

MESSIAH MESSENGER

2022



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FROM PASTOR HOOVER

Bring, Build, Bump

God has placed a group of families who gather on the corner of Houbolt and Jefferson into this community for a purpose. We are God's promise to a lost and distracted world. God **Brought** you into a relationship with Himself and His people. God is **Building** you up to be like Jesus. God is **Bumping** into the world through you!

This Fall, God is inviting us into a 5-year journey. A narrowing of our focus on these three parts of our personal faith journey. Intentional energy invested in how God is using us to invite others into that same walk of faith. Is God calling you to be a part of the journey?

Jesus is once again calling a group of disciples for this important season of revival. 'The harvest is plentiful, and the workers are few.' The first disciples did not become like Christ overnight. They were built up to be like Jesus as they walked with Him through life. It was a 3-year intentional commitment to join in God's story. The disciples did not just show up for a sermon or two. They dedicated their life to the Kingdom Jesus was creating.

What would that look like for you today? You have been brought into a relationship with God and there have been seasons of growth here and there.

What if this next 5 years God has created a unique opportunity to *Bring* others back to church? Back to a mission and vision for their part in God's Kingdom? Then now is the time to be *built* up to be like Christ. How does that happen? It happens with God and his people. An intentional commitment to study together, serve together and make sacrifices together.

For someone homebound it may be faithful prayers, zoom Bible studies and generous giving. For others it probably involves a more serious life change.

I invite you to consider if God is challenging you to give Him a larger part of your Sabbath? What would it look like to be with God and His people all Sunday morning, 8-noon? Worshipping as a family. Wondering about scripture together at Insight or another life group. Serving to make the safety, hospitality, Sunday school, or worship happen for someone else at a different service time.

Jesus is once again calling a group of disciples and *building* them up to be like Jesus Christ for a lost and distracted world. That doesn't happen overnight. The relationship begins with that first hour on Sunday, but it takes a greater commitment to be *built* into a disciple.

I am excited to see how God will use each of us to accomplish His **Bringing, Building, and Bumping** work in this important season of the church.

*In Christ,
Pr. Kurt Hoover*

Please pray for 3 LCMC congregations in IL looking for pastors; brothers and sisters in Christ who worship in Creston, Preston, and Cullom seeking a shepherd.

FROM PASTOR STIER

Synergy

[Read Acts 20](#)

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock...for the care of the church of God. – (Acts 20:28)

Acts 20 contains Paul's sermon to the elders of the church, exhorting them to pay careful attention to themselves and to their congregations. The elders were in charge of making sure that their people thrived.

A church body should be the safest place people can be. Just as you make sure your family thrives in the best way you can, church leaders are concerned for their members, and the members for each other. A church is a place of support, encouragement, and strength in hard times. More than likely, if you have been in a body of believers very long, you have benefited from the support a church family provides and you have had the opportunity to be a strength to others.

Like all families, there may be occasional squabbles. Someone once said, "The ark may have been stinky at times, but it was the only boat afloat." The church is like the ark, offering provision spiritually, physically, and mentally. Thank God for your fellowship of believers and do not underestimate how important they are.

Now you may be wondering about the title of this blog:

Synergy is when a group's combined effect is greater than the sum of their separate parts. The church is powerful, not only in the way we help and support each other but in the spiritual power that exponentially increases when believers unite in worship and prayer. Pray for the church to be what God intends it to be, a light in a dark world. Pray for the church to grow stronger in the United States in order to make a difference to many around the world.

Recommended for further reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

In His Awesome Grip
PD2 A.K.A Pastor Dave Stier

MLC NEWS

MLC PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Please note that content for the weekly bulletin is due by noon each **Wednesday** & content for the monthly newsletter is due by the **22nd** of each month. Thank you for your cooperation.

ONLINE WORSHIP

The 9:30 am service is available for streaming online on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri, Saturdays and evenings by appointment. The staff is always available by appointment so please don't hesitate to ask.

PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses a prayer chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community, and nation in times of crisis. The prayers are confidential and anonymous as much as possible. You can make a difference through the gift of your prayers. Contact Cindi Souza at regency118@comcast.net or Pastor Dave Stier at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org to become a partner.

