

MESSIAH MESSENGER

August 2026



*"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole **world** and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26)*

What is a Rally Day? We gather for ours August 30th – one service at 10:15 in the Family Life Center. This is one of our *Celebration Services*. A chance to worship as one body gathered and sanctified in one communion with Christ. Our Celebration Services are also an excellent opportunity to invite family and friends that have lost the regular connection with God and His people.

But what is the *Rally* about? This tradition comes out of the Sunday School movement which has been a part of the church for 125 years or so. We rally, or reassemble and reunite, our church families after the unorganized schedules of summer vacations and travel.

In that spirit, the volunteers and staff of Messiah have created many opportunities for families to reconnect. Sunday School, Messiah Kids Wednesday (MKW), Head 2 Heart, Insight Adult Bible Study, Life Groups and S.A.L.T.. And of course, getting back into the routine of regular family worship. Sitting in the pews with the kids and grandkids recentering our week on God and the *Kingdom Life* he makes possible through our daily lives.

Sunday worship is one of the last multigenerational opportunities for our children to be inspired by the rhythms and traditions of those shaped and trained (sanctified) in faith. Worship is also the one place God's voice is certain to be heard. The other opportunities and commitments of life are good at measuring and demanding our performance. In worship, God comes to us with a different message. You and yours are set free from measurement. It is in this freedom that we truly become what we are meant to be.

We once again are set free into the *Kingdom Life*. A life not defined by performance, but by our ability to be present with one another. The presence of Mom and Dad beside me in the pew. The presence of God's wisdom spoken through my church family. The presence we carry with us into our neighborhoods, daily work, and teams. The presence that makes us available with a listening ear and caring service for the neighbor. We are once again defined by those moments we set ourselves, our agendas and our performance aside for the need of the moment.

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Wherever one or two are gathered in God's name... there is the church gathering and sanctifying His creation into one communion with Christ. Treasured and forgiven. The *Kingdom Life*.

Enjoying the freedom of the King,

Pr. Hoover

pastor.hoover@mlcjoliet.org



BUILDING USE

Thanks be to God for granting us stewardship of this amazing space we call Messiah Lutheran Church. We are blessed to be a blessing of hospitality to our community and other churches throughout the region.

YMCA's K-5th grade summer camp has been meeting at Messiah in addition to two other Joliet area locations, providing a safe and engaging environment for 90+ kids in the community throughout the workweek during June and July. This program will continue into mid-August when school begins again and before and after school care will resume. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with the YMCA as an established service provider to support more working families in the Joliet area.

Messiah also hosted overnight stays for four different youth groups heading to and from mission trips and a youth convention. The 178 students and leaders we served over the course of two weekends in July represented three churches from Minnesota and one from Nebraska. A big thanks to Izak Richmond and Tammie Eigenbauer for sharing the honor of welcoming our fellow churches!

Thank you to Children's Ministry and Parish Fellowship, especially, for their flexibility and resilience as Messiah serves the greater church and community in these ways. Also, thanks to Leonard Hohisel for helping setup for events while I was on the mission trip.

If you are interested in being a part of a call list for hospitality or setup and teardown for regular weekly, monthly, quarterly, or special events, please send me a message at building@mlcjoliet.org.

May God bless you in all you do for Him,

- *Kate Richmond*, Building Liaison, building@mlcjoliet.org

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Philippians 2:1-4)



CARING FOR PASTORS' MINISTRY

and their family members

Thank you for calling me to be your deployed pastor to care for pastors and their family members! We have been in partnership for a year now. I give thanks for Pastor Kurt's visionary leadership, and the complete team that I am accountable to consisting of Pastor Kurt, Beth Hohisel, Sherri Unyi, and Gerry Boe. We met recently, fine-tuned some communication processes, and I shared stories of the pastors I have been serving. Over this past year, I have been strategic in my reach and that effort is bearing traction and greater levels of trust with pastors and their family members. Word is getting around that Messiah has a deployed pastor to care for pastors, and that my wife Martha and I are helping pastors. I have been faithful to your calling, and God has been opening an increasing number of doors to provide care.

I have never been shy to ask for people to be generous to support mission and ministry for God's cause and to care for those in leadership positions who are called into a life of faithfulness. During the first six months of this year, I have invested \$21,956.96 into pastors and their family members, raised \$15,714.86, and still have a balance of \$167,884.11 in the Care of Pastors Fund account to invest in pastor's lives. A good portion of that balance is in a CD benefitting Messiah.

If you have any questions, please contact me at pastorjpn@gmail.com. As always, I request your continued prayers for this ministry that we would continue to encourage more pastors to stay engaged in ministry, and for retired pastors to reengage in ministry in some way. I have been effective doing both, but the work has just begun!

I am saved to serve,

- Pastor John Nelson



STEWARDSHIP

Growing in Grace This Summer

Summer brings a welcome change of pace. Longer days, family gatherings, vacations, and time outdoors offer opportunities to rest, reflect, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. It is also a wonderful season to remember that stewardship is not something we put on hold—it is a way of life that continues in every season.

Stewardship is not about giving out of obligation; it is about living out of gratitude. Every act of generosity, every hour of service, and every gift offered in faith becomes a witness to God's abundant love.

As you enjoy the blessings of summer, may you also discover new ways to grow as a faithful steward. May this season refresh your body, renew your spirit, and deepen your commitment to Christ, who has so generously blessed us. And may our church continue to flourish as each of us joyfully offers our time, talents, and treasures for God's glory.

- Gerry Boe, Stewardship Director, stewardship@mlcjoliet.org



Our 125th Anniversary: 1901-2026!

Throughout the history of our church, we have had an active congregation. From the very beginning, a Ladies Aid Society was formed and there are photos of them from in the early 1920's. Names include Alvestad, Anders, O. Berge. M. Bolan, T. Brue, E. Clark, H. Eddy, M. Edson, J. Eide, H. Erickson, L. Erickson, D. Fretty, Gjertvedt, S. Halleland, Henvick, I. Johnson, A. Johnson, Jones, H. Larson, Malby, H. Mortvedt, T. Nelson, B. Nelson, E. Nelson, H. Nelson, T. Ostrem, D. Peterson, Simonson, R. Thompson, and A. Wetteland. Are any of these people in your family tree?

The early church was centered on fellowship groups with worship as the main focus. However, auxiliary groups played a huge roll in the life of the church. The Ladies Aid, for example, was the main stay of women in the church. While men were elected as deacons and trustees until the 1950's and 60's, church records indicate many times the Ladies Aid coming to the rescue of the congregation financially. This group was asked to help finance a repair or contribute when giving ran low. The women consistently met with each other for fellowship and to provide mission work in many different forms.

In the 1970's, there were the Naomi Circle, Mary-Deborah Circle, Ruth Circle all meeting in parishioners' homes. There was a Congregational Talent Night, Mother-Daughter Salad Bar with a bridal show of past bridal gowns, the youth organized an Easter Breakfast, the Sunday School had a paper drive (they made \$52.62), a softball team was organized, church picnics were held annually at Dellwood Park. A group "The Galileans" (20's and 30's aged couples and those who have been married) were busy with progressive dinners, hayrides, caroling, mini golf, etc.

In the 1980's, the Evangelism outreach continued with an association with Morning Star Mission, the women's group put together cookbooks, Rose Sochan began leading the Bell Choir, the Messiah Messenger Puppets Troupe was formed, participated in Project Angel Tree (Christmas presents for children of inmates), food baskets, blood drives. Parish Fellowship revived the Scandinavian Dinners which were held annually from 1983-2005.

During the 1990's, a Men's Ministry was established and held a Wild Game Dinner, a Fall Cookout, a Fellowship Turkey Fry (attended by 150), a Sports Memorabilia Auction, a Couples Candlelight Dinner, they sold Messiah apparel, hosted "The Not for Mother's Only Brunch," tailgate parties in the parking lot, road rallies and sending men of the congregation to the Promise Keeper's National Conference.

During the early 2000's, Memory Bears began creating stuffed bears to sell as a fundraiser. Groups such as AWANA, ALPHA, Book Chat, Couples Group, MOPS and OWLS began. Hundreds of children were enrolled in Sunday School and VBS. We were an active, involved congregation.

