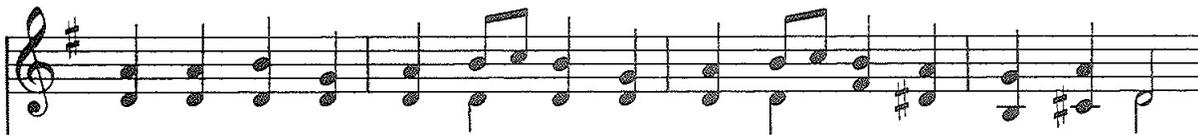
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," #1 v. 1-4



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the triumph song of life. A - men.

## HOLY SPIRIT LITANY ADAPTED FROM PSALM 51

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**All: and renew a right spirit within me.**  
 Leader: Cast me not away from your presence,  
**All: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**  
 Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**All: and uphold me with a willing spirit.**  
 Leader: We worship You Lord in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All: Amen.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," #8 v. 1 & 4



- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;  
 - 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!  
 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw near; Join me in  
 Hast thou not seen How all thy long - ings have been Grant - ed in  
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do, If with His  
 Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain: Glad - ly for

*Optional transition to "Praise the Lord!"*



glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 what He or - dain - eth?  
 love He be - friend thee.  
 aye we a - dore Him. A - men. Him.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Great Is the Lord," #31 v. 1-2

*Unison*

Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just; By His pow-er we trust in His  
 love. Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true; By His mer-cy He  
*Parts optional*  
 proves He is love. 1, 2. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry!  
 (D.S.) Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry!

Great is the Lord and wor- thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now  
 Great are You, Lord, and wor- thy of praise. Great are You, Lord; I  
 lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the  
 lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You,  
*3rd time to Coda* 1 || *2 D.S. al Coda*

Lord! Great is the Lord!  
 Lord! Great are You, Lord!

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Leader: Holy and Gracious God,

**All: I confess that I have sinned against you this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace and live each day for You.**

Leader: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Leslie McFarland

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

Rose Ann Sochan

## RESPONSE

Doxology #625



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;



Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

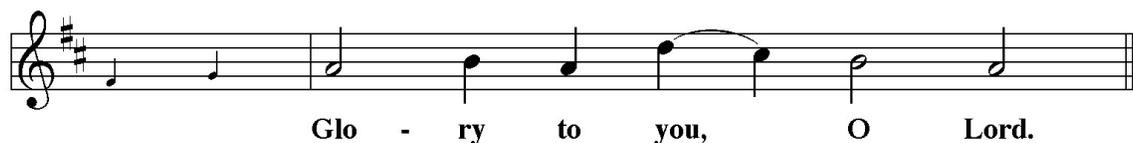
## FIRST LESSON, Acts 6:1-7 (ESV)

Reader: Angie Mitchka

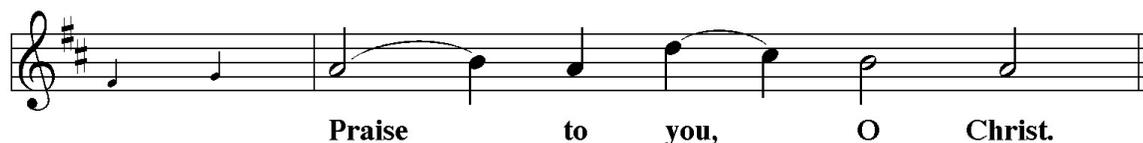
<sup>1</sup> Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

## SECOND LESSON, Acts 8:9-13 (ESV)



<sup>9</sup> But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. <sup>10</sup> They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." <sup>11</sup> And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.



