

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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Children's Message

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Special Music

Message

"Word of God Speak 5: Think Good Thoughts"
By Pastor Kurt Hoover

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 6:5-8 (NIV)

Reader: Youth Group

⁵ The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the **thoughts** of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷ So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

OUR NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

OUR GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third

day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC NEWS

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 connection card, and give online. Scan it now to connect with MLC.



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
- 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. Saturdays and evenings by appointment. The church office will be closed Memorial Day, and Wednesday, June 1st, for a staff retreat.

YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Lay Ministry board is looking for a youth choir director. The job consists of preparing the youth choir for one performance a month during the school year during the 9:30 and 11:00 services. The approximate time commitment is 2 hours per week. The position has a small stipend and will start after the summer. Please contact the church office or email Tom Bond at tlbond7@hotmail.com if you are interested

NURSERY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The Lay Ministry board is looking for a few adults or couples who can make themselves available as substitute nursery attendants in case our regular nursery attendant is absent due to illness or other commitments. This is a volunteer position, but the expectation is that the commitment will be infrequent. Please contact the church office or email Tom Bond at tlbond7@hotmail.com.

PASTORS' INSTALLATION SERVICE

You are requested to attend one of the Sunday, June 5th worship services which will include an installation service for our pastors. Circumstances caused a delay in this important step., so please come join us now as we pray over and celebrate Pastor Hoover and Pastor Stier as Senior and Associate Pastors, respectively. Be a part of supporting and encouraging our pastors on June 5th.

GET INVOLVED

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21st, 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. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits ready for you to sew.

Contact Kathy Mueller (815-953-6601) at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Drop by and see what we are doing.

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. We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing as well as jobs that do. Please contact Cindi Souza (815-931-8478) for more information.

MEAL TRAIN

We all know someone who may be overwhelmed during a difficult time. Perhaps an illness, surgery, loss of a family member or a job or the challenge of a new baby. Messiah is forming a Meal Train for anyone who would like to prepare and deliver a meal or need a meal. To sign up for the Meal Train team or request a Meal Train, please visit mlcjoliet.org/meal-train.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

We are in need of coffee lovers to set up and/or clean up our Sunday coffee table in Fellowship Hall. Our new list starts June 5, and currently our rotation schedule is approximately 5 weeks. Are you interested in learning more? Please call or text Carol Gordon at 815-685-1485.

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where can keep you updating on what's going on. Parents of Sunday School aged children (Kindergarten through sixth grade), you can join the Messiah Kids Remind group by texting the code [mlcmk](https://www.remind.com) to 81010.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Messiah Kids Sunday school continues today at 9:30 on the 2nd floor. We will be off on Memorial Day weekend, and then start meeting together in the FLC on June 5th.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY 11 AM

Messiah Kids happens during the 11 am service, right after the children's message. Just sign in at the kiosk in the narthex. Want to watch kids play for thirty minutes? We could use your help for this ministry. Email Kimber at cemlcjoliet@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

We have 70 children registered for VBS!! Parents and volunteers please check your email and the Messiah VBS 2022 Facebook page for important updates. The wish list board is located on the bulletin board just outside the narthex. Please take a tag and return items as soon as possible to the Fellowship Hall in order for us to plan our needs. Join us for Sunday Funday event on June 12th after the 11:00 service to celebrate the culmination of Better Together VBS 2022.

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

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

HSSS continues this week.

IGNITE (Wednesdays from 6-8 starting in June)

Join the student ministry starting June 1 for our Wednesday night summer program. Open to 7th-12th grade. We will meet at the church

STUDENT MINISTRY CAMPING TRIPS

There will be a June camping trip on June 14th-17th, and a July camping trip on July 29th-Aug. 1st. Both will be at Mendotta hills and are open to 7th-12th grades. Details and sign-up sheet is available at bit.ly/MLCCampJune

CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP (June 26th-July 1st)

For 5th-8th grade. This is where students go to learn about the Bible while experiencing God in nature.

HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP (July 17th-July 23rd)

For 9th-12th grade. This is a time for the High school to go to WV. to Alpine Ministries to experience God in nature and adventure. We will go white water rafting, repelling, and traverse a high ropes course. Need more info? Reach out to Brian at brian@mlcjoliet.org

EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)

In the Fireside Room. Email pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org for more information.

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

Join us for a great time of fellowship and study of God's word in the fellowship hall.

MOSAIC

For the Summer months (May-Aug.) Mosaic will be combining with Insight for 9:30a Bible Studies. Keep an eye out for events and our new fall lineup!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 pm)

Our church has a new ministry for men. Messiahs Mens Ministry, 3M Group, is born out of the need for Gods men to step up and be who they were created to be. Our purpose is to train men to come alongside each other and encourage one another in life. To lead the next generation of men into a way of life that honors and pleases God. Join us on the second and forth Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 pm. It's never too late to jump in. Men of all ages are welcome. If you would like more information feel free to contact: Mike Brown Evmlcjoliet@gmail.com 815-405-2547

DADDY DONUT DAY (June 19th)

Come celebrate Daddy Donut Day at Messiah on Sunday, June 19th. Enjoy a delicious donut from the donut wall in the narthex during our 8 am, 9:30 am or 11 am service. Happy Father's day!

PAIRS & SPARES (Sundays, June 26th and July 31st)

Pairs and Spares is an adult social gathering for friends and family of MLC. Our team puts together a warm atmosphere with fun and games for adult couples and singles alike. Pairs and Spares will happen Sunday evenings from 4-8p to come together as a community to enjoy life together. Our First two events are BBQ & Pool Parties: June 26th @ The Bonds and July 31st @ The Ferenzis. Messiah will provide the meats. Just bring side dishes to share and drinks for you and yours. Sign up in the narthex or email the church at info@mlcjoliet.org if you plan on attending.

10TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CHURCH FAMILY CAMPING TRIP (September 2-5)

You're invited to see what all the fun in about while camping with your church family. Contact Pastor Stier for more details at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org.

COUPLES RETREAT (September 23-25)

Come join us for a great time of worship and fellowship at Center Lake Bible Camp. The purpose of this Couples' Retreat is to build godly marriages through a time away from home in an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, and Biblical teaching on marriage. Contact Pastor Stier for more details at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org. There is limited space, so sign up early!! Register at bit.ly/MLCCouples

Congratulations to this year's graduates:

Tyler Andreas, Chase Burns, Dean Cariveau, Jaimi Curtis, Dylan Evans, Eric Ferenzi, Rebecca Garner Lydia Magemeneaus, Jack Magrini, Jack Maser, Michael Poole, Nathan Puckett, Tiffany Trizna

Congratulations to Josh & Leann Hurstik on the baptism of their son Koen Robert Hurstik!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (May 29)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 am Mosaic Life Group
9:30 am Insight
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
12:15 6th Grade H2H Parents Meeting

MONDAY (May 30)

Memorial Day (Office Closed)

TUESDAY (May 31)

N/A

WEDNESDAY (June 1)

6 pm Ignite

THURSDAY (June 2)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (June 3)

N/A

SATURDAY (June 4)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY (June 5)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 am Insight/Mosaic
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
12:15 7th-8th Grade H2H Parents Meeting

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 69
9:30 am: 63
11:00 am: 50
Camping trip: 25

Online: 154

MSM: 7

Messiah Kids SS: 31

Insight/Mosaic: 19

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$11,241

Received year-to-date: \$238,044

Needed year-to-date: \$251,250

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488.