There are two groups who have been around the longest at Messiah:

- The Messiah Quilters which began in 1992 with Millie Graham organizing the group to make quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and are still a busy group that meet monthly. For the past 34 years they have made over 3,000 quilts that have been shipped around the world and in the United States to people in need.
- Memory Bears was organized in 2005-2006 by Kathy Carlson with the first "Bear Sunday" held on May 7, 2006. The proceeds from the sale of bears were contributed to Joliet Hospice along with other organizations for many years. After a few years, requests began for them to create a memory bear from a passed love one's shirts or other clothing. Over the years, hundreds of bears have been made with all proceeds donated to organizations helping children.

Some of our members can trace their grandparents and great grandparents to the earliest members of the church;

- Mae (Vogen) Mathis, was confirmed in 1932 at the Hunter Street Church and married to John Mathis.
- Their daughter, Donna (Mathis) Robertson was confirmed in 1956 and married in 1962 to Bob Robertson at the Hunter Street Church.
- Donna and Bob's Daughter, Heather Brown was confirmed in 1956 at the Hunter Street Church.
- Heather (Robertson) Brown's husband, Mike Brown is pursuing theological studies and their son, Justin Brown (4th generation) is the current Worship Coordinator.
- Ken Skinner's mom, Doris (Erickson) Skinner, was confirmed in 1932 at the Hunter Street Church and Ken was confirmed there in 1957. Ken and his wife, Vicki, were also married at the Hunter Street Church in 1968.
- Doug Hohisel's grandmother, Mabel (Madison) Hohisel was confirmed in 1925 at the Hunter Street Church.

There may well be other current members who can trace their ancestry to earlier members of Messiah including names such as Liberty, Torkelson, Johnke and Phillips.

Other current members and their families that have been active since the late 1970's (48+ years) include:

Pat & Gerry Boe	Mary Etta & Stan Buhr
Fae (Messersmith) Damon	Pete Gerstenkorn
Linda Hawkinson	Joshua Johnke
Gary Phillips	Rose Sochan
Dave Torkelson	

Through all these years, it has been the people of Messiah that have participated in and performed all these activities, binding us together as a family united in Christ. Without any one of these people our church wouldn't be what it is today. We can only thank these people for their vision, determination and faith in our church.

If you are a part of any of the families mentioned and would like to clarify your family ties, please contact Kathy Mueller, scpbklane@aol.com or 815-953-6601. I'd be happy to document your Messiah heritage.

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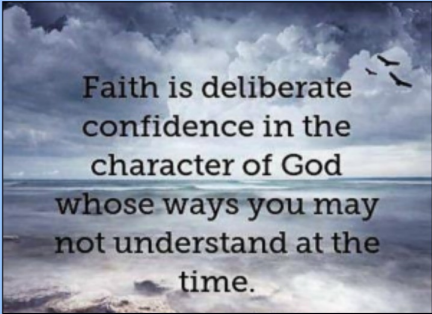


OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is at 9:40 in Fellowship Hall. We're wrapping up our current series, "Introduction to the Holy Spirit," and will kick off a new series on August 9th entitled, "The Character of God."





Insight Bible Study

new series begins August 9th...

“The Character of God”

Our faith should not depend on outcomes,
rather should rely on God's character
as it's foundation.

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:40 in Fellowship Hall!

ALTAR FLOWERS - Sign up in the Narthex



If you'd like to help beautify our Sanctuary and sponsor Altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, or to memorialize someone important in your life, the sign up chart is on the Connect Wall in the Narthex (outside the Fireside Room). Arrangements are \$25 each and may be taken home to enjoy after Sunday services have ended.

DIGGING DEEPER - New Event for 2026!

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Digging DEEPER

September 11th 6:00-8:30pm
September 12th 9:00am-2:00pm
Fellowship Hall - food provided!

Join us for this dynamic, two-day event led by Pastor Kurt and Kersten Stier where we'll discuss your questions about the Bible, Scripture, Lutheran Doctrine and Christianity.

All ages event! Scan this code to submit questions:

FAITH & BODY THURSDAYS

We're currently on break until September, but please join us when we resume! 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!