### MESSAGE

### "LEAP: Amazed" Pastor Kurt Hoover

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

### HYMN

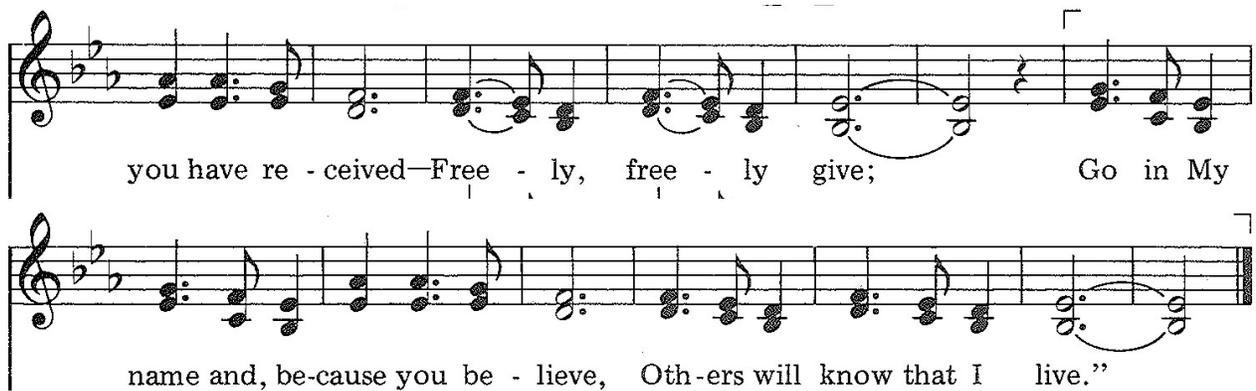
"Freely, Freely," #447 v. 1-2

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a - gain in  
2. All pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In earth and heav'n in

Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share  
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share

*Refrain*

His love as He told me to: He said, "Free - ly, free - ly  
His pow'r as He told me to: He said, "Free - ly, free - ly



## WORDS OF FAITH

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Servers: Paul Allen, Bev Korby, Doug Potts

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



**HYMN**

"Lamb of God"



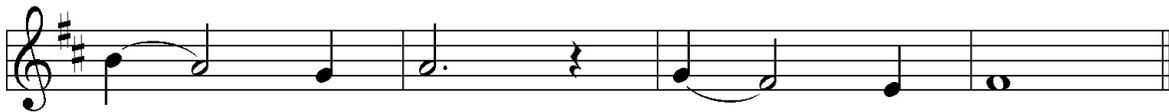
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

"Amazing Grace," #202 v. 1, 2, 4



- 1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
- 3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;
- 4. Thru man-y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come;
- 5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, Bright shin-ing as the sun,



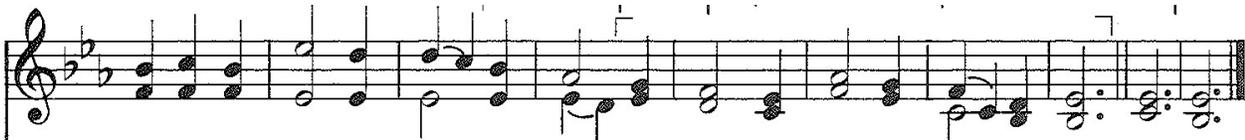
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.  
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

## COMMUNION HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," #451 v. 1-4



1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with Thee In low-ly paths of serv - ice free;
2. Help me to slow the heart to move By some clear, win-ning word of love;
3. Teach me Thy pa-tience! Still with Thee In clos-er, dear-er com - pa - ny,
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the fu-ture's broad-en-ing way,



Tell me Thy se-cret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Teach me the way-ward feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way.  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong;  
In peace that on - ly Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas-ter, let me live. A-men.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

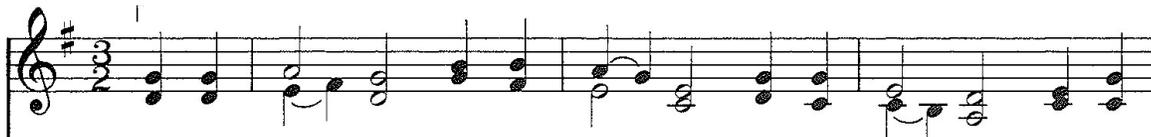
**Thank you Father for the gift of salvation. Thank you Lord Jesus for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you Holy Spirit for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate Your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## BENEDICTION



## CLOSING HYMN

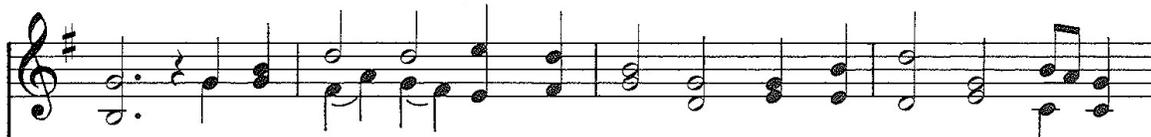
"Come, All Christians, Be Committed," #455 v. 1-3



1. Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ted To the ser - vice of the  
2. Of your time and tal - ents give ye, They are gifts from God a -  
3. God's com - mand to love each oth - er Is re - quired of ev - ery  
4. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, All who on Christ's name be -



