

**MESSIAH**  
**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH**

**Family Praise and Worship**  
**January 19, 2025**  
**11:00 am**

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Baptism Sunday*



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# **WORSHIP TODAY**

**Call To Worship**

**Welcome**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Worship Through Songs**

**Worship Through Giving**

**Children's Message**  
by Kersten Stier

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Message**

**"Baptism Promise 2: From Heaven"**

by Pastor Kurt Hoover

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the Narthex.)

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness**

**Communion**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Closing Song**

## OUR SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Titus 3:3-7 (ESV)**

Reader: needed

<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**John 3:1-8 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."



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*January 19, 2025*

*This morning, we celebrate the  
Holy Baptisms of:*

*Abigail Allen*

*Caitlyn Allen*

*Madison Collins*

*Hazel Erzingar*

*Brody Liebermann*

*Camryn Liebermann*

*Cole Liebermann*

*Cheryl Rogers*

*Claire Sullivan*

*Congratulations! May God's love  
and grace lead you always.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 it now to connect with MLC:



## OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 am-3 pm, or by appointment. Holiday weeks may vary.

## 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.

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the weekly bulletin are due each Wednesday by noon, and newsletter material is due the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.



## SEARCH COMMITTEE SURVEYS

Please remember to complete your Search Committee Survey by **February 1<sup>st</sup>**! Copies are available in your January newsletter, or in the Narthex. A confidential drop box is provided near the ushers' table.

**2024 Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, January 26, 2025  
at noon, in the Sanctuary



## NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

### ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

We meet in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our newest series that will continue into spring is being led by Kenyon Gjerde. We'll focus on Jeremiah and Lamentations, with a lead-in to Revelations. Come join us and participate in the discussion!

### FIRESIDE CHATS

Want to know more about the people behind the scenes at Messiah? Visit our website at <https://www.mlcjoliet.org/fireside-chats>. New episodes of staff and leadership interviews will be released every few weeks!



### MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets here at the church from 9 am-noon once a month (sometimes twice!). We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing! Our next meeting is on **January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email to [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more info.



**TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL of Shorewood** will be hosting an **Open House** on Sunday, **January 26<sup>th</sup>** from 2-4 pm. TCS serves students in preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and offers options for full-day and half-day kindergarten. Before and after school care is also offered during the school year. Families are welcome to take a tour, meet teachers and current parents, check out the curriculum and learn about the comprehensive Christian education Trinity has to offer. More information at [www.trinitychristian.info](http://www.trinitychristian.info), or contact us at [admissions@trinitychristian.info](mailto:admissions@trinitychristian.info), or call (815) 577-9310. Pre-registration for this event is encouraged and available at <https://linktr.ee/trinitychristian>. Walk-ins are welcome.

## **MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES**

### **BIBLE STUDY FOR 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> GRADERS**

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the Youth Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our high schoolers meet in Classroom #101 off of Fellowship Hall.

### **HEAD2HEART**

H2H (otherwise known as Confirmation) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! For more information, reach out to our Youth Director & H2H leader, Kersten Stier, at [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:stumin@mlcjoliet.org).

### **MAFIA NIGHT**

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (and their friends!) are invited to join us for MAFIA Night on Friday, **February 7<sup>th</sup>** from 7-10 pm. Please bring \$5 if you wish to join us for pizza.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY: F.A.M.**

Students in high school & beyond are invited to be a part of our Wednesday evening student ministry program - Friends and Mentors = **F.A.M.** Students We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 -8 pm. For more information, email [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:stumin@mlcjoliet.org).

## **MILE MARKER WORKSHOPS for parents and kids**

*Engaging, interactive hands-on projects and more!*

### **Kindergarten: "Let's Pray"**

Session: January 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday school)  
Presentation: February 2<sup>nd</sup> (9:30 service)

### **Second grade: "My New Bible"**

Sessions: February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday school)  
Presentation: March 2<sup>nd</sup> (9:30 service)

### **Fourth grade: "First Communion"**

Sessions: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday school)  
Breaking Bread: Messiah kitchen April 13<sup>th</sup>  
First Communion: Maundy Thursday, service at 7 pm

Contact Leslie at [childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org)  
with questions or to register.

## 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 (January 19) BAPTISM SUNDAY**

8 am Worship  
9:30 am Worship (+online),  
Sunday School & Bible Study for All Ages  
11 am Family Praise & Worship, J-Church  
1 pm Cristo Rey

#### **MONDAY (January 20)** n/a

#### **TUESDAY (January 21)** 9 am Quilters 9:30 am Stay-N-Play

#### **WEDNESDAY (January 22)** 6:30 pm FAM, H2H, MKW, Women's Bible Study

#### **THURSDAY (January 23)** 9 am Faith & Body 10:15 Prayer Team 11:30 am Staff Meeting 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### **FRIDAY (January 24)** 9:15 am MOMCo

#### **SATURDAY (January 25)** 9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

#### **SUNDAY (January 26) ANNUAL MEETING DAY** 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship (+online), Sunday School & Bible Study for All Ages 11 am Family Praise & Worship 12 pm Annual Meeting 1:30 pm Cristo Rey

### **STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

#### **LAST WEEK:**

8:00 am: 48  
9:30 am: 61  
11:00 am: 42

Online: 342  
MSM (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): 12  
Messiah Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup>): 14  
Insight: 11

Online counts are estimates only.

### **2025 GIVING**

Proposed Operating Budget: \$680,068  
YTD Operating Budget: \$26,156  
YTD Giving Received: \$38,916  
Average Weekly Need: \$13,078  
Received Last Week: \$29,046  
Received 01/06/25: \$9,869  
Christmas Gifts: \$10,990

### **STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK**

#### **Philippians 4:6-7**

Do not be obnoxious about anything,  
but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving, let your  
request be known to God. And the peace  
of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus.