

MESSIAH **LUTHERAN** **CHURCH**

March 13, 2022

11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Children's Choir

"Our God" by Chris Tomlin

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

"Refined part 2"

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

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: Beth Hohisel

Isaiah 1:21-28

See how Jerusalem, once so faithful,
has become a prostitute.

Once the home of justice and righteousness,
she is now filled with murderers.

²² Once like pure silver,
you have become like worthless slag.

Once so pure,
you are now like watered-down wine.

²³ Your leaders are rebels,
the companions of thieves.

All of them love bribes
and demand payoffs,

but they refuse to defend the cause of orphans
or fight for the rights of widows.

²⁴ Therefore, the Lord, the Lord of Heaven's
Armies,

the Mighty One of Israel, says,

"I will take revenge on my enemies
and pay back my foes!

²⁵ I will raise my fist against you.
I will melt you down and skim off your slag.
I will remove all your impurities.

²⁶ Then I will give you good judges again
and wise counselors like you used to have.

Then Jerusalem will again be called the Home
of Justice
and the Faithful City."

²⁷ Zion will be restored by justice;
those who repent will be revived by right-
eousness.

²⁸ But rebels and sinners will be completely de-
stroyed,
and those who desert the Lord will be con-
sumed.

OUR EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives
after mine, and learn from those who follow
our example. ¹⁸ For I have told you often be-
fore, and I say it again with tears in my eyes,
that there are many whose conduct shows they
are really enemies of the cross of
Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction.
Their god is their appetite, they brag about
shameful things, and they think only
about this life here on earth. ²⁰ But we are citi-
zens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ
lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to
return as our Savior. ²¹ He will take our weak
mortal bodies and change them into glorious
bodies like his own, using the same power
with which he will bring everything under his
control.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees said to him,
"Get away from here if you want to live! Her-
od Antipas wants to kill you!"

³² Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will
keep on casting out demons and healing peo-
ple today and tomorrow; and the third day I
will accomplish my purpose. ³³ Yes, today, to-
morrow, and the next day I must proceed on
my way. For it wouldn't do for a prophet of
God to be killed except in Jerusalem!"

³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills
the prophets and stones God's messengers!
How often I have wanted to gather your chil-
dren together as a hen protects her chicks be-
neath her wings, but you wouldn't let
me. ³⁵ And now, look, your house is aban-
doned. And you will never see me again until
you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in
the name of the Lord!'"

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 (Today)

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.

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

HSSS continues this week

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR STACIE WALTERS

Will be on **March 27th at 2:00pm** in the basement of the First Methodist Church in Morris.

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.

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

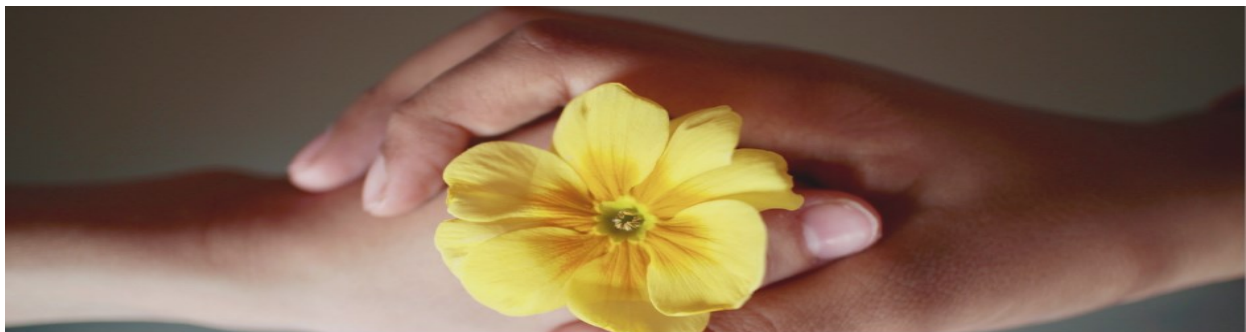
All grades are welcome but please plan on attending if your student is in 4/5 grade or has not received instruction. At least one parent is to attend the class with the child, and the class will run for five weeks. On Maundy Thursday April 14, at 7pm, the class will receive their first communion. Please register at bit.ly/1stCommMLC if you plan to attend. Contact Dave Stier for questions at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org.

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER: A PRESENTATION

Jews for Jesus will be here on April 3rd at all three services to present the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples. More info to come.

WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS

We are having soup suppers on Wednesday nights during Lent. If you would like to bring a soup, please contact the church at 815-741-4488.



Joy through Pain

Wednesday Lent Series

Lenten Soups- 5:30pm-6:30pm

Worship Service- 7:00pm

March 2-April 6, 2022

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.

STAFFING CHANGE

We celebrate with Christine Murray on her next chapter working for Lewis University. Christine came to Messiah in 2019 working part time as our Administrative Assistant. She also pioneered our first staff position in Children's Ministry Outreach. Christine's last day in the office will be Friday, March 18th. We will not be able to replace Christine right away. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer in the church office while we manage this transition.

GET INVOLVED

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. We have lots of quilts ready to be tied. No sewing or quilting experience is required. Please join us if you can. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits ready for you to sew. Contact Kathy Mueller at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have.

PART-TIME POSITION AT MESSIAH

Messiah Lutheran Church is looking to hire a paid, part-time office coordinator. The job would involve 15-25 hours per week. We are looking for a commitment starting ASAP and through July. The responsibilities would involve answering the phone, interacting with pastors and other office staff, data entry, and supporting the Public Relation Teams publicity. Please contact the church office at 815-741-4488 , or email the church at hoover119@gmail.com."

STAY AND PLAY (Tuesdays 9:30-11:30)

Stay and Play is a weekly playgroup for kids 5 and under. Bring the kids and enjoy coffee on us, Feel free to bring snacks and drinks., Parent/caregiver must stay, Waiver required. Large open space to run and play Lots of toys and ride-ons. Check out the group on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where can keep you updating on what's 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.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (March 13)

8:00 am 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

MONDAY (March 14)

9 am CCHC Homeschool

TUESDAY (March 15)

N/A

WEDNESDAY (March 16)

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool
5:30 pm Dinner
6 pm Children's Choir
6:15 pm Head2Heart
6:30 pm Awana
7:00 Lenten Service

THURSDAY (March 17)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (March 18)

Church Ladies Weekend

SATURDAY (March 19)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal
Church Ladies Weekend
1pm Nerf N Nachos

NEXT SUNDAY (March 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
Noon Parent Meeting
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.
Church Ladies Weekend

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 62
9:30 am: 66
11:00 am: 45

Online: 163

MSM: 4

Messiah Kids SS: 45

Insight/Mosaic: 10

SALT: 2

Awana Clubbers: 18

Awana Volunteers: 6

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$14,477

Received year-to-date: \$106,787

Needed year-to-date: \$119,643

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Hebrews 13:6

"So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

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!