Lord. Make your lives for Him more fit - ted, Tune your hearts with one ac -  
above, To be used by Chris - tians free - ly To pro - claim His won - drous  
man. Show - ing mer - cy to a broth - er Mir - rors His re - demp - tive  
lieve. Wor - ship Him with con - se - cra - tion, Grace and love will you re -



cord. Come in - to His courts with glad - ness, Each his sa - cred vows re -  
love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, Tithes and off - rings with you  
plan. In com - pas - sion He has giv - en Of His love that is di -  
ceive. For His grace give Him the glo - ry, For the Spir - it and the



new, Turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, Be trans - formed with life a - new.  
bring. In your work with Him find fa - vor, And with joy His prais - es sing.  
vine; On the cross sins were for - giv - en; Joy and peace are ful - ly thine.  
Word, And re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry Till all men His name have heard.

## POSTLUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

*God will never lead you to a place  
where His grace cannot keep you.*

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## *Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 1901-2026!*

This year will be the **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Messiah Lutheran Church!** We may have changed the name and location of Messiah over the years, but we are still a family. Different events are being planned. We will start this time of celebration with a **Praise Vigil**. It will allow each of us to gather and praise Him without asking for anything. The Praise Vigil will be held in the Sanctuary following the soup supper on **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Ash Wednesday worship will immediately follow our time of praise. Thank you to Justin Brown and the Praise Team for providing the music! Please plan on gathering for dinner, praise, and worship.

*-The Anniversary Planning Committee*

The poster features a light beige background with stylized green foliage in the corners. At the top center is the church logo. The main title "WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & WORSHIP" is in a bold, brown font. Below this, the schedule is listed in a smaller brown font: "Soup Supper 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.", "Worship 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.", "on", "Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>", and "Wednesdays February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>". At the bottom, it says "Easter Sunday", "April 5<sup>th</sup>, breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.!", and "Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.".

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April 5<sup>th</sup>, breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.!  
Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

The Soup Supper sign up board is in the Narthex.  
Please let us know if you are bringing a pot of soup to share.

Lenten **Sunday Sermon Series** begins February 22<sup>nd</sup>!

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Lenten Sermon Series

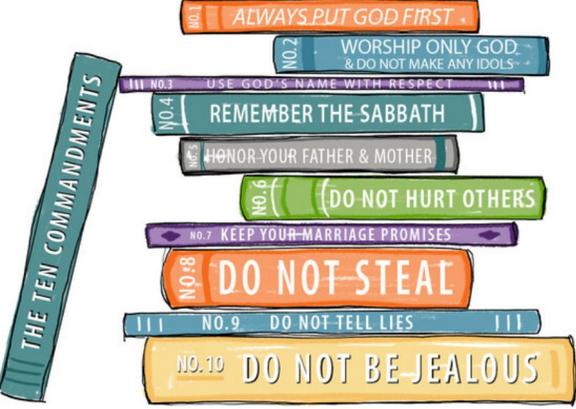
**BOLD**  
*Prayers*



*How to engage the tough prayers.*  
“...grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all **boldness.**” Acts 4:29

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Wednesdays in Lent  
**Catechism Study**  
**The Ten Commandments**



Wednesday evening Lenten worship begins on



February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Come early and join us for  
Soup Suppers at 5:30.  
Sign up in the Narthex!

## **NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

### **ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY**

Join us in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings during Education Hour. We are currently studying the Book of Acts, which will continue throughout the Season of Epiphany.

### **COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME**



Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 9:40 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!

## 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.

## DAYBREAK SHELTER - WILL YOU HELP SAVE OUR PARTNERSHIP?

For 35 years Messiah has prepared & served dinner once a month to those less fortunate at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Our long-time coordinator has stepped down and we are looking for a volunteer (or two) willing to take the baton. This would entail coordinating volunteers & food donations, light shopping, and communicating with Daybreak staff as needed. **Please reach out to the front office for more information.**

## FAITH & BODY

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.

## MEMORY BEARS



Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. next meeting is **February 24<sup>th</sup>**. We have jobs that do not require sewing! Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more info.

## OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors)

OWLS meets on the second Tuesday of every month at noon, September-May. We enjoy a light lunch together, play trivia, and usually feature a guest speaker or entertainment! Our next luncheon is on **March 10<sup>th</sup>**. We ask that everyone **sign up in the Narthex** so we have a headcount and to let us know what finger food, appetizer, salad or dessert you will bring to share.



## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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

## QUILTERS

Messiah Quilters meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*Quilters continued...* We are in need of clean sheets of any size, flat or fitted (no stains or holes) to be used as the backs of our quilts. You can drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Thank you, in advance!

Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **February 17<sup>th</sup>**!

### **STAY-N-PLAY**

Our FREE weekly open gym play group for kids five and under (along with their caretaker) meets in the Family Life Center every Tuesday morning (Sept-May) from 9:30-11. Bring the littles for play time! Adults enjoy coffee on us!

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Women's Bible Study wrapped up on February 11<sup>th</sup> and we plan to begin a new series after Easter. Details coming soon. For more information please reach out to Sherri Unyi or Laurel Ling.

### **YOUNG ADULT "IGNITE" BIBLE STUDY**

For those out of high school and older - Join us for coffee and Bible Study in classroom #101 Sunday mornings during Education Hour.

## **MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grades)**

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Our Children's Choir will perform during the 10:45 service on January 25, February 22, March 22, and April 26. For more info please reach out to Season Lawler.

### **DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE**

Mark your calendar for our second annual Daddy Daughter Dance on **February 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for young ladies pre-K and older, along with their dad or chaperone. **Registration is open** in the Church Center app or here:



### **EASTER EGG HUNT & CANDY DONATIONS**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. We'll start at 1 with a Story Walk in the FLC, and the hunt will begin at 2 outdoors (weather permitting). We are asking for your **donations of unopened candy**. There is a collection basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

### **J-CHURCH**

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

### **MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)**

MKW meets Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

## MILE MARKERS

- First Communion (4<sup>th</sup> grade) March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>,  
Communion April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Registration is open** in the Church Center app or here:



## NERF BATTLE



Dudes (5 and up), you're invited to an epic showdown! Bring your partner and NERF gun and we will provide the ammo and safety gear! We will have target practice, capture the flag, zombie freeze and prizes and treats. The battle will take place on Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>** from 1 -3 p.m. in the FLC. **Registration is open** in the Church Center app or here:



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> groups meet upstairs in the Kidz Club, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room!

**Help Wanted!** Our Christian Education team is looking for substitute teachers for Sunday School during Education Hour. Must be high school age or older. Please inquire with Leslie McFarland or Megan Kuhn.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at [childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org) or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at [christianed@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:christianed@mlcjoliet.org).

## MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

### BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room.

### FRIENDS AND MENTORS (FAM) FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

FAM meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8.

### HEAD 2 HEART (H2H)

Our H2H (Confirmation) program for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders runs on Wednesdays evenings from 6-8.

### MAFIA NIGHT

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders - mark your calendar for our next MAFIA NIGHT! Friday, **February 27<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-10 p.m. Bring \$5 if you'd like to join us for pizza! Invite friends!

For more info on ministries for students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:stumin@mlcjoliet.org).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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, February 15**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour,  
New Member Class in room #101  
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,  
J-Church  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

#### **MONDAY, February 16**

n/a

#### **TUESDAY, February 17**

9 a.m. Stay-N-Play, Quilters  
6:30 p.m. PPC Meeting

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18**

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper  
6:35 p.m. Praise Vigil  
7 p.m. Worship

#### **THURSDAY, February 19**

9 a.m. Faith & Body Challenge  
10:15 a.m. Prayer Team  
12 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### **FRIDAY, February 20**

n/a

#### **SATURDAY, February 21**

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Sweetheart Dance

#### **SUNDAY, February 22**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour  
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

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



Sanctuary Choir Director Herb Alexander  
Worship Coordinator Justin Brown  
Office Coordinator Vicki Dallmann  
Children's Choir Director Season Lawler  
Children's Ministry Director Leslie McFarland  
Building Liaison Kate Richmond  
Youth Director Kersten Stier  
Technology Coordinator Nikolai Stier  
Bookkeeper Sherri Unyi

### ATTENDANCE

#### **LAST WEEK:**

8:30: 102  
10:45: 75  
K-5<sup>th</sup>: 9  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: not reported  
High School: 3  
Ignite: 0  
Insight: 32  
Online: 29

### 2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359  
YTD Operating Budget: \$80,118  
YTD Giving Received: \$64,991  
Needed Each Week: \$13,353  
Received Last Week: \$10,089

### 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.