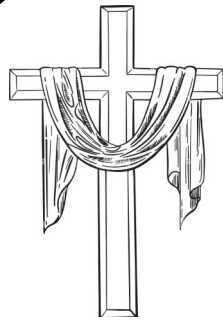




Family Praise & Worship
June 7, 2026
10:45 a.m.



*"Go and learn
what this means:*

**'I DESIRE MERCY,
AND NOT SACRIFICE.'**

*For I came not to call
the righteous,
but sinners. "*

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Giving

Children's Message

Leslie McFarland

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"When Were You Called By God?"

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

Closing Song

FIRST READING, Hosea 5:16-6:6 (ESV)

Reader: needed

¹⁵ I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹ "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

SECOND READING, Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



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 





Thank you Donors



When you give blood you give another birthday, another anniversary, another day at the beach, another night under the stars, another talk with a friend, another laugh, another hug, another chance.

Messiah's recent blood drive yielded
11 lifesaving units of blood!

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.

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.

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.

MEMORY BEARS - Bonus Day June 9th!



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 meetings are **June 9th** (bonus day) and **June 30th** (bumped out one week due to VBS). We have jobs that do not require sewing!

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

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 16th!**



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

Kickoff date change: Our summer MKW kickoff is on **July 1st** 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.

SUMMER S.A.L.T. (for both FAM and H2H groups)

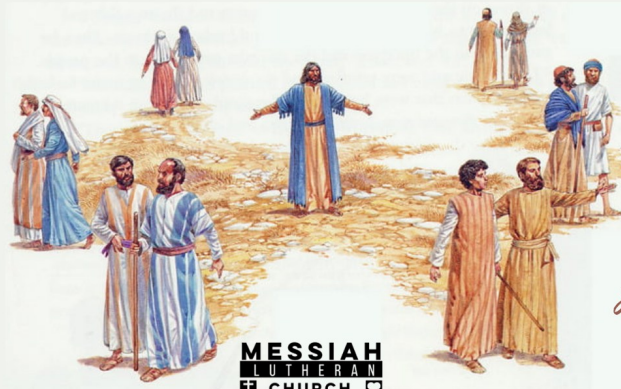
This summer we will again meet in a combined format for 6th-12th graders! We kicked off last week off with a party at the Stier's home - Hope you were able to make it! Our summer program will meet at church from 6-8 p.m. June 3rd through August 5th. *Please note that we will not meet on 07/22 or 07/29.*

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

Discipleship

SERMON SERIES
MAY 31 - AUGUST 23, 2026

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."



What ministry has God given you?

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:40 a.m. Education Hour

Summer Sunday School for K-8th runs July 5th-August 16th!

High School Bible Study remains in session year-round!

10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship

Holy Communion is offered weekly during both services.



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Women's Garden Getaway

Elwood Children's Garden
Wednesday, June 10th

Carpool from Messiah at 9 a.m.
or meet us there!
Bring a sack lunch.



Questions? Reach out to Sherri Unyi.

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BACCALAUREATE & GRADUATION CELEBRATION & BRUNCH

June 14th at 9:45 a.m.

Pre-k through college grads
(and parents) are invited!



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

SUNDAY, June 7

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

MONDAY, June 8

n/a

TUESDAY, June 9

9 a.m. Memory Bears (*bonus day*)

WEDNESDAY, June 10

5 p.m. Bible Bee
6 p.m. Summer S.A.L.T.

THURSDAY, June 11

11 a.m. Fran Brandolino Funeral Service

FRIDAY, June 12

n/a

SATURDAY, June 13

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, June 14

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

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30: 75
10:45: 82
Online: 26

2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359
YTD Operating Budget: \$293,767
YTD Giving Received: \$228,944
Needed Each Week: \$13,353
Received Last Week: \$10,415

1st Quarter 2026

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

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 107:1

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good,
for His steadfast love
endures forever.

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

