

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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# **WORSHIP TODAY**

**Call To Worship**

**Welcome/Announcements/Baptism**

**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 4: Perfect Unity"

By Lloyd Evans

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**

## OUR PSALM

### Psalm 133:1-3 (NLT)

*Reader: Youth Group*

How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! <sup>2</sup> For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. <sup>3</sup> Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

## OUR EPISTLE LESSON

### Galatians 5:19-26 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. <sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

## OUR GOSPEL LESSON

### John 17:20-26 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

<sup>22</sup> "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup> I am in them and you are in me. **May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.**

<sup>24</sup> Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

<sup>25</sup> "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. <sup>26</sup> I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://mlcjoliet.org/meal-train).

### **PARISH FELLOWSHIP**

We are in need of coffee lovers 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**

Remind is 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](https://www.remind.com) to 81010.

### **MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Messiah Kids Sunday school continues today at 9:30 on the 2nd floor. We will be off on Memorial Day weekend, and then start meeting together in the FLC on June 5th.

### **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. Want to watch kids play for thirty minutes? We could use your help for this ministry. Email Kimber at [cemlcjoliet@gmail.com](mailto:cemlcjoliet@gmail.com).

## **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

### **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](http://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](mailto: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 Face-

book: [facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup](https://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](mailto: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.  
Teaching today is Tom Bond.

### **MOSAIC**

For the Summer months (May-Aug.) Mosaic will be combining with Insight for 9:30a Bible Studies. Keep an eye out for events and our new fall lineup!

### **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.

### **PAIRS & SPARES (Sundays, June 26th and July 31st)**

Pairs and Spares is an adult social gathering for friends and family of MLC. Our team puts together a warm atmosphere with fun and games for adult couples and singles alike. More than anything we just value connections. Pairs and Spares will happen Sunday evenings from 4-8p to come together as a community to enjoy life together. Let us know if you want to be a part of this Life Group and help us out with your ideas. Our First two events are BBQ & Pool Parties: June 26th @ The Bonds and July 31st @ The Ferenzis. Messiah will provide the meats. Just bring side dishes to share and drinks for you and yours. Sign up in the narthex or email the church at [info@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:info@mlcjoliet.org) if you plan on attending.

### **10TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING TRIP (September 2-5)**

You're invited to see what all the fun in about while camping with your church family.  
Contact Pastor Stier for more details at [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org).

### **COUPLES RETREAT (September 23-25)**

Come join us for a great time of worship and fellowship at Center Lake Bible Camp. The purpose of this Couples' Retreat is to build godly marriages through a time away from home in an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, and Biblical teaching on marriage. Contact Pastor Stier for more details at [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org). There is limited space, so sign up early!! Register at [bit.ly/MLCCouples](https://bit.ly/MLCCouples)

**Congratulations to Josh & Leann Hurstik on the baptism of their son Koen Robert Hurstik!**

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

### **TODAY (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

### **MONDAY (May 23)**

N/A

### **TUESDAY (May 24)**

9 am Memory Bears  
9:30 am Stay and Play

### **WEDNESDAY (May 25)**

6 pm Summer Celebration

### **THURSDAY (May 26)**

10 am Prayer Group  
11:30 am Staff Meeting

### **FRIDAY (May 27)**

6 pm MSM Mystery Event

### **SATURDAY (May 28)**

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

### **NEXT SUNDAY (May 29)**

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  
12:15 H2H Parents Meeting

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:00 am: 61  
9:30 am: 56  
11:00 am: 43

Online: 180

MSM: N/A

Messiah Kids SS: 25

Insight/Mosaic: 9

All online counts are estimates only.

## 2022 BUDGET

**Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145**

**Average Need Each Week: \$11,964**

Received last week: \$14,000

Received year-to-date: \$226,803

Needed year-to-date: \$239,286

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

### **Galatians 6:10**

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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