OFFERING

We will have an offering time during the service, but you can give any time during the week using one of the following ways:

- 1) Go to this link: bit.ly/MLCGiving
- 2) Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet and follow the instructions given.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.
- 4) Mail your check to the church at: 40 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

If you need assistance with any of these, please email worship@mlcjoliet.org or call the church office at 815-741-4488

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OUTCOME

Thank you to the many that were able to attend the July 17th congregational meeting. Your comments and questions were much appreciated. For those that were not able to attend, a recording of the meeting is available. Contact Lloyd at worship@mlcjoliet.org if interested.

A \$22,000 increase to the Lay Ministry Budget was approved to provide raises for our staff and reinstate other expenses. Our 2022 budget had been "trimmed to the bone" in anticipation of being able to settle and move beyond the lawsuit. Our staff had not received raises since 2020. But settlement is currently off the table and the litigation process is anticipated to take around two years. We are trusting God to make Himself known by answering this situation in a way that only He can. This increase is a clear message that we are investing in our future through this staff to provide ministry for our congregation, and for those yet to come.

We are moving forward in faith. We are asking the congregation to provide for the increase to the general fund.

REFUGEE HELP

On our bulletin board in the narthex there are small cards that you can take to purchase items to support a refugee family through Exodus World Services, an organization that helps refugee settlement. We will be running this item drive through August. Please place donated items on the designated tables in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your donation!

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 at (815) 741-4488 or email Tom Bond at tbond@hotmail.com if you can help.

AMAZON SMILE

Do you want to help Messiah while shopping on Amazon? Type smile.amazon.com into your browser before you begin shopping. You can also change the setting to Amazon Smile in your Amazon app. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to the charity of your choice. Select Messiah Joliet to have a percentage of purchase donated to Messiah Lutheran Church.

GET INVOLVED

DAYBREAK SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to needy people at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month. A team of Messiah members meets at the shelter to set up and serve dinner. Food donation needs include canned fruit cocktail, juice, potato salad, buns, baked beans and cookies. Sign up in the narthex or online at mlcjoliet.org/life-groups. **Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak Homeless Shelter on Monday, August 8th.**

MICRO PANTRY

Messiah has developed a micro-food pantry that is housed in the closet across from the church office. This ministry is 100% donation driven and maintained by the Evangelism board. You can support this ministry through prayer, and through monetary or food donations. Contact the church office for more info. Thank you so much Marty Hohisel for your constant help in organizing the food that comes in!

LIL LOVES MINISTRY

Lil Loves Ministry is a ministry at Messiah, and its aim is to come alongside underserved parents and babies in the Tri-county area. The store, located in the Gathering House, is available on an appointment basis, and those interested can sign up at mlcjoliet.org/lil-loves-ministry. Lil Loves needs your donations of diapers, formula, wipes, and other baby and family items to build up stock in the store. If you'd like to donate, please place your items in the black bin in the narthex. In need of **BABY SOAP**, **PULLUPS**, onesies size 24 months and up, and diapers size 5 and up.

MESSIAH QUILTERS

We will be quilting on **August 16th, 2022, from 9 am – 12 pm**. We have many quilts ready to be tied and no sewing or quilting experience is required to help us. And we have other tasks besides tying that need to be done, including sit-down jobs. Drop by and see what we are doing.

If you would like to sew at home, we have many quilt tops ready to be sewn together. Everything is prepared in kit form for you. If this is something you would like to do, contact Kathy Mueller at scpbklane@aol.com or 815-953-6601 for more information or any questions you may have.

We will be shipping our quilts to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in September and the need for quilts is greater than ever as our quilts are part of the aid supplies being distributed to the

refugee Ukrainian families. Our church family has truly blessed us with donations of fabric, sheets and many hands that allow us to create our quilts so they can be distributed around the world as part of LWR. Thank you everyone!

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. We meet regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am to Noon. 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 to anyone who is in need of a meal. To sign up for the Meal Train Team or request a meal, please visit mlcjoliet.org/meal-train.

