

MESSIAH MESSENGER

2022



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MAY SERMON SERIES

WORD OF GOD SPEAK

May 1 - 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

Come Join Us!
Sundays at 8am, 9:30am, & 11am

FROM PASTOR STIER

Get Off the Bench

Read: [1 Corinthians 12](#)

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. – 1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV)

Have you attended one of my classes on Spiritual Gifts? Did you hear my message in January? If not, you can still find it [here](#). If you haven't figured it out yet, this stuff is a big deal to me and I pray it's a big deal to you too.

With the relaunch of the USFL last month, I thought a football analogy would be fitting. My prayer is that this may help you connect my teachings to real life. I don't know about you, but I can never get enough football. J College Football Hall of Fame coach Brad Wilkinson popularized a description of the spectator sport of American football: "Twenty-two boys on the field badly in need of rest being watched by 40,000 people in the stands badly in need of exercise." You can probably relate to that, whether a member of the team or a fan in the stadium.

For many across the United States, church has become a spectator sport. Worship teams often become entertainers and preachers strive to keep the attention of the congregation; some are asleep, others are checking their watches, and some are reviewing a restaurant menu in their minds, considering what to order for brunch as soon as church is over. In his book *Jesus Called: He Wants His Church Back*, Dr. Ray Johnston said, "The number one need in American Christianity today may be to move Christ-followers from being sympathetic spectators to passion-filled participants."

1 Corinthians 12:26 is the antidote for that inertia. Everyone becomes a contributor, and no one is just a spectator. The goal is the common good of all. When that happens, true unity among believers is palpable, and God is glorified. Do your own personal check-up. Are you a team player or just an observer? God has placed spiritual gifts within you to be used for His specific purposes and to minister to one another. You are an essential part of His work—be involved. Pray for our ministries, the pastors, and the leadership of the church. Pray for those who have fallen away and for those who we do not yet know, but that God is calling.

Finally pray for the LORD to show you who to invite to worship or to a church function and when and how to get involved using your gifts for His glory. You may be saying "I am involved", and that's great! Are you plugged in the right place? Are you using your gifts, or are you a spectator in need of some spiritual exercise?

Recommended for further reading: 1 Peter 3:8-22

See ya Sunday in Worship
In His Awesome Grip 3
PD2 a.k.a. Pastor Dave Stier

MLC NEWS

MLC PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Please note that content for the weekly bulletin is due by noon each **Wednesday** & content for the monthly newsletter is due by the **22nd** of each month. Thank you for your cooperation.

ONLINE WORSHIP

The 9:30 am service is available for streaming online on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

OFFICE HOURS

We have changed the office hours from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri, Saturdays by appointment for the foreseeable future. The staff is always available by appointment so please don't hesitate to ask.

PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses a prayer chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community, and nation in times of crisis. The prayers are confidential and anonymous as much as possible. You can make a difference through the gift of your prayers. Contact Cindi Souza at regency118@comcast.net or Pastor Dave at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org to become a partner.

OFFERING

We will have an offering time during the service, but you can give any time during the week using one of the following ways:

- 1) Go to this link: bit.ly/MLCGiving
- 2) Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet and follow the instructions given.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.
- 4) Mail your check to the church at: 40 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

If you need assistance with any of these, please email worship@mlcjoliet.org or call the church office at 815-741-4488

GET INVOLVED

DAYBREAK SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to needy people at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month. A team of Messiah members meets at the shelter to set up and serve dinner. Food donation needs include canned fruit cocktail, juice, potato salad, buns, baked beans and cookies. Sign up online or in the narthex.

MICRO PANTRY

Messiah has developed a micro-food pantry that is housed in the closet across from the church office. This ministry is 100% donation driven and maintained by the Evangelism board. You can support this ministry through prayer, and through monetary or food donations. Contact the church office for more info. Thank you so much Marty Hohisel for your constant help in organizing the food that comes in!

LIL LOVES MINISTRY

Lil Loves Ministry is a ministry at Messiah, and its aim is to come alongside underserved parents and babies in the Tri-county area. The store, located in the Gathering House, will be available on an appointment basis, and those interested can sign up at mlcjoliet.org/lil-loves-ministry. Lil Loves needs your donations of diapers, formula, wipes, and other baby and family items to build up stock in the store. If you'd like to donate, please place your items in the black bin in the narthex. In need of **BABY SOAP**, onesies size 24 months and up, diapers size 5 and up, and Pullups.

