

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Video

VBS Temple Talk

Welcome/Announcements

Children's Choir—"How Great Is Our God"

Led by Sherri Unyi

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Confession & Giving

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

Children's Message

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Word of God Speak 2: Truth Rings True"

By Pastor Kurt Hoover

(Copies of today's sermon are available in the narthex or online at mlcjoliet.org)

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

SCRIPTURE READING

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 3:10-28 (NLT)

Readers: Tom Bond

¹⁶ Some time later two prostitutes came to King Solomon to have an argument settled. ¹⁷ "Please, my lord," one of them began, "this woman and I live in the same house. I gave birth to a baby while she was with me in the house. ¹⁸ Three days later this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there were only two of us in the house.

¹⁹ "But her baby died during the night when she rolled over on it. ²⁰ Then she got up in the night and took my son from beside me while I was asleep. She laid her dead child in my arms and took mine to sleep beside her. ²¹ And in the morning when I tried to nurse my son, he was dead! But when I looked more closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn't my son at all."

²² Then the other woman interrupted, "It certainly was your son, and the living child is mine."

"No," the first woman said, "the living child is mine, and the dead one is yours." And so they argued back and forth before the king.

²³ Then the king said, "Let's get the facts straight. Both of you claim the living child is yours, and each says that the dead one belongs to the other. ²⁴ All right, bring me a sword." So a sword was brought to the king.

²⁵ Then he said, "Cut the living child in two, and give half to one woman and half to the other!"

²⁶ Then the woman who was the real mother of the living child, and who loved him very much, cried out, "Oh no, my lord! Give her the child—please do not kill him!"

But the other woman said, "All right, he will be neither yours nor mine; divide him between us!"

²⁷ Then the king said, "Do not kill the child, but give him to the woman who wants him to live, for she is his mother!"

²⁸ When all Israel heard the king's decision, the people were in awe of the king, for they saw the wisdom God had given him for rendering justice.

OUR EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 2:7-8 (NLT)

⁷ Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. ⁸ Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.

OUR GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30 (NLT)

²² It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. ²³ He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. ²⁶ But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ **My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.** ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

³¹ Once again the people picked up stones to kill him. ³² Jesus said, "At my Father's direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?"

³³ They replied, "We're stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC NEWS

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 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 are from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. Saturdays and evenings by appointment.

GET INVOLVED

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. We have so many quilts ready to be tied and you don't need any sewing or quilting experience to help us. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits ready for you to sew.

We are in need of any size sheets. Please be sure they are without rips, tears or stains. We can also use the pillowcases as we stuff them with our fabric scraps and make dog/cat beds for the animal shelter. There is a basket in the narthex to put them in. Contact Kathy Mueller (815-953-6601) at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Drop by and see what we are doing.

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. 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

need a meal. To sign up for the Meal Train team or request a Meal Train, please visit mlcjoliet.org/meal-train.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

We are in need of volunteers to set up and/or clean up our Sunday coffee table in Fellowship Hall. Our new list starts June 5, and currently our rotation schedule is approximately 5 weeks. Are you interested in learning more? Please call or text Carol Gordon at 815-685-1485.

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where you 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

VBS registration is NOW OPEN!! Kids entering 4 yr old preschool-6th grade are welcome to attend on June 6th-10th. All registrations and payments will be made online this year. Please visit the Messiah website for the link and more info. Volunteer sign-ups are also online. We need help in all areas all week and also for our Sunday Funday on June 12th after the 11:00 service. Please like our Facebook page **Messiah Lutheran Joliet VBS 2022** for updates and needs. Contact Lori Spielman at 708-204-9755 or Lspielman75@yahoo.com with any questions .

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

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

HSSS continues this week.

SUMMER CELEBRATION (Wednesdays from 6-8 pm in May)

Summer is just around the corner! Lets celebrate the last month of school with a bash! Come by the church to hang out with your friends, eat dinner, play games, and have time to celebrate summer 2022

MEXICAN FIESTA FUNDRAISER (May 15th from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm)

Consider yourself invited to this awesome youth fundraiser/lunch. The menu is beef and chicken soft and hard shell tacos, nachos, Mexican rice, refried beans, queso and desserts. Donations go towards student summer trips. The workers for this will be 7th-12th grades.

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

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

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 . Volunteers needed. Let the office know if you can help.

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. Today, Pastor Stier finishes up his spiritual gifts class.

OWLS (May 10 at noon)

To all you older, wiser, loving seniors, join us for a wonderful time of fellowship featuring the food of Chef Jesse and a painting time with Lynda Mahalik. There will be a freewill donation to cover the cost of the painting supplies. Please sign up in the narthex or call 815-741-4488 to let us know you're coming.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm)

Hey guys, need to connect with other Christian men? Feeling that you are just missing something? After a lot of prayer and seeking God's will, Messiah will once again have a men's ministry. We're calling it Messiah Men. We'll meet a few times a month and even do some guy trips and gatherings. Come check us out! Our goal isn't to add another commitment to your life; it's to help ease your burden so you can be the man God wants you to be.

MAY SERMON SERIES

Word of God Speak

May 1 - Theme: Words Are Powerful

The promise: God is love

May 8 - Truth Rings True

The promise: God is truth

May 15 - At a Loss for Words

The promise: God hears you

May 22 - Think Good Thoughts

The promise: the Holy Spirit guides you

May 29 - Perfect Unity

The promise: God's love is in us



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 6-10

PRE-K - 6TH GRADE

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (May 8)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 am Mosaic Life Group
9:30 am Insight
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids

MONDAY (May 9)

N/A

TUESDAY (May 10)

9:30 am Stay and Play
Noon O.W.L.S.
6:30 Men's Ministry

WEDNESDAY (May 11)

6 pm Summer Celebration

THURSDAY (May 12)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (May 13)

N/A

SATURDAY (May 14)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY (May 15)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 am Mosaic Life Group
9:30 am Insight
9:30 am HS Sunday School
10:45 am Fiesta Fundraiser
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 64
9:30 am: 75
11:00 am: 78

Online: 280

MSM: 3

Messiah Kids SS: 34

Insight/Mosaic: 27

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$13,433

Received year-to-date: \$201,570

Needed year-to-date: \$215,357

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 12:3

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you."

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488.