MK11

MK11 is Messiah Kids at 11am. It's a time for kids to burn off energy while mom and dad get to focus on the message. Do you like to go to the park and watch kids play? Enjoy watching your children or grandchildren interact with others? Come Join our Team MK11! You don't need to lead a lesson; you just watch kids playing in the Family Life Center for about 30-40 minutes with the nice cool AC blowing. See Pastor Dave Stier or Kimber Drummond for information on how to be a part of this vital ministry.

MESSIAH KIDS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION (August 21st at 9:30 am)

Sunday school registration for students Pre-K through 8th grade will take place on August 21st at 9:30 am. Kids are invited to stay for Sunday school in the FLC during the Rally Day 10 am service. Make sure you are here to sign your children up!

We are in need of a Sunday school teacher for our K-1st grade class. Please contact Kimber Drummond at kd59rn00@aol.com if you are interested.

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

Parents of Sunday school aged children (Kindergarten through sixth grade) can join the Messiah Kids Remind group by texting the code mlcmk to 81010. You can also go to this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/mlcmk>. It will be used to send reminders and notifications about Sunday School and any events we have planned. Contact Aimee Gipes at CEMLCJoliet@gmail.com with questions.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL—"BEE-utiful" Summer Sundays

Messiah Kids Sunday School meets all summer long! Please join us for our "BEE-utiful" Summer Sundays at 9:30am in the FLC (Family Life Center). Grades Pre-K thru 6th are invited to join us to learn about the BEE-attitudes! We will have a short lesson followed by games/ crafts and snacks. Parents, don't forget to sign the kids in at the computer kiosk by door 10.

Want to be a part of this team and come along side those who "train you up"?

We are looking for teens-adults to help guide the younger kids or help facilitate a pre-written lesson! Please see Pastor Dave Stier or Kimber Drummond (or email Kimber kd59rn00@aol.com) or sign up in the narthex!

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY 11 AM

Messiah Kids at 11am continues during the 11:00am service!

Here's how it works: you will check in like you do for Sunday school at the computer in the narthex. Then just before the sermon the kids will be dismissed and can leave to be with their friends. They will meet leaders in the narthex and head to the FLC for games. It's for all kids grades K-5th. **MK11 teams members are needed!** Please sign up in the narthex, or see Kimber Drummond or Pastor Dave Stier to get involved.

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

High school students (7th-12th grade for the summer) meet every Sunday at 9:30 in the youth room for a great time of fellowship and discussion about God's word. Consider yourself invited!

HEAD 2 HEART Parent Meeting (Sunday, August 7th)

Please join us Sunday, August 7th after the 11am service for a H2H parent meeting for 6th-8th grade students. We will meet in the youth room.

RAMP BUILDING SERVICE PROJECT (August 12th-13th)

Students in 7th-12th grade are invited to help build a ramp for Messiah's Lauralee Williams. We'll be ramp building Friday, August 12th and Saturday, August 13th. No experience necessary! There will be food provided and plenty of service hours. Sign up on the Youth Board or contact Brian Phipps at Brian@mlcjoliet.org

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are looking for students in 7th-12th grade to become leaders in our YLT ministry! These students take ownership of the youth ministry while working with Brian to plan events, trips, lessons, etc. They will also serve as mentors to 6th grade students in confirmation class. Contact Brian Phipps at Brian@mlcjoliet.org for more information about becoming a student leader.

IGNITE (Wednesdays 6pm-8pm)

You're invited to join the student ministry for fun, friends, and worship. Ignite is open to 7th-12th grade students. Come join us for our Wednesday Night Summer Programs (**June 1st-Aug 17th**) from 6pm-8pm. Contact Brian Phipps at Brian@mlcjoliet.org for more information.

IGNITE FINALE is Wednesday, August 17th! Join the celebration!

MLC EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)

In the Fireside Room and on Zoom platform. Email pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org for more information.

INSIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Insight Sunday school meets in the Fellowship Hall and will continue through the summer.

MOSAIC (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Mosaic is a “next level” Life Group ministry for 18-20 somethings AKA Mosaics or Millennials. Mosaic focuses on a life of worship through; service, fellowship, prayer, and music, all the while discussing Biblical truths. **During the summer months (May-Aug), Mosaic will be combining with Insight for 9:30 am Bible Studies in the Fellowship Hall.** Keep an eye out for events and our new fall lineup.

