

MESSIAH **LUTHERAN** **CHURCH**

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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Welcome/Announcements

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Confession & Giving

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

Children's Message

Brian Phipps

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"God's Care for Grief"

By Pastor Kurt Hoover

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the narthex and online at mlcjoliet.org)

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Communion

Servers: Tom & Lynn Bond

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lamentations 3:16-24 (NIV)

Reader: Tom Bond

¹⁶ He has broken my teeth with gravel; he has trampled me in the dust.

¹⁷ I have been deprived of peace; I have forgotten what prosperity is.

¹⁸ So I say, "My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord."

¹⁹ I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.

²⁰ I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.

²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

OUR GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:49-56 (NIV)

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore."

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC NEWS

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

We have a new way that you can connect with us! 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
- 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 will temporarily be from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. Saturdays and evenings by appointment.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir will practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00 – 6:30 pm (right before AWANA and Head 2 Heart). Your child ages Kindergarten – 8th grade can worship the Lord through song with their friends. Our performances will usually happen once a month at the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday services. Please email Sherri Unyi at unyi86@comcast.net to register your child.

GET INVOLVED

LAY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lay Ministry board is looking for additional volunteers to help with ushering, scripture reading, communion service, and communion preparation (altar guild). The commitment is no more than once per month and you can choose how often you would like to serve and when. We will also provide training. If you are interested, contact Tom Bond by email (tlbond7@hotmail.com or lmmlcjoliet@gmail.com) or contact the church office

LIVING ALTERNATIVES FUNDRAISER

For the month of February, we will be doing the Baby Bottle Fundraiser that we have done in the past. They will be giving us 80 bottles to fill with cash, from loose change to paper money. This is a good way to remind us all of the work that Living Alternatives does. To participate, simply pick up a baby bottle in the narthex, fill it up, and return it to the church office, or go to page.fundeasy.com/5473786 to give there. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Lightways Hospice (Joliet Hospice) is coming on Tuesday morning to accept quilts and lap robes from us. Pastor Stier prayed over them and they were sent out.

Did you know they currently have around 400 patients under their care at their facility and in assisted living, hospitals and in their own home? Forty are pediatric patients. It is such a blessing for us to offer them these quilts and lap robes to let them know they are thought of.

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 mlc-joliet.org/meal-train.

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where can keep you updating on whats 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 to 81010.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Messiah Kids Sunday school continues today at 9:30 on the 2nd floor.

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.

AWANA (Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm)

For Prek-6th grade, Awana is a great time of games and learning about the Bible. Don't miss out. Lets get back to the important things!

NERF & NACHOS (Saturday, March 19 from 1 to 3 pm)

Join us for Nerf Wars and Nachos in the FLC from 1pm-3pm! Bring your own Nerf Gun (with some exceptions). Sign up at bit.ly/NerfNNachos. If you want to help lead this event, please email Christine at office.Manager@mlcjoliet.org.

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)

Middle school students confirmation class.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)

HSSS continues this week.

S.A.L.T. (Sundays at 4:30 pm)

High school students, come out for a time of fellowship, fun and talking about God.

HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP PARENTS INFO MEETING (March 6)

After 11am service. 9th-12th grades. Come find out about this great summer trip for high school students!

MAFIA (March 11 from 7 pm-10 pm)

For 7th-12th grades. Bring \$5 for pizza. Invite your friends!

INDOOR CAMPING (March 11 after Mafia)

Bring clothes and a sleeping bag. Food and showers provided. For 7th-12th grade.

CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP PARENT MEETING (March 20 after 11 am service)

If you have kids in 5th-9th grade, join us for a parent meeting about summer camp. The dates for camp this year are June 26th-July 1st CLBC in Tustin, MI. Parents, come and find out more about this exciting student event!

IGNITE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (April 8th & 9th)

Students, join us at Harvest New Beginnings in Oswego. For 7th-12th grades. Students need money for Chick-Fil-A after Saturday's session. Early bird price is \$40 before March 1st. After March 1st is \$50.

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. Be sure to come to the parent info meeting March 20th or sign up online at <https://www.centerlake.org/middleschoolcamps>.

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

EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)

In the Fireside Room. Email 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. For the month of February: 6th Pastor Kurt Hoover, 13th Laurel Ling, 20th Tom Bond, 27th Doug Potts.

BAUC/STIER WEDDING (February 26, 11am)

You are invited to the wedding of Kersten Bauc and Nikolai Stier on February 26 at 11pm. Short punch and dessert reception to follow at Messiah.

MEN'S RETREAT (March 4-6)

Come with us to Center Lake Bible Camp for great time of fellowship and Biblical teaching. The speaker is Sid Bream, former player for the Dodgers, Pirates and Braves. There will be man food, man fun, and man time. The cost is \$135. See Pastor Stier for details or email him at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org

PRAY JOLIET (March 6 at 6 pm)

Pray Joliet just around the corner now. On Sunday, March 6 at 6pm we will be at Mosaic Community Church to pray for the needs of the Joliet area. Joliet Needs Jesus! Several churches are on board to join together in unity to pray for God's will in our individual and community lives.

FIRST COMMUNION (March 13 during 9:30 am Service)

All grades are welcome but please plan on attending if your student is in 4/5 grade or has not received instruction. At least one parent is to attend the class with the child, and the class will run for five weeks. On Maundy Thursday April 14, at 7pm, the class will receive their first communion. Please register at bit.ly/!stCommMLC if you plan to attend. Contact Dave Stier for questions at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org

ENCORE HEADED TO ARK ENCOUNTER (April 19-21)

Our Encore group is also headed to the Ark Encounter, located south of Cincinnati, OH in Williamstown, KY. The trip is planned for April 19-21, 2022. The estimated cost of the entire trip is \$300. Contact Pastor Dave at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org for more info. You can also register at <https://messiahlutheranchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1145220>. **Please sign up by February 21!**

WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS

SACRAMENTS 101 (Feb. 23rd at 6:30 pm)

For both new attenders and seasoned members, Pastor Kurt's sacraments study will be enlightening and encouraging in how God works through these two spiritual commitments.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL (5:30pm-6:30pm)

Bring your family so you don't have to rush here. Great food and fellowship time. You can donate at bit.ly/MLCDinner to help offset the costs!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (February 20)

8:00 Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 Insight Life Group
9:30 Mosaic Life Group
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

MONDAY (February 21)

9 am CCHC Homeschool

TUESDAY (February 22)

9 am Memory Bears
6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (February 23)

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool
5:30 pm Dinner
6 pm Children's Choir
6:15 pm Head2Heart
6:30 pm Awana
6:30 Adult Class

THURSDAY (February 24)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (February 25)

N/A

SATURDAY (February 26)

N/A

NEXT SUNDAY (February 27)

8:00 Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 Insight Life Group
9:30 Mosaic Life Group
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 46
9:30 am: 53
11:00 am: 41

Online: 140

MSM: 6

Messiah Kids SS: 49

Insight/Mosaic: 15

SALT: 8

Awana Clubbers: 23

Awana Volunteers: 11

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: : \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$11,972

Received year-to-date: \$73,977

Needed year-to-date: \$83,750

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Luke 8:11

"The seed is the word of God."

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488. We will not be posting it on the wall anymore. We are just a phone call away!