

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

## \*JUNE 2025

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NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES FOR SUMMER  
EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>



8:30 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

10:00 A.M. FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP

We kicked off our summer worship schedule on May 25<sup>th</sup> with a traditional service at 8:30 and family praise and worship at 10:00. The primary motivation for the summer schedule is to reduce the Sunday schedule for Pastor Kurt's return and recovery. We will have a different schedule for the fall starting with the fall kick off Sunday in August. What that will look like will depend on feedback from you. Please communicate your desires (likes and dislikes) to me, the church office, or any other members of the leadership team.

One of the advantages of having two services that close together is that we should be able to see others from the congregation we may not normally see. So, if you are attending the 8:30 service, stick around for coffee after the service. If you are attending the 10:00, come early! Also, make a point of stretching your comfort zone and trying both services during the summer. Remember, we are looking for feedback from you!

The Nominating Committee is still looking for help! We are looking for volunteers for all areas of our ministry, but in particular we need people for:

- \*YOUTH
- \*PROPERTIES
- \*STEWARDSHIP
- \*CHRISTIAN ED.
- \*ALTAR GUILD COORDINATOR (*Altar Guild sets up Communion each Sunday*)

The director openings we still need to fill are:

- \*EVANGELISM
- \*PUBLIC RELATIONS (*think social media...*)
- \*STEWARDSHIP

Messiah's vitality depends on your participation. To investigate what you can do, please contact me at: [layministry@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:layministry@mlcjoliet.org) or [tlbond7@hotmail.com](mailto:tlbond7@hotmail.com), or Doug Potts at [vicepresident@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:vicepresident@mlcjoliet.org).

- *Tom Bond*, Lay Ministry Director

**Celebration Sunday is June 29<sup>th</sup>!**  
**One service, 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center!**

# Congregational Meeting



**A special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

The purpose of the meeting is

- 1) to elect new church leadership as per the Constitution, and
- 2) for the congregation to vote on calling Pastor John Nelson. The plan is for Pastor John to be deployed from Messiah to provide support to Pastors under the new Caring For Pastors Ministry. There will be no cost to Messiah.

More information will be provided at the meeting. Please plan to attend.



As I reflect on tithing and doing God's work, I imagine the person who is hungry, or out of work, Pastor Paul and the congregation in Myanmar, and the woman being served by the Pregnancy Resource Center or the unborn children, and so many other organizations we serve. Messiah tithes a portion to serve all these groups.

After being in Italy for two weeks, I am reminded that no matter where you live, kindness, love and family are important to everyone around the world and that we can all practice this by our daily actions and sharing the word of God.

Soon we will have our annual Back to School Fundraising Drive to help individuals who are in need. Look for the announcement in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

*Pat Burke, Director*

*Gerry Boe, Donna Stier, Gary Phillips*  
Stewardship Team



## PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Parish Fellowship is still looking for volunteers. Even if you can help just once in a while, we could use your help!

As you may have heard, Carol & Roger Gordon are moving this summer. Carol has been the committee chair for **coffee hour**. Joyce Pawlowski has graciously agreed to take over that position. Thank you, Joyce!

With the help of a few dedicated volunteers, coordination of **funeral luncheons** here at Messiah has gone smoothly - but we can always use extra hands and help baking desserts.

Wednesday Night Dinners are done for the summer. In the fall, Larry & Marcy Vickers plan to hold Wednesday dinners once per month for the groups meeting here those evenings. More details will be shared later. Thank you!

- *Terry Anzalone*, Parish Fellowship Director, 815-531-9781

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, MESSIAH WELCOMES  
GUEST PREACHER DAVID GARRETT OF JEWS FOR JESUS**



As we praise God for Pastor Kurt's return on June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will also welcome a guest preacher! Jews for Jesus is an international ministry committed to relentlessly pursuing God's plan for the salvation of the Jewish people. David "Moose" Garrett and his wife, Kathleen have served on staff since 1981. David ministered to young people for over 30 years and currently serves as Director of Alumni Ministry, so his camp name is, "Moose." The Garretts are members of West Portal Lutheran Church in San Francisco. David graduated from Concordia University Chicago and his late father was a Lutheran pastor. The Garretts have two married daughters, Virginia and Monica. Their sons-in-law, Joshua (Virginia) and Noah (Monica) are Lutheran pastors. Joshua is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Greeley, Colorado and Noah is pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Batavia, Illinois. David and Kathleen have seven little friends: Simeon, Malachi, Eli, Lylah, Daniel, Clay and Abram. Offering envelopes will be provided in support of Jews for Jesus.