MESSIAHS MENS MINISTRY (3M Group)

Our church has a new ministry for men. Messiahs Mens Ministry, 3M Group, is born out of the need for Gods men to step up and be who they were created to be. Our purpose is to train men to come alongside each other and encourage one another in life. To lead the next generation of men into a way of life that honors and pleases God. It is a time to sit, relax, and converse with other Christian men all while being in Gods presence. **Join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 pm.** It’s never to late to jump in. Men of all ages are welcome.

If you would like more information feel free to contact: Mike Brown at Evmlcjoliet@gmail.com or text a message containing your name to 815-405-2547 and ask for information on the 3M Group.

RALLY DAY (Sunday, August 21 at 10 am)

Join us for one combined service outside as we enter into another year of service and teaching here at Messiah. Rally Sunday begins our new worship series—**BUILD: Called to Be Like Christ.** How is God *Building* you up to Be like Crhist? God is inviting you to be His disciple and disciple to others.

There will be a cookout after service. Please bring lawn chairs.

CRUISE IN CAR SHOW (August 27th at 2pm)

Messiah Lutheran Church’s annual Cruise In Car Show is Saturday, August 27th from 2pm-5pm. All models and bikes are welcome! Registration starts at 12 noon if you would like to enter your vehicle into the show. Come enjoy an afternoon of cars, live music, and food concessions!

10TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING TRIP (September 2nd-5th)

You’re invited to see what all the fun is about while camping with your church family. Contact Pastor Dave Stier for more details at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS (Sunday, September 11th at 12:00 noon)

A great way to get to know the staff of Messiah Lutheran Church and give them a chance to know you. We will also lay out the steps for becoming a member of the church.

ENCORE GOES TO THE ARK (September 13th-16th)

Encore, our 55 and older group, is headed to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. The projected cost is \$850 for a couple and \$550 for a single. Please invite friends, register, and get your deposits in ASAP so we can start hotel planning. The price may need to be adjusted depending on what happens with fuel cost and how many people sign up. The final price will be set 30 days prior to the trip.

Sign up is available in the narthex or register at bit.ly/MLCARK.

SACRAMENTS 101 (Wednesday, September 14 & 21 at 6:30 pm)

What are the things that Christ did and encourages all Christians to do as well? The Sacraments. This is a class designed for those new to the Lutheran church and for

parents who desire to bring their children to the Baptismal font. Join us in a discussion of the Catechism and how God makes himself known.

COUPLES RETREAT (September 23rd-25th)

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.

Register at bit.ly/MLCCouples. Space is limited, so sign up early! Contact Pastor Dave Stier for more details at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org

FROM THE BOARDS

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

2 Timothy 3:16-17 states “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” We will be doing a school supply drive for our members and our community. If you are in need or know a person or family in need of a school supplies, please contact the church office.



SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Backpack

Pens black or blue

Colored pencils

Highlighters

Eraser(s)

Scissors

Index cards

Glue sticks

Notebook(s)

Spiral notebook(s) 1, 3 or 5 subject

Note paper (wide ruled)

Hand sanitizer

Box of tissues

Hand lotion

Calculator

Gift Cards

#2 wood pencils

Washable markers

Pencil case

Ruler

Scotch tape

Bottle of Elmer's glue

Crayons

Durable folder (2) pockets

2" binder

Reusable water bottle

Disinfecting Hand wipes

Lip balm

1 box of sandwich bags

Lunchbox

If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, the cost is about \$45.

Checks may be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church, memo School Supplies

Please fill and return to Messiah by August 28, 2022. Backpacks will be blessed by the pastors on Sunday August 28, 2022. For questions contact Doug Potts at (815) 370-6470 or email stmlcjoliet@gmail.com. Thank You and God Bless You!

Stewardship Committee

Counters			Readers 8 AM	
Date	Name		Name	Date
8/7/22	Judy Fowler, Nora Schroth		Beth Hohisel	8/7/22
8/14/22	Dana Stier, Gerry Hauge		Deborah Dole	8/14/22
8/21/22	Brian Wielbik, Dan Stukel		*10:00 am service only*	8/21/22
8/28/22	Gayle Arko, Wayne Lauffer	S	Paul Allen	8/28/22
Ushers 8 AM		E	Readers 9:30 AM	
8/7/22	Jerry Buchenau, Dan Stukel	R	Sherri Unyi	8/7/22
8/14/22	Don Cyborski, Paul Allen	V	Jane Costello	8/14/22
8/21/22	Wayne Lauffer, Bob Miller	I	Molly Hoover (10 am service)	8/21/22
8/28/22	Don Cyborski, Craig Stone	N	OPEN	8/28/22
Ushers 9:30 AM		G	Readers 11 AM	
8/7/22	Lou Mahalik, Bill Unyi		OPEN	8/7/22
8/14/22	Jeff Holmes, Brandon Fiday		*10:00 am service only*	8/21/22
8/21/22	Roger Gordon, Brandon Fiday		Greeters 8 AM	
8/28/22	Aimee Gipes, Brandon Fiday	A	OPEN	8/7/22
Ushers 11 AM		T	OPEN	8/14/22
8/7/22	Gary Phillips, NEED HELP		OPEN	8/21/22
8/14/22	Tom & Tammie Eigenbauer		OPEN	8/28/22
8/21/22	NEED HELP, NEED HELP		Greeters 9:30 AM	
8/28/22	Mike Scarcelli, Darryl Hoelscher	M	OPEN	8/7/22
Communion Assistants 8 AM		E	OPEN	8/14/22
8/7/22	Pat Anderson, Julie Bajt	S	OPEN	8/21/22
8/14/22	Christy Werner, Greg Dole	S	OPEN	8/28/22
8/21/22	Nancy Bertnik, Beverly Korby	I	Greeters 11 AM	
8/28/22	Randy & Laurel Ling	A	OPEN	8/7/22
Communion Assistants 9:30 AM		H	OPEN	8/14/22
8/7/22	Gary Ally, Jane Costello		OPEN	8/21/22
8/21/22	Jane Costello, NEED HELP		OPEN	8/28/22
Communion Assistants 11 AM			<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Would you like to help serve? Call the Church Office at 815-741-4488 or Email office.manager@mlcjoliet.org!</i></p>	
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8/21/22	NEED HELP, NEED HELP			

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 1

Gerry Boe
Zach Hoelscher
Karen Rebuehr

August 2

Jennifer Collins
Ryan & Heather Southcomb
Stacy Trizna

August 4

Marie Hallberg
Wayne Nevsimal
Chris & Cindy Norman
Jim Petersen

August 5

Bob Arko
Dave & Mica Freeman

August 6

Mike & Treasa Scarcelli

August 7

Ian Capps
Ronan Capps
John Kewenig
Austin Kittler

August 8

Darlene Frederick
Karen Repko
Sherri Unyi

August 9

Gil & Patti Anderson
George & Laura Attaway
Joanne Flannery

August 10

Larry & Marcy Vickers

August 11

Charles & Nancy Bugnits
Linda Fritz
John Hines
Derek Richmond, Jr

August 12

Fred Hibbert
Kurt & Molly Hoover
Sydney Unyi

August 13

Linda Hawkinson
Trevor Martin
Alexander Schroth

August 14

Kathleen Piet

August 15

Darlene Wilkinson

August 16

Richard & Sandra Anderson
Maureen Williams

August 18

Brittany McElligott
Dave & Sandy Peterson
Lynda Wielbik

August 20

Kimber Drummond
Molly Hoover
Megan Lindstrom
Noah Melton
Keith & Carol Thompson
Kim Vogen

August 21

Kathryn Kittler
TJ Park
Bob & Sherye Schwarz
Ryan Southcomb Jr

August 22

Jan Mueller
Darryl Souza
Gabriella Stutte
Elaine Sullivan

August 23

Lou Ciuffini
Mark Ogle

August 24

Cindy Norman
Audra Spielman

August 25

Pat Hibbert
Lucas Lindstrom

August 28

D'Angelo Bavone
Mat Evers
Eric Ferenzi
Heather Southcomb

August 29

Aidan Bowman
Alexa Ludvigsen
John Magemeneas
Benjamin Ogle

August 30

Jason Ferenzi
Gerry Hauge
Shirley & Ernst Oder

August 31

Alan Costello
Jeannie Glover
Bill & Darlene Wilkinson





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