

# **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**

Allison Capps

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Message**

**"God's Care for Anxiety"**

By Pastor Kurt Hoover

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the narthex and online at [mlcjoliet.org](http://mlcjoliet.org))

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Song**

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

### OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

#### Lamentations 3:31-42 (NIV)

Reader: Youth Group

<sup>31</sup> For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. <sup>32</sup> Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. <sup>33</sup> For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone. <sup>34</sup> To crush underfoot all prisoners in the land, <sup>35</sup> to deny people their rights before the Most High, <sup>36</sup> to deprive them of justice— would not the Lord see such things? <sup>37</sup> Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? <sup>38</sup> Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come.

<sup>39</sup> Why should the living complain when punished for their sins? <sup>40</sup> Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. <sup>41</sup> Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven, and say: <sup>42</sup> "We have sinned and rebelled and you have not forgiven.

### OUR GOSPEL LESSON

#### Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

# 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

### **TEEN SUPPORT GROUP**

What is BRAVE? - BRAVE is a support group for kids and teens ages 10-14 that focuses on addressing anxiety through peer relationship and education. The group is led by licensed counselors and teaches coping strategies through interactive activities. BRAVE also creates a space for kids to process their worries in a safe environment and group setting. For more information about BRAVE, visit our website or call us at 815-577-8970. One of our staff would be happy to speak with you!

### **LIVING ALTERNATIVES FUNDRAISER**

For the month of February, we will be doing the Baby Bottle Fundraiser that we have done in the past. They will be giving us 80 bottles to fill with cash, from loose change to paper money. This is a good way to remind us all of the work that Living Alternatives does. To participate, simply pick up a baby bottle in the narthex, fill it up, and return it to the church office, or go to [page.fundeasy.com/5473786](http://page.fundeasy.com/5473786) to give there. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

## **MESSIAH QUILTERS**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. We have lots of quilts ready to be tied. No sewing or quilting experience is required. Please join us if you can. 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 at [scpbkane@aol.com](mailto:scpbkane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have.

## **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 [mlc-joliet.org/meal-train](http://mlc-joliet.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.

### **AWANA (Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm)**

For Prek-6th grade, Awana is a great time of games and learning about the Bible. Don't miss out. Lets get back to the important things!

### **NERF & NACHOS (Saturday, March 19 from 1 to 3 pm)**

Join us for Nerf Wars and Nachos in the FLC from 1pm-3pm! Bring your own Nerf Gun (with some exceptions). Sign up at [bit.ly/NerfNNachos](http://bit.ly/NerfNNachos). If you want to help lead this event, please email Christine at [office.Manager@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:office.Manager@mlcjoliet.org).

## **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.

**HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP PARENTS INFO MEETING (March 6)**

After 11am service. 9th-12th grades. Come find out about this great summer trip for high school students!

**MAFIA (March 11 from 7 pm-10 pm)**

For 7th-12th grades. Bring \$5 for pizza. Invite your friends!

**INDOOR CAMPING (March 11 after Mafia)**

Bring clothes and a sleeping bag. Food and showers provided. For 7th-12th grade.

**CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP PARENT MEETING (March 20 after 11 am service)**

If you have kids in 5th-9th grade, join us for a parent meeting about summer camp. The dates for camp this year are June 26th-July 1st CLBC in Tustin, MI. Parents, come and find out more about this exciting student event!

**IGNITE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (April 8th & 9th)**

Students, join us at Harvest New Beginnings in Oswego. For 7th-12th grades. Students need money for Chick-Fil-A after Saturday's session. Early bird price is \$40 before March 1st. After March 1st is \$50.

**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**

**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. For the month of February: 6th Pastor Kurt Hoover, 13th Laurel Ling, 20th Tom Bond, 27th Doug Potts.

### **MEN'S RETREAT (March 4-6)**

Come with us to Center Lake Bible Camp for great time of fellowship and Biblical teaching. The speaker is Sid Bream, former player for the Dodgers, Pirates and Braves. There will be man food, man fun, and man time. The cost is \$135. See Pastor Stier for details or email him at [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org)

### **PRAY JOLIET (March 6 at 6 pm)**

Pray Joliet just around the corner now. On Sunday, March 6 at 6pm we will be at Mosaic Community Church to pray for the needs of the Joliet area. Joliet Needs Jesus! Several churches are on board to join together in unity to pray for God's will in our individual and community lives.