**Portions of the MLC parking lot will be temporarily closed  
for sealcoating and striping as follows...**

Monday, June 2: **NORTH** half of lot (including main entrance driveway)

Monday, June 9: **SOUTH** half of lot

*Each section will be roped off for several days. Please park accordingly.  
Barriers will be removed in time for Sunday morning worship.  
Thank you!*

## **FOR THE LADIES OF MESSIAH**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Our summer session of **Women's Bible Study** starts on Wednesday, **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, 6-8 p.m. We'll walk through "My Personal Petitions Prayer Journal" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. *Prayer is personal to God. Shouldn't it be personal to you?*

### **JOLET AREA CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION**

You and your friends are invited to Joliet Christian Women's upcoming luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$20.00 inclusive. They'll welcome guest Hailey Bogena of Will County Senior Services, and musician Linda Ballard. Speaker Gini Petersen, a farm girl from Milledgeville, IL, will talk about life's heartaches.

**RSVP by June 4<sup>th</sup>** by contacting Barb at 815-439-2076  
or [mrs.brutus56@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.brutus56@gmail.com), or call Sonya at 815-727-1626.

# FOR THOSE WITH LITTLE ONES

## **MOMCO**

MOMCo hopes to return in the fall on Friday mornings twice a month. Keep an eye out for details!

## **NURSERY CARE**

Pre-K nursery care is available on Sunday mornings during church services! It's free! For more information, please reach out to Tom Bond at [layministry@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:layministry@mlcjoliet.org).



# MESSIAH KIDZ CLUB (K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)



Parents of children (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) can join the **Messiah Kids** group on the Remind app by texting the code mlcmk to 81010, or by going to:

<https://www.remind.com/join/mlcmk>

It will be used to send reminders and notifications about Sunday School and events.

## **BIBLE BEE**

We are excited to once again host the **National Bible Bee** at Messiah! We'll meet on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m., **June 11<sup>th</sup>** through August 13<sup>th</sup>.



## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Children's Choir is taking a break for summer. See you in the fall!

## **J-CHURCH!**

Year around fun for Messiah youth of all ages (kids, tweens & teens) the **third Sunday of each month** at 11:00 in the FLC.

## **KID'S CLUBHOUSE WORK WEEKS**

Our upper level kid's clubhouse will be updated this summer with work weeks June 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. This will include cleaning walls, replacing whiteboards, organizing, decorating, etc. Instructions will be posted in the classrooms, so volunteers can come any time. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. See Leslie for scheduling questions.



## **MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)**

MKW will kickoff our summer program on Wednesday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8 p.m. and will continue through July 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Beth Hohisel [bhohisel@hotmail.com](mailto:bhohisel@hotmail.com) or (815) 735-7897 for more info.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Summer Sunday School will kickoff on **July 6<sup>th</sup>** and go through August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - **June 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**! We hope to see you there!

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 Kimber Drummond, Christian Ed. Director, at [christianed@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:christianed@mlcjoliet.org).

# **MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES** (6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)



- MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP NIGHT
- MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SUMMER PARTY
- JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> BONFIRE & WORSHIP
- JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> VBS VOLUNTEER POOL PARTY
- JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> BONFIRE
- AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> POOL PARTY
- AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> BONFIRE



Be sure to sign up for **Messiah Student Ministries** on the Remind app to keep up-to-date on upcoming events. Use this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/messiahst> or use class code @messiahst within the app.

### **BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday Bible Study has wrapped up for the program year.
- High schoolers will continue to meet throughout the summer in Classroom #101.

### **H2H (Head2Heart/Confirmation) & FAM (Friends and Mentors)**

Our summer program, in a combined format for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, has kicked off & is Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the FLC.

**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).**

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!**



**“Saved to Serve”**  
Where will you serve?

**YOU are needed to help fulfill our mission!**

Consider serving in an area that's near to your heart:

**Do you have a heart for children?** *Our many family ministries can use your support!*

**Are you handy and like to fix things?** *We need many hands to care for our campus!*

**Do you enjoy helping in the kitchen?** *Parish Fellowship may be the place for you!*

**Do you keep up with happenings?** *Lend your eyes & ears to our Public Relations team!*



Please contact Doug Potts, Tom Bond, or call the church office to talk about how you'd like to serve!

### **ADULT “INSIGHT” BIBLE STUDY**

Adult Bible Study is on break. We'll resume in August... watch for info!

### **ALTAR FLOWERS - SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX**

Our Altar flowers sign up chart is on the Connect Wall in the Narthex (outside the Fireside Room). If you'd like to help beautify our Sanctuary and sponsor Altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or to memorialize someone important in your life, please sign up. Arrangements are \$25 each.

