

MESSIAH **LUTHERAN** **✝ CHURCH ♡**

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Confession & Giving

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

Children's Message

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Word of God Speak 1: Words are Powerful"
By Kurt Hoover

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Communion

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 2:5-9 (NLT)

Reader: Tom Bond

⁵ "The purpose of my covenant with the Levites was to bring life and peace, and that is what I gave them. This required reverence from them, and they greatly revered me and stood in awe of my name. ⁶ They passed on to the people the truth of the instructions they received from me. They did not lie or cheat; they walked with me, living good and righteous lives, and they turned many from lives of sin.

⁷ "The words of a priest's lips should preserve knowledge of God, and people should go to him for instruction, for the priest is the messenger of the Lord of Heaven's Armies. ⁸ But you priests have left God's paths. Your instructions have caused many to stumble into sin. You have corrupted the covenant I made with the Levites," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. ⁹ "So I have made you despised and humiliated in the eyes of all the people. For you have not obeyed me but have shown favoritism in the way you carry out my instructions."

OUR FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-7 (NIV)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

OUR SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:24-34 (NIV)

²⁴ A second time [the Pharisees] summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know [Jesus] is a sinner."

²⁵ **He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"**

²⁶ Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷ He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

³⁰ The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

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.

GET INVOLVED

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd, 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 ill-

ness, 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 we 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.

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

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

MEXICAN FIESTA FUNDRAISER (May 15th from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm)

Donations go towards student summer trips. The workers for this will be 7th-12th 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)

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, May 10th 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.

OWLS (May 10 at noon)

To all you older, wiser, loving seniors, join us for a wonderful time of fellowship featuring the food of Chef Jesse and a painting time with Lynda Mahalik. There will be a freewill donation to cover the cost of the painting supplies. Please sign up in the narthex or call 815-741-4488 to let us know you're coming.

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 - Think Good Thoughts

The promise: the Holy Spirit guides you

May 29 - Perfect Unity

The promise: God's love is in us

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 6-10

PRE-K - 6TH GRADE

MUSIC; CRAFTS; SNACKS;

BIBLE STORIES & GAMES



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (May 1)
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

MONDAY (May 2)

N/A

TUESDAY (May 3)

9 am Quilters
9:30 am Stay and Play

WEDNESDAY (May 4)

N/A

THURSDAY (May 5)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (May 6)

N/A

SATURDAY (May 7)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY (May 8)

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: 65
9:30 am: 82
11:00 am: 90

Online: 244

MSM: 5

Messiah Kids SS: 41

Insight/Mosaic: 26

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$8,090

Received year-to-date: \$188,137

Needed year-to-date: \$203,393

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 12:3

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you."

ALTAR FLOWERS

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