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

We're currently on break until September. Messiah's Grief Support Group meets monthly on the first Thursday at 1 p.m. (Sept-May) in Room 101. This group offers caring and confidential space for those walking through loss. You are not alone. We are here to support one another. Please reach out to Pat Burke or Judy Fowler for more information.

LIL LOVES MINISTRY



Lil Loves at Messiah aims to come alongside underserved parents and babies in the area by providing **FREE** assistance with diapers and much needed baby supplies. Lil Loves is available on a by-appointment basis, and those requesting assistance may sign up on our website.

Lil Loves thanks you for your donations of:

*Diapers and Pull-ups
*Baby Lotion

*Wipes *Baby Wash/Shampoo
*Toiletry items for the moms such as deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, etc.

Lil Loves continues...



Trial-sized toiletry items are especially appreciated, rather than full-sized. If you'd like to donate, please place your items in the black bin in the Narthex. Our Lil Loves Ministry has helped many, many families in need with care packages thanks to your loving generosity!

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT FORMULA OR USED ITEMS.
Formula and used baby clothes are happily accepted at
Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center
at 903 Infantry Dr., Ste. 600, in Joliet.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets at the church from 9 a.m.-noon, on the 4th Tuesday of each month, making stuffed teddy bears (and doggies) out of the clothing of people who have passed away, to comfort the grieving. We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing. Reach out to Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or regency118@icloud.com for more info. Hope to see you on **August 25th**!



MICRO PANTRY



Did you know that Messiah has TWO food pantries? Our indoor pantry is in the hallway across from the offices and our outdoor "Blessing Box" is on the sidewalk right outside the office! This ministry is 100% donation-driven, and you can help to support it through prayer, monetary and/or nonperishable food donations. Please leave your nonperishable food donations in the bin in the Narthex. **NO EXPIRED ITEMS, PLEASE.**

OFFICE HOURS & PUBLICATION DEADLINES

The office is staffed Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays and evenings are by appointment. **Sunday bulletin** material must be received in the front office by 2 p.m. each Tuesday. Material for the **newsletter** is due the 20th of each month.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors)

OWLS meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon, September through May. Every month our luncheon includes entertainment/activities and terrific fellowship! A sign up list is posted in the Narthex.

Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors

OWLS

resumes on

Tuesday, September 8th at noon

Chili will be provided!

Sign up in the Narthex to let us know
a headcount and what finger-food,
appetizer, salad or dessert you will bring!







PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses an email-based (not in-person) Prayer Chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community and nation in times of crisis. Prayers are shared amongst the group via email, and are confidential and anonymous as much as possible. Reach out to Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or regency118@icloud.com for more info.



PRAYER TEAM



Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings at 10:15 in the Fireside Room for approximately one hour, to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info reach out to Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or regency118@icloud.com, or Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

QUILTERS

Messiah Quilters meet the 3rd 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, or just stop in to say "hi" and enjoy some delicious refreshments! If you wish to sew a quilt top together this summer, we have kits that are very easy to sew. Contact me and we can arrange for pickup.



We have been so blessed to have an abundance of fabric, sheets, crochet thread, and talented people - **THANK YOU** to everyone who supports our quilting mission with time, donations and prayers! Contact Kathy Mueller at 815-953-6601 or scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **September 15th**!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT MESSIAH

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Holy Communion is offered weekly during both services.

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:40 a.m. Education Hour for all ages

- Summer Sunday School for K-8th runs July 5th-August 16th!
- High School Bible Study remains in session year-round!
- Adult "Insight" Bible Study kicked off on July 12th!

10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship

WORD PLAY! PODCAST - *God Has a Word for You*



Hosted by Pastor Kurt Hoover and Nikolai Stier, you'll find a new podcast each weekday morning that delves into the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday, focusing on one word in each passage. We'll also feature occasional guest pastors from our area and other LCMC members.

Tune in as they exchange insights into the Word of God... along with some nerdy banter! Each 7–8-minute podcast is available on Spotify here:



Jesus' words of grace are enough for you (2 Cor. 12:9).
Jesus says, "You have all you need. You are not missing anything."

FOR THE LADIES OF MESSIAH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for our new series of Women's Bible Study that kicks off on **September 9th** at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room!