MESSIAH QUILTERS

We are having an extra quilting day on Tuesday, May 3rd, 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. And we have other tasks besides tying that need to be done, including sit-down jobs. Drop by and see what we are doing.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th from 9 am – 12 pm.

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.

If you would like to sew at home, we have many quilt tops ready to be sewn together. Sewing consists of sewing the blocks together into rows, sewing the rows together and adding a border. Everything is prepared in kit form for you. If this is something you would like to do, contact Kathy Mueller at scpbklane@aol.com or 815-953-6601 for more information or any questions you may have.

The need is greater than ever as our quilts are part of the aid supplies being distributed to Ukrainian families that are leaving behind everything they own and fleeing for their safety. Our church family has truly blessed us with donations of fabric, sheets and many hands that allow us to create our quilts so they can be distributed around the world as part of Lutheran World Relief. Thank you everyone!

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 regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am to Noon.

MESSIAH KIDS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 .

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

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. You can also go to this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/mlcmk>. It will be used to send reminders and notifications about Sunday School and any events we have planned. Contact Aimee Gipes at CEMLCJoliet@gmail.com with questions.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY 11 AM

Messiah Kids continues during the 11:00am service!

Here's how it works: you will check in for the service like you do for Sunday School at the computer in the narthex. Then just before the sermon the kids will be dismissed and can leave to be with their friends. They will meet leaders in the narthex and head to the FLC for games. It's for all kids grades K-5th. **Volunteers are needed! See Kimber Drummond or Pastor Dave to get involved.**

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

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

High school students (9th-12th grade) meet every Sunday in the youth room for a great time of fellowship and discussion about God's word. Consider yourself invited!

CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP (June 26th—July 1st) for 5th-8th grades

5th-8th grades go to Tustin, MI to learn about the Bible while partaking in exciting camp activities consisting of kayaking, bike riding, horseback riding, paintball, and more!

HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP (July 17th-July 23rd) for 9th-12th grades.

We go to Mount Hope, WV to challenge students through adventure and nature activities while they learn more about God and learn to trust in him during the activities. We will also visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Petersburg, KY.

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

Summer is just around the corner! Let's 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!

MLC EVENTS

MEXICAN FIESTA

COME JOIN US for a delicious Mexican Fiesta on Sunday, May 15th from 10:45am-12:45pm. All ages are invited. The cost is your donation. All funds collected to benefit Messiah Student Ministry's High Adventure Trip and Summer Camping Trips. Students 7th grade-12th grade look for sign up for setup on May 13th or to cook/serve on May 15th.

MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY

Hey Guys, Need to connect with other Christian men? Feeling that you are just missing something? Feeling the need to get "back to the basics" of being a Godly Man? 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.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Pastor Stier will continue leading this class Sunday May 1st & May 8th at 9:30 am. Every Christian has been given supernatural abilities called spiritual gifts to glorify God and be used by Him, and one day we will give an account for how well we used them. The Bible teaches that each and every Christian has been gifted with supernatural abilities called spiritual gifts. We read about them all over the New Testament, but the responsibility is on us to unwrap them and figure out where to use them. This class will not only help you understand what spiritual gifts are but will also help you discover yours and how to put them to use for God's glory. All are welcome. If you did the intensive 90 min class in February this class will still be good for you to attend, as we'll have more time to dig into what God is doing.

OWLS (Tuesday, May 10th at 12:00pm)

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 contact the office at (815) 741-4488 to let us know you're coming.

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

Stay and Play is a weekly play group 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 or sign up in the narthex.

PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)

In the Fireside Room and on Zoom platform. Email pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org for more information.

MOSAIC (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Mosaic is a “next level” Life Group ministry for 18-20 somethings AKA Mosaics or Millennials. Mosaic focuses on a life of worship through; service, fellowship, prayer, and music, all the while discussing Biblical truths. To join this group, simply come to the study at the Mosaic room (the classroom off of the fellowship hall).

INSIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Insight Sunday school meets in the Fellowship Hall and will continue through the summer. May 1 and May 8 with Pastor Stier for Spiritual Gifts

PROGRAMMING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER

The weather is warming up and so is our kids/youth/adult programming. Keep an eye for information about all that’s being offered this summer to keep everyone engaged.

FROM THE BOARDS

STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU’S

Foundation for His Ministry had the official dedication of the growth of their Tijuana ministry. *“Nothing we do would be possible without our donors. You are such a vital part of our team, and I can’t express enough gratitude. We can grow our ministry in Mexico and give more people the opportunity to hear about the transforming power of the Gospel, because you are generous with your finances.”* Janelle Keller.

