

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

July 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Family Praise and Worship
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

FOR FREEDOM

CHRIST HAS SET US FREE;



**STAND FIRM THEREFORE,
AND DO NOT SUBMIT AGAIN
TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY.**

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Children's Message

Leslie McFarland

Worship Through Giving

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"How to Legislate Relief"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

We always have a reason to
praise the Lord!



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, Genesis 18:1-10 (ESV) Reader: Kimber Drummond

¹ And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, Galatians 5:1-6 (ESV)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

GOSPEL LESSON, Luke 10:38-42 (ESV)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."



SCHOOL SUPPLIES CAMPAIGN



We are collecting monetary donations through July 20.
You may give electronically in Church Center. Special envelopes are
available in the Narthex if you'd like to donate by check or cash.



THANK YOU!



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 11th.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets the 4th 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 **July 22nd**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email to 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 for more info.

PRAY JOLIET - THIS SATURDAY!

The July Prayer Walk will take place on Saturday, **July 26th**, from 8-10 a.m. We'll meet at the NW corner of Larkin & Oneida, near Joliet West High School (street parking).

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 to 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 to regency118@comcast.net, or reach out to Beth Hohisel at 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 20th of each month.

QUILTERS

The next Messiahs Quilting Day (3rd Tuesday each month) will be on **August 19th** 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 (815) 953-6601 at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **August 19th**!



WORSHIP NIGHT

Messiah Student Ministries and our Worship Team are hosting a whole church Worship Night on Wednesday, **July 30th**, at 6 p.m. in the FLC. Please join us!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Summer **Women's Bible Study** is on Wednesday evenings 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 5th 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. Stay tuned for our start up date for the fall season.



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

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)

MSM SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS



BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

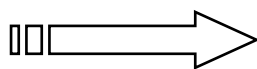
High schoolers continue to meet - *year around* - in classroom #101 at 9 a.m.

HEAD 2 HEART

Our H2H (Confirmation) program for 6th-8th graders begins soon!

- ◊ Orientation Night, August 20th
- ◊ Program kickoff, September 3rd
- ◊ Parents' Night, September 10th

FLC doors open at 5:30 p.m.



6TH-8TH GRADERS

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

September - April

Orientation Night - Mile Markers
August 20th

First Night of Class September 3rd

First Parents' Night Sept. 10th

SUMMER S.A.L.T. (combined for all FAM & H2H students)

Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the FLC through August 6th.

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



Sunday, August 17th
for combined worship
at 10 a.m.

followed by our
annual Church Picnic!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES RESUMES
THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th!**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this week are provided by
...Lynn Tapella in loving memory of her father, Henry Smeets.

...Judy Fowler in loving memory of Ron.

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 (July 20)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9th-12th
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,
Summer Sunday School for pre-K to 5th

MONDAY (July 21)

n/a

TUESDAY (July 22)

9 a.m. Memory Bears

WEDNESDAY (July 23)

6 p.m. Summer SALT (H2H/FAM),
Women's Summer Bible Study

THURSDAY (July 24)

10:15 a.m. Prayer Team
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (July 25)

n/a

SATURDAY (July 26)

9:30 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (July 27)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9th-12th
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,
Summer Sunday School for pre-K to 5th
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30 a.m.: 101

10:00 a.m.: 50

Online: 29

Messiah Kids: 5

MSM: 0

2025 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$680,068

YTD Operating Budget: \$366,190

YTD Giving Received: \$323,108

Average Weekly Need: \$13,078

Received Last Week: \$10,900

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget
not all his benefits, who forgives all
your iniquity, who heals all your
diseases, who redeems your life from
the pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy, who
satisfies you with good so that your
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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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