### **FIRST COMMUNION (March 13 during 9:30 am Service)**

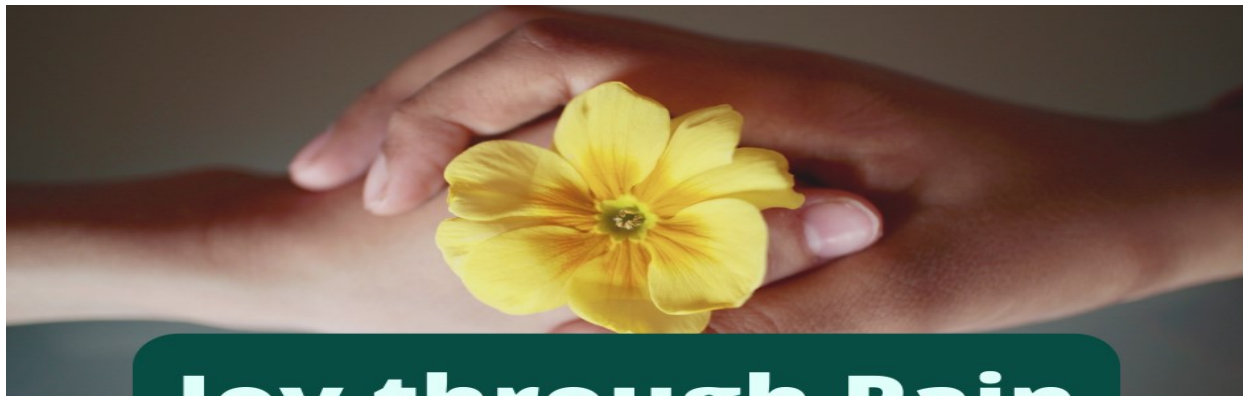
All grades are welcome but please plan on attending if your student is in 4/5 grade or has not received instruction. At least one parent is to attend the class with the child, and the class will run for five weeks. On Maundy Thursday April 14, at 7pm, the class will receive their first communion. Please register at [bit.ly/1stCommMLC](https://bit.ly/1stCommMLC) if you plan to attend. Contact Dave Stier for questions at [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org)

### **ENCORE HEADED TO ARK ENCOUNTER (April 19-21)**

Our Encore group is also headed to the Ark Encounter, located south of Cincinnati, OH in Williamstown, KY. The trip is planned for April 19-21, 2022.

## **WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS**

If you can help out and bring soup, please contact the church!



## **Joy through Pain**

### **Wednesday Lent Series**

**Lenten Soups- 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Worship Service- 7:00pm**

**March 2-April 6, 2022**

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

### **TODAY (February 27)**

8:00 Worship  
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship  
9:30 Insight Life Group  
9:30 Mosaic Life Group  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:30 am HS Sunday School  
11 am Worship  
11 am Messiah Kids  
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

### **MONDAY (February 28)**

9 am CCHC Homeschool

### **TUESDAY (March 1)**

N/A

### **WEDNESDAY (March 2)**

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool  
5:30 pm Dinner  
6 pm Children's Choir  
6:15 pm Head2Heart  
6:30 pm Awana  
6:30 Adult Class

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

### **THURSDAY (March 3)**

10 am Prayer Group  
11:30 am Staff Meeting

### **FRIDAY (March 4)**

6 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

### **SATURDAY (March 5)**

N/A

### **NEXT SUNDAY (March 6)**

8:00 Worship  
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship  
9:30 Insight Life Group  
9:30 Mosaic Life Group  
9:30 Sunday School  
9:30 am HS Sunday School  
11 am Worship  
11 am Messiah Kids  
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.  
12:15 pm High Adventure Parents Mtg.  
6 pm Pray Joliet

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:00 am: 63  
9:30 am: 69  
11:00 am: 80

Online: 150

MSM: 10

Messiah Kids SS: 48

Insight/Mosaic: 18

SALT: 8

Awana Clubbers: 27

Awana Volunteers: 13

All online counts are estimates only.

## 2022 BUDGET

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

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

Received last week: \$7,971

Received year-to-date: \$81,948

Needed year-to-date: \$95,714

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

### **Hebrews 13:6**

"So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488. We will not be posting it on the wall anymore. We are just a phone call away!