



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26, 2026**  
8:30 a.m.



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# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

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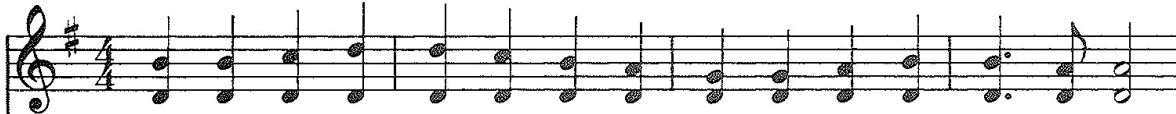
*Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully*

## PRELUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

## OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," #1 v. 1-2



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 tri - umph song of life. A - men.

## LITANY BASED ON PSALM 33

Leader: Let all the earth fear the Lord;

**All: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!**

Leader: For He spoke, and it came to be;

**All: He commanded, and it stood firm.**

Leader: The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

**All: the plans of His heart to all generations.**

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

**All: the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!**

Leader: We worship You Lord in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SANCTUARY CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Lord's Prayer," arr. Albert Hay Malotte,  
led by Herb Alexander

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty," #6 (2X), *Maranatha*

B $\flat$ 2 F/B $\flat$  Cm7

Fa - ther in heav - en, how we love You, We

F7sus F7 F7sus F7 B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /F

lift Your name in all the earth. May Your

B $\flat$ 2 F/B $\flat$  Cm7

King - dom be es - tab - lished in our prais - es As Your

E $\flat$ /F B $\flat$  F7sus F7

peo - ple de - clare Your might - y works. Bless - ed be the

B $\flat$  Dm7 B $\flat$ /D F/E $\flat$  E $\flat$

Lord God Al - mighty, Who

F7sus F7 F7sus F7 B $\flat$  F7

was, and is, and is to come. Bless - ed be the

B $\flat$  Dm7 B $\flat$ /D F/E $\flat$  E $\flat$  Cm7

Lord God Al - mighty, Who

F7sus E $\flat$ /F F7 B $\flat$

reigns for - ev - er - more.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"Spirit of the Living God," #247  
(2X, second time a cappella)

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the  
Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,  
use me. Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

## 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



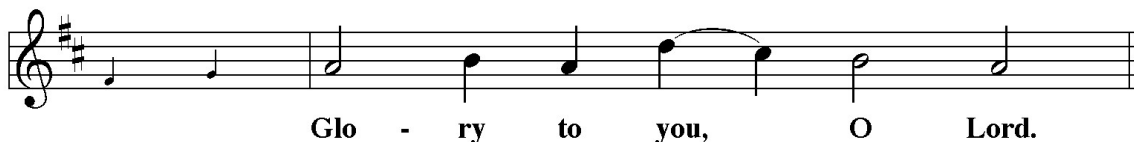
## FIRST LESSON, 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 (ESV)

Reader: Doug Potts

<sup>1</sup>Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? <sup>2</sup>You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. <sup>3</sup>And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

<sup>4</sup>Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup>Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup>who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

## SECOND LESSON, Acts 18:1-11 (ESV)



<sup>1</sup>After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup>And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." <sup>7</sup>And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many

of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." <sup>11</sup> And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**MESSAGE**

**"The Church in Corinth"**

Pastor Kurt Hoover

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

**HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision," #382 v. 1-3

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.  
 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.  
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

## 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: Tom & Lynn Bond, Jane Costello

## 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.



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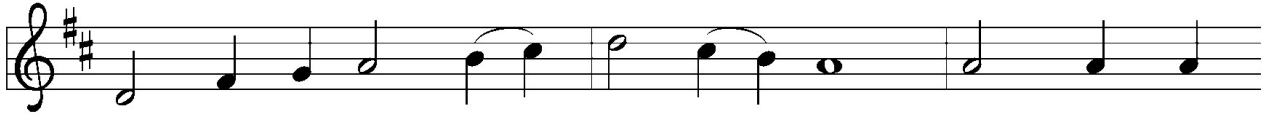
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



