

# **MESSIAH** **LUTHERAN** **✝ CHURCH ♡**

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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# **WORSHIP TODAY**

**Call To Worship**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Worship Through Songs**

**Worship Through Confession & Giving**

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

**Children's Message**

Marie Hohisel

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Message**

**"Refined: Jesus Refined"**

By Pastor David Stier

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the narthex and online at [mlcjoliet.org](http://mlcjoliet.org))

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

### OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

#### Isaiah 49:14-18 (NLT)

Reader: Brayden Lindstrom

<sup>14</sup> Yet Jerusalem says, "The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us." <sup>15</sup> "Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! <sup>16</sup> See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands. Always in my mind is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins. <sup>17</sup> Soon your descendants will come back, and all who are trying to destroy you will go away. <sup>18</sup> Look around you and see, for all your children will come back to you. As surely as I live," says the Lord, "they will be like jewels or bridal ornaments for you to display.

### OUR EPISTLE LESSON

#### 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. <sup>13</sup> The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

### OUR GOSPEL LESSON

#### Luke 4:1-13

Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

<sup>3</sup> Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."

<sup>4</sup> But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> I will give it all to you if you will worship me."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! <sup>10</sup> For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you.

<sup>11</sup> And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

# 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](http://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](mailto:unyi86@comcast.net) to register your child.

## GET INVOLVED

### 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. With the lost time with Covid and orders having not slowed down, we really could use your help. We meet again April 13th, 9-11:30 am.

### MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th, 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](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have.

## **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](http://mlcjoliet.org/meal-train).

## **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](mailto:hoover119@gmail.com)."

## **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!

## **MLC STUDENT MINISTRY**

### **HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)**

Middle school students confirmation class.

### **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.

### **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-9th 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](mailto:brian@mlcjoliet.org)

## **EVENTS**

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**STACIE WALTERS**-today at 2:00 pm at First Methodist Church (basement) in Morris.

**RON SARVER**—Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 am here at Messiah.

### **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.

### **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](https://facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup) . Volunteers needed!

### **PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)**

In the Fireside Room. Email [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto: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. The teachers for March are: 20 Harold Stier & Donna Stier, 27 Doug Potts

## **EASTER FUN FOR KIDS**

Kids grade Kindergarten through 5th are invited to crafts, games and an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th from 1-3 pm.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!**

Save the date for VBS starting June 6-10. Volunteers needed from 6th grade through adult. Watch for more information.

## **WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS**

### **FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Fellowship Board is in desperate need of volunteers to both help in the kitchen... as well as bring in soup, bread, and dessert for the Lenten Soup Dinners. You can drop of your soup in the church fridge anytime from Sunday morning up until 5:00 Wednesday before food service. Sign-up is in the Narthex during the week and in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Nights. Call or text Fellowship Director Julie Ferenzi if you have any questions about how you can help the Fellowship Ministry with "Family Dinner Nights" and "Sunday Coffee" as well, at 630-673-6233! We are thankful for every opportunity to join members of the congregation together.



**Joy through Pain**

**Wednesday Lent Series**

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

**Worship Service- 7:00pm**

**March 2-April 6, 2022**

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

### **TODAY (March 27)**

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  
9:30 1st Communion Class  
11 am Worship  
11 am Messiah Kids  
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

### **MONDAY (March 28)**

9 am CCHC Homeschool

### **TUESDAY (March 29)**

9:30 Stay and Play

### **WEDNESDAY (March 30)**

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 31)**

10 am Prayer Group  
11:30 am Staff Meeting

### **FRIDAY (April 1)**

6 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

### **SATURDAY (April 2)**

10 am Ron Sarver Celebration of Life

### **NEXT SUNDAY (April 3)**

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 HS Sunday School  
9:30 1st Communion Class  
11 am Worship  
11 am Messiah Kids  
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:00 am: 83  
9:30 am: 69  
11:00 am: 67

Online: 195

MSM: 8

Messiah Kids SS: 58

Insight/Mosaic: 30

SALT: 4

Awana Clubbers: 24

Awana Volunteers: 9

All online counts are estimates only.

## 2022 BUDGET

**Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145**

**Average Need Each Week: \$11,964**

Received last week: \$9,042

Received year-to-date: \$124,476

Needed year-to-date: \$143,571

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

### **Joel 2:13**

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing."

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by Gary and Patti Ally in memory of their grandfather Frank King and brother Michael Ally's birthdays..

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