## **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 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Food donations are also needed. Sign up in the Narthex. Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak on Monday, **June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## **FAITH & BODY THURSDAYS**

Faith & Body meets on Thursday mornings from 9-10 (September-May) and is currently on break for the summer.

## **LIL LOVES MINISTRY**



Lil Loves at Messiah aims to come alongside underserved parents and babies in the area by providing **FREE** assistance with diapers and much needed baby supplies. Lil Loves is available on a by-appointment basis, and those interested can sign up on our website.

Lil Loves thanks you for your donations of:

*\*Diapers and Pull-ups    \*Wipes    \*Baby Wash/Shampoo    \*Baby Lotion  
\*Toiletry items for the moms such as deodorant, toothpaste,  
feminine hygiene, etc.*

Trial-sized toiletry items are especially appreciated, rather than full-sized. If you'd like to donate, please place your items in the black bin in the Narthex. Our Lil Loves ministry has helped with **over 20** care packages year-to-date, thanks to your loving generosity!

**PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT FORMULA OR USED ITEMS.**

These items are happily accepted at the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center. You may deliver them to: 903 Infantry Dr., Suite 600, in Joliet.

## **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

If you would like to donate to help those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand, please visit the LWR website at [lwr.org/Myanmar](http://lwr.org/Myanmar).

## **MEMORY BEARS**

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets at the church from 9 a.m.-noon the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and sometimes we throw in a BONUS DAY! We make stuffed teddy bears out of the clothing of people who have passed away, to comfort the grieving. We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing. Text Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or email [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more info. Our regularly scheduled June meeting falls during VBS, so we've moved Bears to **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### **MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)**

Our Men's Bible Study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m., year around! Email Mike Brown at [gonzopal2017@cheerful.com](mailto:gonzopal2017@cheerful.com) for more info.

### **MICRO PANTRY**

Did you know that Messiah has a food pantry? This ministry is 100% donation-driven, and is maintained by the Evangelism Board. You can support this ministry through prayer, and through monetary and/or nonperishable food donations. Please leave your donations in the bin in the Narthex. **PLEASE DO NOT DONATE EXPIRED ITEMS.**

### **MLC OFFICE HOURS**

The office is staffed Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays and evenings are by appointment.

### **OWLS**

OWLS meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at noon, September through May. See you when we resume on September 9<sup>th</sup>! A sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex in August.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Messiah uses an email-based (not in-person) 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 confidential and anonymous as much as possible. Text Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or email [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more info.

### **PRAYER TEAM**



Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings at 10:15 in the Fireside Room for approximately one hour, to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info text Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or by email to [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net), or Beth Hohisel at [bhohisel@hotmail.com](mailto:bhohisel@hotmail.com).

### **PUBLICATION DEADLINES**

Just a friendly reminder that **Sunday bulletin** material must be received in the front office by the end of the day each Tuesday. Material for the **newsletter** is due the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **QUILTERS**

Messiah Quilters meets the third Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting (bonus day!) is on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** along with our regularly scheduled meeting on **June 17<sup>th</sup>**! 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 to 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 put a quilt top together. Contact Kathy Mueller (815) 953-6601 at [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have.

### **We are in need of clean sheets**

any size, flat or fitted (no stains or holes) to be used as backs for our quilts. You may drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Thank you!



## **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

Our Sanctuary Choir sings on Sunday mornings at the 8:30 service (September-May). Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:45. We are always looking for new members! For more information please contact Herb Alexander, Sanctuary Choir Director, at [halex12240@gmail.com](mailto:halex12240@gmail.com).

## **STAY-N-PLAY**

Stay-N-Play, our **FREE** weekly play group for kids five and under along with their parent/guardian, meets Tuesday mornings (September-May) in the FLC from 9:30-11! We are currently on break for the summer. Please like our Facebook page (MLC Stay-n-Play Playgroup) for additional information and share with your friends and neighbors!

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

See page 3 for upcoming events for the ladies of Messiah!



# **ONLINE** *giving*

**Two convenient ways to give online:**

- 1) On our website at [www.mlcjoliet.org/give](http://www.mlcjoliet.org/give).
- 2) Church Center app on your phone or tablet,  
or scan the QR code in the pews,  
bulletin or newsletter.



*Fast      Simple      Secure*

# **VIRTUAL WORSHIP** **AND** **SUNDAY BULLETINS**

**Can't make it to church this week?** The 8:30 a.m. service is live-streamed online on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Links to both are at [mlcjoliet.org/worship](http://mlcjoliet.org/worship) (please scroll to the bottom of the page). You can also view or print the bulletin, if you'd like to follow along!