For more information visit: <https://www.ffhm.org>

"God is working. She walked into our center, pregnant and undecided on what she wanted to do. After her ultrasound, she decided on the parenting option. Thank you Messiah for all of your support in this ministry".

-Aimee Merrit Living Alternatives- Will County Director

For more information visit: <https://www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org/donors>

STEWARDSHIP

Blessed Shall You Be

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.” (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.” (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and “walk in his ways” (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

Counters			Readers 8 AM	
Date	Name		Name	Date
5/1/22	NEED HELP		Beth Hohisel	5/1/22
5/8/22	NEED HELP		Kate Richmond	5/8/22
5/15/22	NEED HELP		Beth Hohisel	5/15/22
5/22/22	NEED HELP			5/22/22
5/29/22	NEED HELP	S		5/29/22
Ushers 8 AM		E	Readers 9:30 AM	
5/1/22	Jerry Bucheneau, Dan Stukel	R	Jane Castello	5/1/22
5/8/22	Mike Joho, Don Cyborski	V	Brian Wielbik	5/8/22
5/15/22	Wayne Lauffer, Bob Miller	I	Jane Costello	5/15/22
5/22/22	Craig Stone, Mike Joho	N		5/22/22
5/29/22	Mike Joho, Paul Allen	G		5/29/22
Ushers 9:30 AM			Readers 11 AM	
5/1/22	Lou Mahalik, Bill Unyi		Tom Bond	5/8/22
5/8/22	Jeff Holmes, Brandon Fiday		Tom Bond	5/15/22
5/15/22	Roger Gordon, Brandon Fiday		Greeters 8 AM	
5/22/22	Aimee Gipes, Stephanie Gregoles		NEED HELP	5/1/22
5/29/22	Brandon Fiday, Don Cyborski	A	NEED HELP	5/8/22
Ushers 11 AM		T	NEED HELP	5/15/22
5/1/22	Gary Phillips, NEED HELP		NEED HELP	5/22/22
5/8/22	Tom & Tammie Eigenbauer		NEED HELP	5/29/22
5/15/22	NEED HELP, NEED HELP		Greeters 9:30 AM	
5/22/22	Mike Scarcelli, Darryl Hoelscher		NEED HELP	5/1/22
5/29/22	NEED HELP, NEED HELP	M	NEED HELP	5/8/22
Communion Assistants 8 AM		E	NEED HELP	5/15/22
5/1/22	Beverly Korby, Nancy Bertnik	S	NEED HELP	5/22/22
5/8/22	Randy & Laurel Ling	S	NEED HELP	5/29/22
5/15/22	Ruth Ann Ungeran, Nancy Bertnik	I	Greeters 11 AM	
5/22/22	Greg & Deborah Dole	A	NEED HELP	5/1/22
5/29/22	Randy & Laurel Ling	H	NEED HELP	5/8/22
Communion Assistants 9:30 AM			NEED HELP	5/15/22
5/1/22	Marjie Nicol, Gary Ally		NEED HELP	5/22/22
5/15/22	Jane Costello, Rowan Hedden		NEED HELP	5/29/22
Communion Assistants 11 AM			<p style="text-align: center;">Would you like to help serve? Call the Church Office at 815-741-4488 Email office.Manager@mlcjoliet.org!</p>	
5/1/22	Tom & Lynn Bond			
5/15/22	Tom & Lynn Bond			

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 1

Maizy Vainowski
Lauralee Williams

May 2

Megan Knudsen
Anne Ogle

May 3

Talia Gregoles
Terry McClintock

May 5

Jane Costello
Evelyn Hester

May 6

Kayla Anderson
Dean Cariveau
Ronald Dodd
Cindi Souza
Benjamin Uthe

May 7

Madeleine Belsha
Stan Buhr
Mica Freeman
Benjamin Knudsen-Feehan

May 8

Kathy Hanouw
Alex Pribnow

May 9

Sandra Anderson
John Dunbar
Steve & Cindy McPhail

May 10

Britt Enix
James Holmgren
Marlene Petersen

May 11

Diane Anderson
Caleb Valkovich

May 12

Debra Waller
Brian & Lynda Wielbik
William Wilkinson

May 13

Millie Graham

May 14

Alyssa Enix

May 15

Daniel Bajt
Dave & Jennifer Crago
Randy & Barb Lollar
Louis & Lynda Mahalik
Kevin Snider

