

**MESSIAH**  
**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH**   
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 22, 2026**  
8:30 a.m.



Senior Pastor Kurt Hoover  
Organist & Pianist Rose Ann Sochan  
Sanctuary Choir Director Herb Alexander  
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# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

March 22, 2026

8:30 a.m.

*Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully*

## PRELUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

## OPENING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation," #277 v. 1-4



1. The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,  
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word:  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;  
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won:



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, And  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, Like



His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A - men.

## BOLD LITANY ADAPTED FROM PSALM 138

Leader: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;  
All: **before the "gods" I will sing your praise.**

Leader: I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name  
**All: for your unfailing love and your faithfulness.**  
 Leader: When I called, you answered me;  
**All: you greatly emboldened me.**  
 Leader: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
**All: though lofty, he sees them from afar.**  
 Leader: We worship You Lord in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
 and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All: Amen.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine,"  
 arr. Lloyd Larson, led by Herb Alexander

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice," #151 v. 2 & 3



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joi - ce With heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joi - ce With heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joi - ce With heart and soul and voice;



Give ye heed to what we say: News! news! Je - sus Christ is born to - day!  
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! peace! Je - sus Christ was born to save!




Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now:  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more:  
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall:



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"There Is a Redeemer," #206 v. 1-3




1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;  
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face,



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*



Thank You, oh, my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, and



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

## 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

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a -bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

## FIRST LESSON, Acts 11:19-30 (ESV)

Reader: Paul Allen

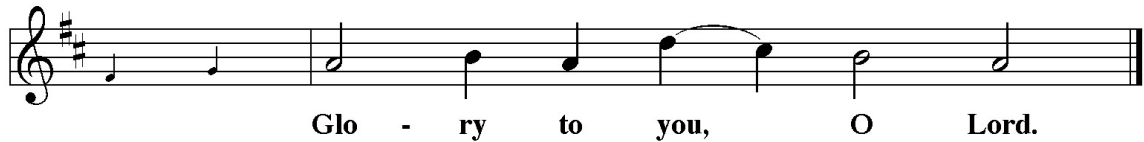
<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

<sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup> So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

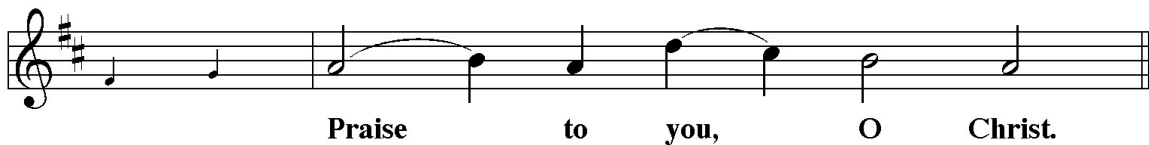
## SECOND LESSON, Acts 13:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

### THIRD LESSON, Acts 14:1-7 (ESV)



<sup>1</sup> Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.<sup>2</sup> But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.<sup>3</sup> So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.<sup>4</sup> But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles.<sup>5</sup> When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them,<sup>6</sup> they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country,<sup>7</sup> and there they continued to preach the gospel.



### MESSAGE

### "Bold Prayers: Church Decline"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

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

### HYMN

### "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain," #96 v. 1-4, LCMS



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;  
 2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, im - po - tent, and blind;  
 3 Come with hurts and guilts and mean-ness, Come, how-ev - er soiled with - in;  
 4 Take the life that lasts for - ev - er; Trust this soul - re - new - ing flood.



Here a pure and heal - ing foun-tain Flows for you, for me, for all;  
 Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion, Here the troub - led, peace may find.  
 From the most in - grained un - clean-ness, From pol - lu - tion by your sin,  
 God is faith - ful; God will nev - er Break his cov - e - nant of blood.



In a full per - pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 Your true health it will re - store, So that you need thirst no more.  
 Wash your robes and make them white; You shall walk with God in light.  
 Signed when our Re - deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.



COMMUNION HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds," #286



1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2. Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne We pour our ar-dent prayers;  
3. When we a-sun-der part, It gives us in-ward pain;



The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds Is like to that a-bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a-gain. A-men.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation," #276



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and  
2. To this tem-ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of  
3. Here vouch-safe to all Thy serv-ants What they ask of  
4. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, Laud and hon-or



cor-ner-stone, Chos-en of the Lord and pre-cious,  
hosts, to-day; With ac-cus-tomed lov-ing-kind-ness  
Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee for-ev-er  
to the Son, Laud and hon-or to the Spir-it,



Bind-ing all the Church in one, Ho-ly Zi-on's  
Hear Thy peo-ple as they pray, And Thy full-est  
With the bless-ed to re-tain, And here-aft-er  
Ev-er Three and ev-er One, One in might and



help for-ev-er, And her con-fi-dence a-lone.  
ben-e-dic-tion Shed with-in its walls al-way.  
in Thy glo-ry Ev-er-more with Thee to reign.  
One in glo-ry While un-end-ing a-ges run. A-men.

