



**Family Praise & Worship**  
**May 10, 2026**  
10:45 a.m.

stop doubting and  
*Believe*  
John 20:27

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## **WORSHIP TODAY**

**Call To Worship**

**Welcome**

**Children's Choir**

"Wait for Him," led by Season Lawler

**Worship Through Songs**

**Worship Through Giving**

**Children's Message**

Leslie McFarland

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Message**

**"Even Believers Have Doubts"**

Pastor Emeritus David Nygard

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness**

**Communion**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Closing Song**

**FIRST LESSON, Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)**

Reader: needed

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

## SECOND LESSON, John 20:19-31 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Leader: Holy and Gracious God,

**All: I confess that I have sinned against you this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace and live each day for You.**

Leader: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. Amen.



————— → **SAVE THESE DATES FOR 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!** ← —————

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Banquet (time TBD)

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Reception Celebration between services

## **NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

### **ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY**

Join us in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings during Education Hour. Insight will finish up on May 17<sup>th</sup> and will take a brief break.

### **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.

Our **online giving app** now offers some new features designed to streamline the process. You will have the option to split your donation between giving funds. It will be easier to donate via ACH (only a flat \$0.30 processing fee per transaction, versus the 2.15% plus \$0.30 for credit cards). Previous donations will be saved, and better security with identity verification. All to make it easier to donate online.

## FAITH & BODY

Lace up your shoes and enjoy a walk in the Family Life Center, weekly on Thursdays (Sept -May, ends May 21<sup>st</sup>) from 9-10 a.m.

## 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.

*Grief  
Support  
Group*

## MEMORY BEARS



Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **May 26<sup>th</sup>**. We have jobs that do not require sewing! We'll also have a bonus "sewing day" on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m... more details coming soon! Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 for more info.

## OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors)

OWLS meets on the second Tuesday of every month at noon, September-May. We enjoy a light lunch together, play trivia, and usually feature a guest speaker or entertainment! **Our final luncheon until fall is May 12<sup>th</sup>**. We ask that everyone sign up in the Narthex so we have a headcount and to let us know what finger food, appetizer, salad or dessert you will bring to share.



## 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 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 reach out to Beth Hohisel at [bhohisel@hotmail.com](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## QUILTERS

Messiah Quilters meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **May 19<sup>th</sup>**!

## STAY-N-PLAY

Our FREE weekly open gym play group for kids five and under has ended for the season and is on break until September.

## YOUNG ADULT "IGNITE" BIBLE STUDY

For those out of high school and older. Ignite is paused for the summer, hoping to resume in the fall.

## MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir will share their final performance for this season during the 10:45 this morning. For more info please reach out to Season Lawler.

### MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW) SUMMER PROGRAM

MKW has ended for the program year. Our **summer MKW kickoff** is on **June 17<sup>th</sup>** and runs through July 29<sup>th</sup> (except during VBS week). We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

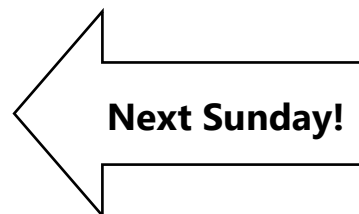
### NATIONAL BIBLE BEE

Messiah will once again host the National Bible Bee this summer, **June 10<sup>th</sup>** through August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m.! Registration is open at [BIBLEBEE.ORG](http://BIBLEBEE.ORG). For more info please reach out to Leslie.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> groups meet upstairs in the Kidz Club, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room! We'll wrap up our program year on **Field Day, May 17<sup>th</sup>**! Our summer session will run July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup> for k-8<sup>th</sup>.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at [childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org) or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at [christianed@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:christianed@mlcjoliet.org).



## MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

### BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room and will continue year-around.

## FRIENDS AND MENTORS (FAM) AND HEAD2HEART (H2H)

FAM & H2H will continue meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 through May 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll then have a few weeks off until Summer SALT begins.

## SUMMER S.A.L.T. KICKOFF PARTY

This summer we will meet in a combined format for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! Our **kickoff party** will be on Wednesday, **May 27<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8 p.m. at the Stier's home. Our summer program will meet at church from 6-8 p.m. June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. *Please note that we will not meet on 07/22 or 07/29.*

For more info on ministries for students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:stumin@mlcjoliet.org).



**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Donate and receive a \$25 eGift Card!**

Register at: [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL)

or scan here:



**VBS is June 22-26!**

**Registration is OPEN!**

**Calling for VBS volunteers!** There will be a **Volunteer Workshop** on **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Stephanie at [VBS@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:VBS@mlcjoliet.org).

Register here:



Volunteers are also asked to register!

# ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are provided by Alan & Jane Costello  
in loving memory of Shirley Oder.

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, May 10**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour  
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

### **MONDAY, May 11**

n/a

### **TUESDAY, May 12**

12 p.m. OWLS (*end date*)  
2 p.m. "Chosen" Bible Study (*end date*)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 13**

1 p.m. Women's Bible Study (*end date*)  
6 p.m. FAM & H2H Finals Study Night

### **THURSDAY, May 14**

9 a.m. Faith & Body Challenge  
10:15 a.m. Prayer Team  
12 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **FRIDAY, May 15**

n/a

### **SATURDAY, May 16**

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

### **FIELD DAY! SUNDAY, May 17**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*end date*  
*for all but high school group*)  
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

## ATTENDANCE

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:30: 89  
10:45: 70  
Online: 18

## 2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359  
YTD Operating Budget: \$240,355  
YTD Giving Received: \$189,698  
Needed Each Week: \$13,353  
Received Last Week: \$14,189

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026

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

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

### **Matthew 13:16**

But blessed are your eyes because  
they see and your ears  
because they hear.

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

