MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Family Praise & Worship
November 1, 2026
10:45 a.m.



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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Giving

Children's Message
Leslie McFarland

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message
"Great Is Your Reward in Heaven"
Pastor John Nelson

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Song

FIRSIRST READING, Revelation 7:9-12 (ESV) Reader: needed

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their
hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits
on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the
throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."

SECOND READING, Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."





Order here:

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Walk-ins welcome!

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY
Our Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is at 9:40 in Fellowship Hall. Our current series is entitled, "The Character of God."

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 Insight is finished. 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.

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.

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 Grief Support Group on the **first Thursday every month** (Sept-May) at 1 p.m. in Room 101. This group offers caring and confidential space for those currently walking through loss or those who have suffered loss in the past. You are not alone - We are here to support one another. Questions may be directed to Pat Burke or Judy Fowler.

INTERVARSITY VISION CONFERENCE - Volunteers needed
InterVarsity's annual Vision Conference is November 6-8 at Messiah, and they are looking for volunteers to serve the college students in the name of Jesus. For more information, reach out to Leslie McFarland.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our November meeting is being rescheduled due to Thanksgiving. Machine sewists are needed! Reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478 for more info.

MESSIAH APPAREL & ACCESSORIES
Check out the Messiah apparel and accessories display in the Narthex!
Purchase clothing, hats, mugs & more by scanning this QR code:

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors)
OWLS meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at noon, September-May. We enjoy a light lunch together, play trivia, and usually feature a guest speaker or entertainment!



Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, and beverages will be provided for **our November 10** luncheon as we celebrate our veterans, and we'll feature a guests speaker from the Will County Health Dept. to talk about diabetes and hypertension. We ask that everyone sign up in the Narthex so we have a headcount, and to let us know what 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. Reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478 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, reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478, or Beth Hohisel at 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 20th of each month.

QUILTERS
Messiah Quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The next quilting day is November 17. 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. 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.



We are in need of clean sheets of, any size, flat or fitted (no stains or holes) to be used as backs for our quilts. There is a collection basket in the Narthex. 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 **November 17**!

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 10-11:30. Bring the littles for play time! Adults enjoy coffee on us! Please like our Facebook page (MLC Stay-N-Play Playgroup) for additional information, and share with your friends and neighbors!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Join us for Women's Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons at 1 in the Fireside Room!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Those post-high school and older are invited to join us for Bible study on Sunday mornings during Education Hour in classroom #101. Coffee and occasional breakfast treats will be provided.

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
For information please reach out to Season Lawler.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)
MKW meets Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club! Join us for family dinner beforehand, starting at 5!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
We meet upstairs in the Kidz Club during Education Hour at 9:40 a.m.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6th to 12th grades)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)
Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room continues year-round.

FRIENDS & MENTORS (FAM) FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS
Join us for mid-week Bible Study, connect with peers, play games, sing praise and more! FAM meets on Wednesday evenings (Sept-April) from 6-8. Join us for family dinner beforehand, starting at 5!

HEAD 2 HEART (H2H)
Our H2H Confirmation Program for 6th-8th graders runs on Wednesdays evenings (Sept-April) from 6-8. Join us for family dinner beforehand, starting at 5!

MAFIA NIGHT - Attention 6th-12th graders!
Join us fort Capture the Flag/Tag in the Dark! Mark your calendar for our next MAFIA night on **November 13** from 6-10 p.m. Bring friends, and $5 per person if you'd like to join us for pizza.

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. For students **6th through 12th grade** email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD





Boxes are now available in the Narthex.

Please turn them in no later than November 15.

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NaperVoice

SING WELL. DO GOOD.™

NaperVoice's fall 2026 concert is Sunday, **November 15** at 4 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville. Admission is $21.50 for adults, $16.50 for seniors, $6 for students 13 and older.

Purchase your advance tickets now as they do sell out, and please **select Herb Alexander** as the credited choir member.

Tickets are available at: www.napervoice.org

This performance will celebrate the wonderful variety of American choral music, including classical, folksong, gospel, jazz, and Broadway genres. Featuring composers Leonard Bernstein, Samuel Barber, Rosephanye Powell, George Gershwin, Andrea Ramsey, Moses Hogan, and Randall Thompson.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are provided by Cindy Nevsimal in loving memory of Wayne, and by the Messiah family in thanks for Rose's 50th 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, November 1
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Blood Drive
9:40 a.m. Education Hour for All Ages, Reception for Rose
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

Monday, November 2
n/a

Tuesday, November 3
10 a.m. Stay-n-Play

Wednesday, November 4
1 p.m. Women's Bible Study
5 p.m. Family Dinner
6 p.m. FAM, H2H, MKW
7 p.m. All Saints Service

Thursday, November 5
9 a.m. Faith & Body
10:15 a.m. Prayer Group
12 p.m. Staff Meeting
1 p.m. Grief Support Group
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 6
n/a

Saturday, November 7
9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Education Hour for All Ages
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:
8:30: 91
10:45: 83
Online: 26
Insight: 27
K-5: 8
MSM: 3
HS: 2
Young Adult: 0
MKW:

2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: $694,359
YTD Operating Budget: $574,181
YTD Giving Received: $476,251
Needed Each Week: $13,353
Received Last Week: $22,002

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Philippians 4:12-13
I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Messiah office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

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