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



- 6 - Paul & Marvinna Allen
- 7 - Jerry & Pat Buchenau
- 8 - Ron & Kathy Hanouw
- 10 - Robert & Julie Bajt
- 12 - Jeannie Glover & David Ewing
- 15 - Kevin & Jenny Fowler
- 17 - Gerry & Eva Hauge
- 18 - Craig & Peggy Stone



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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 - Alyssa Pribnow        | 21 - Dave Calderon     |
| Arla Knudsen              | Pat Haaksma            |
| 3 - Pat Buchenau          | Darryl Hoelscher       |
| Kurt Hoover               | Eli Hoover             |
| Rochelle Poole            | Myka Hoover            |
| 4 - Aubrey Fiday          | Randy Ling             |
| Lyra Stier                | 24 - Heather Brown     |
| 6 - Norina Schroth        | Shannon Capps          |
| 7 - Marvinna Allen        | Maverick Enix          |
| 8 - Rudy Trizna           | Sarah Potts            |
| Daniel Wieher             | Brian Snider           |
| Michael Wieher            | 25 - Kevin Trizna      |
| 12 - Ken Johnke           | 26 - Alayna Boe        |
| Linda Liberty             | Judi Enix              |
| 15 - Kevin Fowler         | Bob Miller             |
| 17 - Abby Allen           | 27 - Tammie Eigenbauer |
| Caitlyn Allen             | 29 - Steve McPhail     |
| 19 - Marjorie Christensen | 30 - Alayna Bogdan     |
| 20 - Paul Allen           | Patrick Hester         |
|                           | Faye Werner            |



## Giving Statements

Please help Messiah be **greener** and consider switching your statement delivery method from US Mail to **EMAIL**.  
Call the church office if you'd like to do this!

## JUNE SERVERS



### Counters

06/01/25 Gayle Arko, Wayne Lauffer,  
Maureen Williams  
06/08/25 Joy McClintock,  
Maureen Williams  
06/15/25 Judy Fowler, Kirk Brandmire  
06/22/25 Deb Dole, Zach Hoelscher  
06/29/25 Ken Skinner, Dan Stukel

### Ushers 8:30

06/01/25 Jerry Buchenau, Dan Stukel  
06/08/25 Paul Allen, needed  
06/15/25 Wayne Lauffer, Bob Miller  
06/22/25 Craig Stone, needed

### Ushers 10:00

06/01/25 Gary Phillips, Jeff Holmes  
06/08/25 Tom & Tammie Eigenbauer  
06/15/25 Roger Gordon, Josh Johnke  
06/22/25 Darryl Hoelscher, Josh Johnke

### Communion Assistants 8:30

06/01/25 Bev Korby, Joy McClintock,  
Greg Dole, Cindi Souza  
06/08/25 Julie Bajt, Nancy Bertnik,  
Cindi Souza, Marvinna Allen  
06/15/25 Randy & Laurel Ling,  
Paul Allen, Joy McClintock  
06/22/25 Bev Korby, Julie Bajt,  
Nancy Bertnik, Randy Ling

### Communion Assistants 10:00

06/01/25 Darryl Hoelscher, Tom Bond,  
Terry Anzalone  
06/15/25 Terry Anzalone, Angie Mitchka

### Readers 8:30

06/01/25 Beth Hohisel  
06/08/25 Angie Mitchka  
06/15/25 Paul Allen  
06/22/25 Jane Costello

### Readers 10:00

06/01/25 Tom Bond  
06/08/25 Donna Stier  
06/15/25 needed  
06/22/25 Kimber Drummond

### Greeters 8:30

06/01/25 Kirk Brandmire, one needed  
06/08/25 Wayne Lauffer, Nancy Bertnik  
06/15/25 two needed  
06/22/25 Kirk Brandmire, one needed

### Greeters 10:00

06/01/25 two needed  
06/08/25 Donna Stier, one needed  
06/15/25 two needed  
06/22/25 two needed

### **CELEBRATION SUNDAY** **June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. (FLC)**

Ushers: Alan Costello, Jeff Holmes,  
Gary Phillips, Roger Gordon  
Communion: Paul & Marvinna Allen,  
Cindi Souza, Greg Dole  
Reader: Tom Bond  
Greeters: Bev Korby (more needed)



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## VBS at Messiah JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>!



Questions? Email [vbs@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:vbs@mlcjoliet.org).

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Senior Pastor Kurt Hoover  
Associate Pastor: vacant  
Bookkeeper Sherri Unyi  
Building Liaison Kate Richmond  
Children's Choir Director Season Lawler  
Children's Ministry Director Leslie McFarland  
Office Coordinator Vicki Dallmann  
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Sanctuary Choir Director Herb Alexander  
Tech Coordinator Nikolai Stier  
Youth Director Kersten Stier  
Worship Coordinator Justin Brown  
Worship Intern Faye Werner