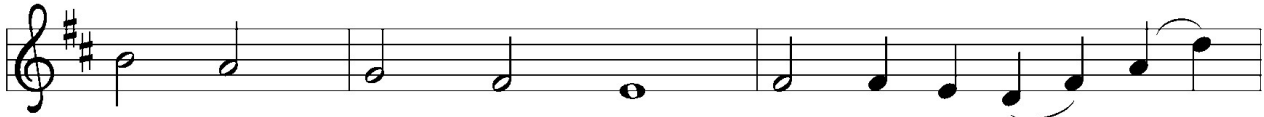
grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" #264 v. 1-8, LCMS



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br>he lives to plead for me above;<br>he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>he lives to help in time of need.                       | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br>he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>he lives and loves me to the end;<br>he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br>he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!    |

## 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**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit," #252 v. 1-2

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I  
sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, And I  
know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; There are  
know that it's the pres - ence of the  
Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet heav-en-ly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, Fill-ing us with Your love; And for these  
bless - ings We lift our hearts in praise: With-out a doubt we'll know  
that we have been re-vived, When we shall leave this place.

**POSTLUDE**

Rose Ann Sochan

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

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VISITING THE CHURCHES  
THROUGH

*The Letters  
from Paul*

THE CONCLUSION OF ACTS

7-Week Sermon Series: April 12 - Pentecost

- Paul's conversion & first missionary journey
- Letters to the churches in...
  - ... Philippi
  - ... Thessalonica
  - ... Corinth
  - ... Ephesus
  - ... Rome

**MESSIAH  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

**HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR QUILT SQUARE?**

As part of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the Messiah Quilters are assembling a signature quilt. Each family has the opportunity to sign a 4" fabric square with your family members names. These will all then be sewn together to create a wall hanging for our church that will become a wonderful memory of all our families here at Messiah.



If you have not yet signed your square but wish to be included in the signature quilt, please contact me and I can write out your block for you. Final date for blocks is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't be left out! Kathy Mueller, [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com), 815-953-6601.

**MESSIAH  
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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

**FIELD  
DAY!**

May 17<sup>th</sup>

*Save the date!*

To the Army of Prayer Warriors - Thank you!  
Your prayers were felt before, during and after my surgery last week. What a comfort you bring to all you pray for.  
Blessings,  
Pat Boe



## VBS is June 22-26! Registration is OPEN!

**Calling for VBS volunteers!** There will be a **Volunteer Workshop** on **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Stephanie at [VBS@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:VBS@mlcjoliet.org).

Register here:



Volunteers are also asked to register!



*Women's  
Spring Luncheon*

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Noon - 2 p.m.

Childcare provided.



Salad Bar

Games

Prizes

Get your tickets  
April 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Bring a Friend



**We welcome to the pulpit...**

- Seminarian Mike Brown will preach at both services on May 3<sup>rd</sup>;
- Pastor Emeritus David Nygard will preach at both services on May 10<sup>th</sup>.



help in updating our church history. We have the last 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, but need to update the last 25 years, programs, booklets of the people and events that past 25 years here at Messiah, we would love to see them. If you have a memory you would like to share, we would love to hear it directly from you or you can write it down for us. If you were part of an event or activity and have a great story or fun memory, we would love to hear that also!

We are gathering this information now. A basket labeled "Messiah Memories" is provided in the Narthex for you to drop your info in. If you have photos (or other memorabilia) and want them back, include your name and phone and we will return them to you. Also, if you are able to identify any or all of the people in a photo, that would be wonderful!

Original charter members of Hauge Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Nels Nelson	Jacob Wetteland	Ole Eddy
Iver Eddy	A. Thorson	G. Stnerson
Alfred Johnson	Austen Jones	Christ Erickson

Are you related to any of these people? Let us know! Be sure to check out the historical photos on the Community Board in the Narthex. You can contact Kathy Mueller, 815-953-6601 or [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or questions on Messiah's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**SAVE THESE DATES FOR 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!**

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Banquet (time TBD)  
 Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Reception Celebration between services

# NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

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

Join us in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings during Education Hour.

