

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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# WORSHIP TODAY

**Call To Worship**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Worship Through Songs**

**Worship Through Confession & Giving**

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

**Children's Message**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Message**

**"Refined: King for a Day or Lord for Life?"**

(Copies of today's sermon are available in the narthex or online at [mlcjoliet.org](http://mlcjoliet.org))

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**

## SCRIPTURE READING

### **OUR EPISTLE LESSON** **2 Timothy 4:1-4 (NLT)**

*Reader: Youth Group*

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. <sup>3</sup> For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

### **OUR FIRST GOSPEL LESSON** **Mark 11:1-10 (NIV)**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" <sup>10</sup> "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

### **OUR SECOND GOSPEL LESSON** **Luke 19:28-40 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MLC NEWS

### **CONNECT WITH MESSIAH**

We have a new way that you can connect with us! 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](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.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Our office hours will temporarily be from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. Saturdays and evenings by appointment.

### **YOUTH CHOIR**

The Youth Choir will practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00 – 6:30 pm (right before AWANA and Head 2 Heart). Your child ages Kindergarten – 8th grade can worship the Lord through song with their friends. Our performances will usually happen once a month at the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday services. Please email Sherri Unyi at [unyi86@comcast.net](mailto:unyi86@comcast.net) to register your child.

## GET INVOLVED

### **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!

### **EASTER SONRISE BREAKFAST DONATIONS**

Be sure to take a tag from the bulletin board to contribute to the Sonrise Easter fundraiser for our youth.

### **MESSIAH QUILTERS**

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. We have so many quilts ready to be tied and you don't need any sewing or quilting expe-

rience 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.

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

### **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](http://mlcjoliet.org/meal-train).

## **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` to 81010.

### **MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Messiah Kids Sunday school continues today at 9:30 on the 2nd floor.

### **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.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!**

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](mailto:Lspielman75@yahoo.com) with any questions .

## **MLC STUDENT MINISTRY**

### **HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)**

Middle school students confirmation class.

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

HSSS continues this week.

## **S.A.L.T. (Sundays at 4:30 pm)**

High school students, come out for a time of fellowship, fun and talking about God.

## **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. Be sure to come to the parent info meeting March 20th or sign up online at <https://www.centerlake.org/middleschoolcamps>.

## **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](mailto:brian@mlcjoliet.org)

# **EVENTS**

## **STAY AND PLAY (Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 am)**

Stay and Play is a weekly playgroup 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mlc.playgroup) . Volunteers needed. Let the office know if you can help.

## **PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)**

In the Fireside Room. Email [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto: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.

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm)**

Hey guys, need to connect with other Christian men? Feeling that you are just missing something? 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 be leading this three-week class starting Sunday, April 24th 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. 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 minute class in February, this class will still be good for you to attend, because we'll have more time to dig into what God is doing.

### **AFGHAN FAMILY RESETTLEMENT TEAM**

Please contact Mike Brown if you have interest in being part of a team exploring an opportunity to help resettle a refugee family from Afghanistan.

## **HOLY WEEK**

**April 10** - Palm Sunday

**April 14** - Maundy Thursday &  
First Holy Communion at 7 pm

**April 15** - Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7 pm

**April 17** - Easter Sunday

Sunrise campfire at 6 am

Easter services at 6:30, 8,  
9:30 and 11 am

Sonrise Easter Breakfast  
from 7:30 to 11 am

## **MAY SERMON SERIES**

### **Word of God Speak**

May 1 - Theme: 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*

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

### **TODAY (April 10)**

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  
9:30 am 1st Communion Class  
11 am Worship  
11 am Messiah Kids  
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

### **MONDAY (April 11)**

9 am CCHC Homeschool

### **TUESDAY (April 12)**

9:00 am Messiah Quilters  
9:30 am Stay and Play

### **WEDNESDAY (April 13)**

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool

### **THURSDAY (April 14)**

10 am Prayer Group  
11:30 am Staff Meeting  
7 pm Maundy Thursday service

### **FRIDAY (April 15)**

7 pm Good Friday service

### **SATURDAY (April 16)**

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

### **NEXT SUNDAY (April 17)**

6 am Sunrise campfire  
6:30 Sunrise service  
7:30 am Easter breakfast  
8 am Worship  
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship  
11 am Worship  
11 am Messiah Kids  
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:00 am: 65  
9:30 am: 90  
11:00 am: 75

Online: 130

MSM: 8

Messiah Kids SS: 31

Insight/Mosaic: N/A

SALT: N/A

Awana Clubbers: 24

Awana Volunteers: 11

All online counts are estimates only.

## 2022 BUDGET

**Yearly Operating Budget: \$622,145**

**Average Need Each Week: \$11,964**

Received last week: \$15,663

Received year-to-date: \$147,863

Needed year-to-date: \$167,500

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

### **Deuteronomy 26:10**

"Now, therefore, I have brought the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, LORD, have given me." You shall set them before the LORD, your God, and you shall bow down before the LORD, your God."

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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