## 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

"In Christ There Is No East or West," #285 v. 1-4



1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
3. Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West; In Him meet South and North.



But one great fel - low - ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close bind - ing all man - kind.  
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

## POSTLUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

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



HELP! We are looking for help in updating our church history. We have the booklets from our 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, but need to update the last 25 years and maybe even collect more information dating back further! So, if you have any photos, flyers, letters, programs, booklets of the people and

events that have transpired over the last 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!



Be a part of our 2026 church directory! We will be taking pictures of our families for our directory **before and after services on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** in the fellowship hall. *(The pictures will only be used for our directory and for our members only).* This will be a great time to confirm the information we have on file.

Our Messiah Quilters will be completing a **Signature Quilt** to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The squares will be next to the photo booth for you to sign before and after the services on March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.



## WEDNESDAY EVENING

# LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & WORSHIP

Soup Supper 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Worship 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

on

Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

The Soup Supper sign up board is in the Narthex.  
Please let us know if you are bringing a pot of soup to share.



## Wednesdays in Lent

# Catechism Study

# The Ten Commandments



Wednesday evening worship  
is at 7 p.m. every Wednesday  
during Lent, through March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Come early and join us for  
Soup Suppers at 5:30.  
Sign up in the Narthex!

# *Celebration Sunday at Messiah*

## PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29



We'll celebrate with a combined worship service  
at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center  
and our annual Youth Parade.



You're invited to worship with us this



*Easter*

04/02 ~ Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
 04/03 ~ Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
 & Choir Cantata 7:00 p.m.  
 04/05 ~ Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Easter breakfast is served  
 beginning at 7:30!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
**EMERALD CROSSING VBS!**

**JUNE 22-26**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!





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

## **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 Terry Anzalone.

## 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.

## DAYBREAK SHELTER - WILL YOU HELP SAVE OUR PARTNERSHIP?

For 35 years Messiah has prepared & served dinner once a month to those less fortunate at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Our long-time coordinator has stepped down and we are looking for a volunteer (or two) willing to take the baton. This would entail coordinating volunteers & food donations, light shopping, and communicating with Daybreak staff as needed. **Please reach out to the front office for more information.**

## 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. next meeting is **March 24<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 next luncheon is on **April 14<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**

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. Hope to see you on **April 21<sup>st</sup>**!

## **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 9:30-11. Bring the littles for play time! Adults enjoy coffee on us!

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Women's Bible Study is planning to begin a new series after Easter. Details coming soon. For more information please reach out to Sherri Unyi or Laurel Ling.

## **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 perform during the 10:45 service on March 22 and April 26. For more info please reach out to Season Lawler.



### **EASTER EGG HUNT & CANDY DONATIONS**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. We'll start at 1 with a Story Walk in the FLC, and the hunt will begin at 2 outdoors (weather permitting). We are asking for your **donations of unopened candy**. There is a collection basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

## **J-CHURCH**

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

## MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

MKW meets Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

## MILE MARKERS

- First Communion (4<sup>th</sup> grade) March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>,  
Communion April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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!

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.

### FRIENDS AND MENTORS (FAM) FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

FAM meets on Wednesday evenings from 6-8.

### HEAD 2 HEART (H2H)

Our H2H (Confirmation) program for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders runs on Wednesdays evenings from 6-8.

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).

*Women's Social  
Event*



*Bring a friend!*

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 1-4 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall.  
Please bring a snack to share.  
RSVP to Beth Hohisel at 815-735-7897



*Women's Ministry*



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers this morning are provided by Judy Fowler  
in loving memory of Ron Fowler.

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, March 22**

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, March 23**

n/a

#### **TUESDAY, March 24**

9 a.m. Memory Bears  
9:30 a.m. Stay N Play

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 25**

5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper  
6 p.m. FAM, H2H, MKW  
7 p.m. Worship

#### **THURSDAY, March 26**

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, March 27**

n/a

#### **SATURDAY, March 28**

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal  
1 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

#### **SUNDAY, March 29**

10 a.m. Palm Sunday Celebration Service  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **LAST WEEK:**

8:30: 105  
10:45: 40  
K-5<sup>th</sup>: 12  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 5  
High School: 2  
Ignite: 2  
Insight: 29  
Online: 24

### **2026 GIVING**

Operating Budget: \$694,359  
YTD Operating Budget: \$146,884  
YTD Giving Received: \$112,328  
Needed Each Week: \$13,353  
Received Last Week: \$9,720

### **STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK**

#### **Matthew 11:28**

Come to me, all who labor  
and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Messiah office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
otherwise by appointment. Please call (815) 741-4488.