## **COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME**



Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 8:30 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! If you'd like to help with Sunday morning coffee, please reach out to Joyce Pawlowski at 630-890-1203.

## **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.

Our **online giving app** now offers some new features designed to streamline the process. You will have the option to split your donation between giving funds. It will be easier to donate via ACH (only a flat \$0.30 processing fee per transaction, versus the 2.15% plus \$0.30 for credit cards). Previous donations will be saved, and better security with identity verification. All to make it easier to donate online.

## **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.

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Please join Messiah's new Grief Support Group on the **first Thursday every month** at 1 p.m. 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. Questions may be directed to Pat Burke or Judy Fowler.

*Grief  
Support  
Group*

## **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. Our next meeting is **April 28<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 final luncheon until fall is May 12<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.



## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Messiah uses an email-based 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 kept confidential as much as possible. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more info.

## **PRAYER TEAM**

Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings in the Fireside Room from 10:15- 11:15 to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or by email [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net), or reach out to Beth Hohisel at [bhohisel@hotmail.com](mailto:bhohisel@hotmail.com).

## **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 - MAY 5<sup>th</sup> BONUS DAY!**

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.

Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have. In May, we have added a **bonus day** on Tuesday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>**, in addition to our regular quilting day of **May 19<sup>th</sup>**! Hope to see you there!

## **STAY-N-PLAY**

Our FREE weekly open gym play group for kids five and under ends for the season on April 28<sup>th</sup> and will be on break until September.



**Bible Study:** Our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study began a new six-week session on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We're following the book, "How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk," by Kay Arthur. This study of vital passages from Ephesians will help you discover what God says about the lifestyle of a true believer.

**Spring Luncheon:** Our spring luncheon is Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from noon-2 p.m. and will feature a salad bar, games and prizes! Get your tickets in the Narthex on Sundays, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Free will offering will be collected and childcare will be available.

*For more info on Messiah Women's Ministries, please reach out to Sherri Unyi.*

## **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 share their final performance for this season during the 10:45 service on Mother's Day, **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. *(Please note date change from April 26.)* For more info please reach out to Season Lawler.

### **J-CHURCH**

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

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

MKW has ended for the program year. Our **summer MKW kickoff** is on **June 17<sup>th</sup>** and runs through July 29<sup>th</sup> (except during VBS week). We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

### **NATIONAL BIBLE BEE**

Messiah will once again host the National Bible Bee this summer, **June 10<sup>th</sup>** through August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m.! Registration is open at BIBLEBEE.ORG. For more info please reach out to Leslie.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE**

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! We'll wrap up our program year on **Field Day, May 17<sup>th</sup>**! Our summer session will run July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup> for k-8<sup>th</sup>.

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 and will continue year-around.

### **FRIENDS AND MENTORS (FAM) AND HEAD2HEART (H2H)**

FAM AND H2H will continue meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 through **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. We'll then have a few weeks off until Summer SALT begins.

### **SUMMER S.A.L.T. KICKOFF PARTY**

This summer we will meet in a combined format for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Our **kickoff party** will be on Wednesday, **May 27<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8 p.m. at the Stier's home. Our summer program will meet at church from 6-8 p.m. June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. *Please note that we will not meet on 07/22 or 07/29.*

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

Altar flowers are provided by Lynn & Rich Tapella  
in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

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, April 26**

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

### **MONDAY, April 27**

n/a

### **TUESDAY, April 28**

9 a.m. Memory Bears,  
Stay N Play (end date)

### **WEDNESDAY, April 29**

1 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
6 p.m. FAM, H2H

### **THURSDAY, April 30**

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, May 1**

n/a

### **SATURDAY, May 2**

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, May 3**

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

## ATTENDANCE

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:30: 112  
10:45: 42  
Online: 21

## 2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359  
YTD Operating Budget: \$213,649  
YTD Giving Received: \$162,309  
Needed Each Week: \$13,353  
Received Last Week: \$7,844

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026

Actual Income vs. Expense:  
-\$14,823

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

### **Ephesians 5:20**

Always give thanks to God the Father  
for everything, in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

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