"God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story," an incredible testimony of jaw-dropping faith and patient perseverance in the face of devastating trials, will leave you in awe at what God can do in and through one person. It's a powerful reminder that wherever you find yourself, God is at work putting the pieces of your life together to bring about His sovereign plan.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

JOLET AREA CHRISTIAN WOMEN

You and your friends are invited to Joliet Christian Women's upcoming luncheon in Messiah's Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, **August 19th** at 11:15 a.m. \$22.00 includes a catered lunch, a special guest speaker/presentation and good fellowship. August will feature a "Thrift Shop/Garage Sale Finds Fashion Show," along with a special guest speaker who will share her story, "A Hero That Rescues."

RSVP by August 12th by contacting Barb at 815-439-2076 or mrs.brutus56@gmail.com, or call Sonya at 815-727-1626.

Check out their website at <https://www.stonecroft.org/>.

Next luncheon is September 16th.

LIVING ALTERNATIVES

Did you know that the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) offers a once per month drive-up event called "Will County Curbside Care" that provides two dozen diapers and a package of wipes per vehicle? This event is offered the 2nd Monday of every month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., while supplies last, and no appointment is necessary! PRC is located at 903 N. 129th Infantry Dr., #600, in Joliet. PRC is one of the ministry partners that Messiah regularly tithes to.



PRAY JOLIET

Christ followers of all ages are invited to Pray Joliet's monthly prayer walks which take place the 4th Saturday of each month from April to October from 8-10 a.m. We go to a different location each month around the Joliet area and walk and pray. Paths are good for those with strollers and walkers, too! Locations are announced the week prior and are posted on Messiah's Facebook page, or you may call the church office.

MESSIAH KIDZ CLUB (K-5TH GRADE)

Parents of children (K-5th grade) can join the Messiah Kids group on the Remind app by texting the code mlcmk to 81010, or by going to:

<https://www.remind.com/join/mlcmk>



We'll send reminders/notifications about Sunday School and events!



MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

MKW will meet Wednesday evenings, usually from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club! Watch for our fall startup date, coming soon!

STAY-N-PLAY resumes September 15th

Stay-N-Play is our **FREE** weekly play group that opens our gym for kids five and under along with their parent/guardian. We meet on Tuesday mornings (September-May) in the FLC from 10-11:30! Please like our Facebook page ([MLC Stay-N-Play Playgroup](https://www.facebook.com/mlc.playgroup)) for additional information, and share with your friends and neighbors!

STAY-N-PLAY

- A weekly playgroup for kids 5 and under
- Bring the kids and enjoy coffee on us
- Tuesdays 10-11:30, Sept - May
- 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



FREE

Messiah Lutheran Church, 40 Houbolt Road, Joliet
815-741-4488 [facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for K-5th graders will kickoff on **September 13th**, during 9:40 Education Hour in the upper level Kidz Club.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES

(6th TO 12th GRADES)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

- 6th-8th graders will kickoff for the fall on **September 13th**, during Education Hour, in the FLC Youth Room.
- Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room and continues year-around.

SUMMER S.A.L.T. (for both FAM and H2H groups)

Our summer program will wrap up on August 5th.

For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



- 2 - Ryan & Heather Southcomb
- 10 - Larry & Marcy Vickers
- 11 - Chuck & Nancy Bugnits
- 12 - Kurt & Molly Hoover
- 13 - Kevin & Marcie Conner
- 16 - Andy & Sandy Anderson
- 20 - Keith & Carol Thompson
- 31 - Bill & Darlene Wilkinson



- 1 - Gerry Boe
Zach Hoelscher
Karen Rebuehr
- 2 - Stacy Trizna
- 4 - Wayne Nevsimal
- 5 - Bob Arko
- 7 - Ian Capps
Ronan Capps
John Kewenig
Austin Kittler
Khalil Winters

- 8 - Darlene Frederick
Karen Repko
Sherri Unyi
- 11 - Derek Richmond
- 12 - Emily Conner
Fred Hibbert
Sydney Unyi
Lisa Winters
- 13 - Linda Hawkison
Alexander Schroth
- 14 - Season Lawler
Kathleen Piet
- 15 - Darlene Wilkinson
- 16 - Maureen Williams
- 18 - Brittany McElligott
Lynda Wielbik
- 20 - Kimber Drummond
Molly Hoover
Noah Melton
- 21 - Kathryn Kittler
Ryan Southcomb, Jr.

