

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

August 10, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Family Praise and Worship

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



*Where your treasure is,
there will your heart
be also.*

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Children's Message

Leslie McFarland

Worship Through Giving

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"How to Stop a Thief"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Worship Through The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Worship Through Proclaiming Our Faith

Announcements

Closing Song

We always have a reason to
praise the Lord!



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)

Reader: Molly Hoover

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (ESV)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

GOSPEL LESSON, Luke 12: 32-40 (ESV)

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."



Sunday, August 17th
for combined worship
at 10 a.m.
followed by our
annual Church Picnic!



MESSIAH
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CHURCH



Join us for a dessert
reception to showcase
our newly renovated
upper level!

When: **Rally Day, August 17th**,
following the 10 a.m. service

Special thanks to Megan & Justin Kuhn, Stephanie Knudsen-Feehan,
Nikki & Brian Burke, and all the fabulous folks
who helped make this project possible!

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 24

MESSIAH
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8:30 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:30 A.M. EDUCATION HOUR (FOR ALL AGES)

10:30 A.M. FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

ADULT INSIGHT

We will kick off the 2025-2026 adult Sunday School season on **August 24th** with a short unit on some of Christ's harder to interpret parables, ending on a sermon from Charles Stanley on obedience. We meet in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings at 9:30.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME

Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 9:30 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!

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.

DAYBREAK SHELTER

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to those less fortunate at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak on Monday, August 11th.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We have jobs that do not require sewing! Come check us out on **August 26th**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email regency118@comcast.net for more info.

MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)

3M is on break for the remainder of the summer. Email Mike Brown at gonzopal2017@cheerful.com for more info.

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 or email regency118@comcast.net 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 by email regency118@comcast.net, or reach out to Beth Hohisel at 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 20th of each month.

QUILTERS

The next Messiahs Quilting Day (3rd Tuesday each month) will be on **August 19th** 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.

We are in need of clean sheets of any size, flat or fitted (no stains or holes) to be used as the backs of our quilts. You can drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Thank you, in advance!

Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **August 19th**!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our fall session of Women's Bible Study kicks off on Wednesday, September 10th. We have **added an afternoon session** for those who can't make it in the evenings! Wednesday afternoons from 1-3, and evenings from 6-8 in the Fireside Room. Our opening series will walk through, "Discerning the Voice of God," by Priscilla Shirer, and discovering the root to clear and daily communion with God.

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

J-CHURCH

Due to conflicting events, J-Church will resume the third Sunday in September.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

Our summer program has ended. We kickoff our fall season on **September 10th**!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will kick off the new season on **August 24th**, at 9:30 a.m.. Pre-K through 5th is upstairs in the Kidz Club, 6th-8th in the Youth Room!

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6th to 12th grades)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

High schoolers continue to meet - *year around* - in classroom #101. Remember that our start time will change to 9:30 effective August 24th!

FRIENDS AND MENTORS (FAM) FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

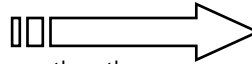
We kick off our fall season on **September 3rd**!

HEAD 2 HEART

Our H2H (Confirmation) program for 6th-8th graders begins soon!

- ◇ Orientation Night, August 20th
- ◇ Program kickoff, September 3rd
- ◇ Parents' Night, September 10th

FLC doors open at 5:30 p.m.



6TH-8TH GRADERS

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

September - April

Orientation Night - Mile Markers
August 20th

First Night of Class September 3rd

First Parents' Night Sept. 10th



For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade,
email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this morning are provided by Chuck & Nancy Bugnits
in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.

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 (August 10)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9th-12th
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

MONDAY (August 11)

n/a

TUESDAY (August 12)

n/a

WEDNESDAY (August 13)

6 p.m. Women's Summer Bible Study
(end date)

THURSDAY (August 14)

10:15 a.m. Prayer Team
12 p.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (August 15)

n/a

SATURDAY (August 16)

9:30 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (August 17)

RALLY DAY!

10 a.m. Combined Worship,
followed by church picnic
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30 a.m.: 95
10:00 a.m.: 60
Online: 15
Messiah Kids: not reported
MSM: 0

2025 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$680,068
YTD Operating Budget: \$405,425
YTD Giving Received: \$348,240
Average Weekly Need: \$13,078
Received Last Week: \$10,979

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

2 Corinthians 4:15-16

For it is all for your sake, so that
as grace extends to more and more
people it may increase
thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
So we do not lose heart. Though our
outer self is wasting away, our inner
self is being renewed
day by day.

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