Bill & Sherri Unyi

May 16

Leonard Hohisel
Ava Liberty

May 17

Madison Collins
Mike & Sandy Strom

May 18

Diane Hedden
Douglas & Beth Hohisel

May 19

Ian Freeman
Barb Lollar

May 20

Kirk Brandmire
Ken Courtright
Gavin Hester
Douglas Hohisel
Mike & Kate Joho
Ken Schroth
David Vallarta

May 21

Alison Capps
Marcus Haussy
April Sleyko

May 22

Stefanie Alexander
John Wiley

May 23

Matthew Hallberg
Randy & Laurel Ling
Mason Luebbing
Larry Piet

May 24

Chase Gregoles

May 25

Joshua Johnke
Jackson Ogle

May 27

Mary Etta Buhr
John & Dustin Magemeneas
Cynthia Nevsimal

May 28

Rylee Binkley
Tom & Lynn Bond
Jennifer Crago

May 29

Tammie & Tom Eigenbauer
Pam Heinzl

May 30

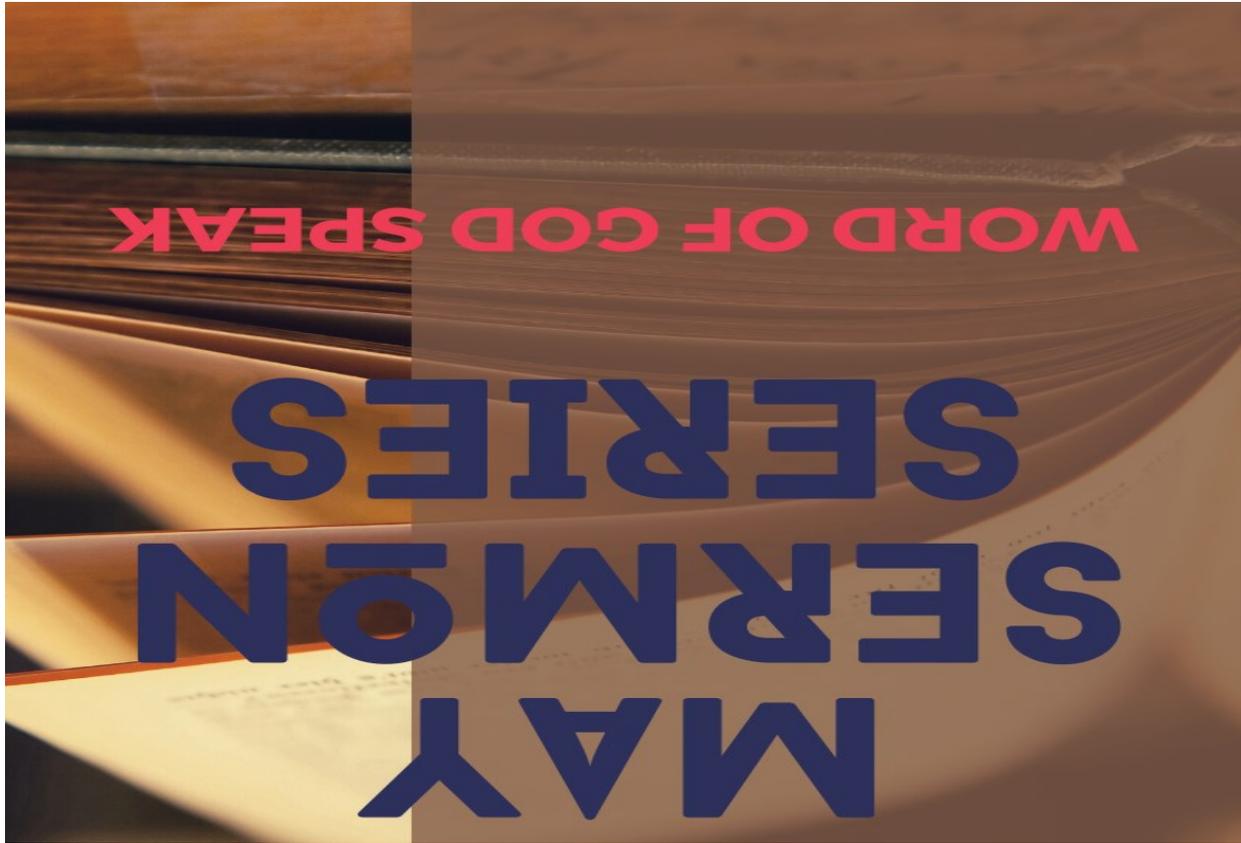
Richard Binkley
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