- 22 - Jan Mueller
Chuck Puckett
Darryl Souza
Gabriella Stutte
Elaine Sullivan
- 23 - Lou Cuiffini
Mark Ogle
- 24 - Audra Spielman
Primrose Stier
- 25 - Pat Hibbert
- 27 - Eowyn Stier
- 28 - Sawyer Anderson
Heather Southcomb
- 29 - Aidan Bowman
Benjamin Ogle
- 30 - Gerry Hauge
- 31 - Ashley Anderson
Alan Costello
Jeannie Glover



Giving Statements

Please help Messiah be **greener and consider switching your statement delivery method from US Mail to **EMAIL**.
Call the church office if you'd like to do this!**

AUGUST SERVERS

Communion Assistants 8:30

08/02/26 Paul & Marvinna Allen,
Jane Costello
08/09/26 Nancy Bertnik, Joy McClintock,
Lynn Tapella
08/16/26 Tom & Lynn Bond,
Lynn Tapella
08/23/26 Marvinna Allen, Nancy Bertnik,
Joy McClintock

Communion Assistants 10:45

08/02/26 Terry Anzalone, Darryl Hoelscher,
one needed
08/09/26 Terry Anzalone, Darryl Hoelscher,
one needed
08/16/26 Terry Anzalone, Linda Hallberg,
one needed
08/23/26 Terry Anzalone, two needed

Counters

08/02/26 Stan Buhr, Joy McClintock
08/09/26 Judy Fowler, Zach Hoelscher
08/16/26 Ken Skinner, Dan Stukel
08/23/26 Gayle Arko, Wayne Lauffer

Greeters 8:30

08/02/26 Gerry & Pat Boe
08/09/26 needed
08/16/26 Marty Hohisel, one needed
08/23/26 Lynn Tapella, one needed

Greeters 10:45

08/02/26 needed
08/09/26 Lynn Tapella, one needed
08/16/26 Lynn Tapella, one needed
08/23/26 Beth Hohisel, one needed

Readers 8:30

08/02/26 Angie Mitchka
08/09/26 Jane Costello
08/16/26 Tom Bond
08/23/26 Paul Allen

Readers 10:45

08/02/26 Elaine McGrath
08/09/26 needed
08/16/26 Molly Hoover
08/23/26 needed

Ushers 8:30

08/02/26 Jerry Buchenau, Dan Stukel
08/09/26 Alan Costello, one needed
08/16/26 Wayne Lauffer, Bob Miller
08/23/26 Paul Allen, Bill Unyi

Ushers 10:45

08/02/26 Gary Phillips, one needed
08/09/26 Tammie Eigenbauer, one needed
08/16/26 Josh Johnke, one needed
08/23/26 Darryl Hoelscher, Gary Phillips

RALLY SUNDAY, 08/30

10:15 a.m. Celebration Service
in the FLC

Communion: Terry Anzalone, Tom &
Lynn Bond, Jane Costello, Bev Korby,
Cindi Souza, Lynn Tapella, (one needed)

Counters: Bob Miller, Joy McClintock

Greeters: needed

Reader: Jane Costello

Ushers: Alan Costello, Wayne Lauffer,
Dan Stukel, Bill Unyi



Mark your calendar!

Sunday, August 30th

Combined worship
at 10:15 a.m. in the FLC
followed by our
annual Church Picnic!





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Joliet, IL 60431
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125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SAVE THE DATES:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH - DINNER BANQUET (5:30 P.M.)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH - RECEPTION CELEBRATION BETWEEN SERVICES.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Banquet RSVP information
is included on page 7 of
this newsletter!

Senior Pastor Kurt Hoover
Bookkeeper Sherri Unyi
Building Liaison Kate Richmond
Children's Choir Director Season Lawler
Children's Ministry Director Leslie McFarland
Office Coordinator Vicki Dallmann
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815-741-4488

Organist Rose Ann Sochan
Sanctuary Choir Director Herb Alexander
Tech Coordinator Nikolai Stier
Youth Director Kersten Stier
Worship Coordinator Justin Brown