

**MESSIAH**  
L U T H E R A N  
† C H U R C H ♥

**August 3, 2025**

10:00 a.m.

Family Praise and Worship  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Senior Pastor Kurt Hoover  
Guest Pastor Keith Forni  
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## **WORSHIP TODAY**

**Call To Worship**

**Welcome**

**Temple Talk**

Brian Wielbik

**Worship Through Songs**

**Children's Message**

Leslie McFarland

**Worship Through Giving**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Message**

**"True Treasure: Nourished for the Journey"**

Pastor Keith Forni

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness**

**Communion**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Closing Song**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, Ecclesiastes 2:18-26 (ESV)**

Reader: needed

<sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup> For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## **GOSPEL LESSON, Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."



Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
for combined worship  
at 10 a.m.

followed by our  
annual Church Picnic!



After the service, head upstairs for a dessert reception  
and open house of our newly renovated Kidz Club!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES  
RESUMES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>!**

## **NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

### **COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until after the 10:00 service gets out. If you are an 8:30 attender - stay late! If 10:00 is your service - come early! Make new friends!

### **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**

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to those less fortunate at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We have jobs that do not require sewing! Come check us out on **August 26<sup>th</sup>**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more info.

## MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)

3M is on break for the remainder of the summer. Email Mike Brown at [gonzopal2017@cheerful.com](mailto:gonzopal2017@cheerful.com) for more info.

## 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

The next Messiaq Quilting Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month) will be on **August 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.

We are in need of clean sheets of any size, flat or fitted (no stains or holes) to be used as the backs of our quilts. You can drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Thank you, in advance!

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 **August 19<sup>th</sup>**!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Summer **Women's Bible Study** is on Wednesday evenings through August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. We'll walk through "My Personal Petitions Prayer Journal" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. *Prayer is personal to God. Shouldn't it be personal to you?*

## **MESSIAH KIDS** (pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

### **BIBLE BEE**

We had a great time at the National Bible Bee! Our session has ended for this summer. Join us next year!

### **J-CHURCH**

Due to conflicting events, J-Church will resume the third Sunday in September.

### **MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)**

Our summer program has ended. We kickoff our fall season on **September 10<sup>th</sup>**!

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 10 a.m. upstairs in the Kidz Club and will continue through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in!

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)**

High schoolers continue to meet - *year around* - in classroom #101 at 9 a.m.

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

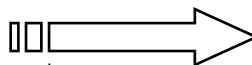
We kick off our fall season on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**!

### **HEAD 2 HEART**

Our H2H (Confirmation) program for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders begins soon!

- ◇ Orientation Night, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- ◇ Program kickoff, September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ◇ Parents' Night, September 10<sup>th</sup>

FLC doors open at 5:30 p.m.



### **6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

*Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

*September - April*

Orientation Night - Mile Markers  
August 20<sup>th</sup>

First Night of Class September 3<sup>rd</sup>

First Parents' Night Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

### **SUMMER S.A.L.T. (FAM & H2H combined)**

We'll wrap up our summer program with a POOL PARTY on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Reach out to Kersten for more info!

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).

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# PARTIES & BONFIRES



End-of-summer fun!

**August 6<sup>th</sup> – Pool Party**

**August 30<sup>th</sup> – Bonfire**

**H2H & FAM both resume for the 2025-2026 program year  
on Wednesday, September 3!**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers this morning are provided by Patti & Gary Ally  
in honor of late brother Brian's birthday.

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 (August 3)**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)  
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,  
Summer Sunday School  
for pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> (end date)  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

### **MONDAY (August 4)**

n/a

### **TUESDAY (August 5)**

n/a

### **WEDNESDAY (August 6)**

6 p.m. Summer SALT Pool Party (end date),  
Women's Summer Bible Study

### **THURSDAY (August 7)**

10:15 a.m. Prayer Team  
12 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **FRIDAY (August 8)**

n/a

### **SATURDAY (August 9)**

9:30 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY (August 10)**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)  
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:30 a.m.: 84  
10:00 a.m.: 61  
Online: 17  
Messiah Kids: 11  
MSM: 0

## **2025 GIVING**

Operating Budget: \$680,068  
YTD Operating Budget: \$392,347  
YTD Giving Received: \$337,321  
Average Weekly Need: \$13,078  
Received Last Week: \$7,648

## **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.,  
otherwise by appointment. Please call (815) 741-4488.

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