



Family Praise & Worship
May 24, 2026
10:45 a.m.

The Greatness of the Holy Spirit

Day of Pentecost

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Giving

Children's Message

Pastor Kurt Hoover

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Pentecost: Rejoice and Remember"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

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

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

VBS Temple Talk

Megan Kuhn

Closing Song

FIRST LESSON, Deuteronomy 16:9-12 (ESV)

Reader: Molly Hoover

⁹"You shall count seven weeks. Begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. ¹⁰Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you

shall give as the LORD your God blesses you. ¹¹And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your towns, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there. ¹²You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

SECOND LESSON, Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."



Sunday, May 24th

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

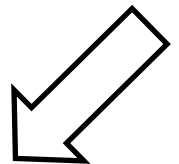
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NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Save these dates: Saturday, September 19th - Dinner Banquet (time TBD); Sunday, September 20th - Reception Celebration between services

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

Join us in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings during Education Hour. Insight is taking a brief break. Summer startup info coming soon.

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 Joyce Pawlowski at 630-890-1203.

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.

Our **online giving app** now offers some new features designed to streamline the process. You will have the option to split your donation between giving funds. It will be easier to donate via ACH (only a flat \$0.30 processing fee per transaction, versus the 2.15% plus \$0.30 for credit cards). Previous donations will be saved, and better security with identity verification. All to make it easier to donate online.

FAITH & BODY

Lace up your shoes and enjoy a walk in the Family Life Center, weekly on Thursdays (Sept-May, ended May 21st) from 9-10 a.m.

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 - Bonus Day June 11th!



Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **May 26th**. We have jobs that do not require sewing! We'll also have a bonus "sewing day" on Thursday, **June 11th** at 12:30 p.m... more details coming soon! Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 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! OWLS is on break for summer and will resume on **September 8th**.



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 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 reach out to Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com. Please note that **we will not meet on May 28th**, and will instead meet on **May 27th at 11:30 a.m.** in recognition of "50 Days of Prayer for Our Nation."

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

QUILTERS - Bonus Day June 2nd!

Messiah Quilters meet the 3rd 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 for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **June 2nd and June 16th**!

STAY-N-PLAY

Our FREE weekly open gym play group for kids five and under has ended for the summer.

WOMEN'S GARDEN GETAWAY



Join the Messiah Women's Group for a fun morning at the Elwood Children's Garden on Wednesday, **June 10th**. The garden is a free, whimsical and interactive garden that offers fun and nature's beauty for all ages. The garden has themed small scale areas including Peter Rabbit's Garden, beautiful flower gardens and so much more to see!

We will carpool from Messiah, leaving at 9 a.m., or you can meet us at the Children's Garden at 9:30. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the pavilion. The Elwood Children's Garden is located at 801 N. Chicago Street in Elwood.

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW) SUMMER PROGRAM

Our summer MKW kickoff is on **June 17th** and runs through July 29th (except during VBS week). We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

NATIONAL BIBLE BEE

Messiah will once again host the National Bible Bee this summer, **June 10th** through August 12th from 5-6 p.m.! Registration is open at biblebee.org. For more info please reach out to Leslie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our summer session for K-8th graders will run **July 5th** through August 16th. We meet upstairs in the Kids Club.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6th to 12th grades)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room and will continue year-round.

FRIENDS AND MENTORS (FAM) AND HEAD2HEART (H2H)

FAM & H2H will continue meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 through May 6th. We'll then have a few weeks off until Summer SALT begins.

SUMMER S.A.L.T. KICKOFF

This summer we will meet in a combined format for 6th-12th graders! Our **kickoff party** will be on Wednesday, **May 27th** from 6-8 p.m. at the Stier's home. Our summer program will meet at church from 6-8 p.m. June 3rd through August 5th. *Please note that we will not meet on 07/22 or 07/29.*

For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.



VBS is June 22-26! Registration closes June 1st

Calling for VBS volunteers! There will be a **Volunteer Workshop** on **Sunday, June 7th** at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Stephanie at VBS@mlcjoliet.org.

Register here:



Volunteers are also asked to register!

SAVE THE DATE: Baccalaureate and Graduation Ceremony and Brunch June 14th – 9:45 a.m.

We will celebrate all of our students, pre-K through college graduates. We ask that students, together with parents, complete information packets telling us about the student's accomplishments. These **packets were due by Sunday, May 17th** and should be turned in to the bin in the Narthex. Additional copies of the packets can also be found there. Please be sure to RSVP for the June 14th celebration and brunch as well.

Contact Leslie 630-518-8825 or Lisa 815-922-9028 with questions.



A Night of Baseball and Fun! June 17th @ 6:35pm

- Wear a **red shirt** so we stand out
- Get there early to hear Herb Alexander sing the National Anthem
- See Sherri Unyi for questions
- Order your tickets here \$10 each →



ALTAR FLOWERS

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 24

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Blood Drive
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*high school only*)
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

MONDAY, May 25

Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 26

9 a.m. Memory Bears

WEDNESDAY, May 27

11:30 a.m. Prayer Team
6 p.m. Summer S.A.L.T. Kickoff Party
at Kersten Stier's residence

THURSDAY, May 28

12 p.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, May 29

n/a

SATURDAY, May 30

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, May 31

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*high school only*)
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
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ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30: 88
10:45: 40
Online: 26

2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359
YTD Operating Budget: \$267,932
YTD Giving Received: \$211,932
Needed Each Week: \$13,353
Received Last Week: \$13,043

1st Quarter 2026

Actual Income vs. Expense:
-\$14,823

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 118:24

This is the day
that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

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

