

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

February 2, 2025
11:00 am
Family Praise and Worship

For by the *Grace* given to me



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more highly than he ought to think.

but to think with sober judgement.

each according to the measure of

Faith that God has assigned.

Romans 12:3

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Giving

Children's Message

Kersten Stier

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"6 Habits of Highly Effective Christians: Get Over Yourself"

by Pastor Kurt Hoover

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the Narthex.)

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-7 (ESV)

Reader: needed

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:3, 14-16 (ESV)

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:31-44 (ESV)

³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³ And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴² And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³ but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴ And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 it now to connect with MLC:



OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 am-3 pm, or by appointment. Holiday weeks may vary.

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.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the weekly bulletin are due each Wednesday by noon, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

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Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

We meet in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our newest series, which will continue into spring, is being led by Kenyon Gjerde. We'll focus on Jeremiah and Lamentations, with a lead-in to Revelations. Come join us and participate in the discussion!

ALTAR FLOWERS - SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

Our Altar flowers sign up chart is on the Connect Wall in the Narthex. 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 and may be taken home with you after the 11:00 Sunday service.

DAYBREAK SHELTER

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to needy people at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7:00 pm 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, February 10th.

FAITH & BODY THURSDAYS

Tie up your shoes and meet in the Family Life Center for Faith & Body! We meet every Thursday morning from 9-10. It's exciting to think how many miles we will walk this year while simultaneously strengthening our faith! Please register here:

<https://messiahlutheranchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2426227>

FIRESIDE CHATS

Want to know more about the people behind the scenes at Messiah? Visit our website at <https://www.mlcjoliet.org/fireside-chats>. New episodes of staff and leadership interviews will be released every few weeks!



MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets here at the church from 9 am-noon once a month (sometimes twice!). We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing! Our next meeting is on **February 25th**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email to regency118@comcast.net for more info.

MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)

The 3M group wishes everyone a great holiday season! Men, mark your calendars... We will meet again on Tuesday, **February 11th** in the book of Exodus. Email Mike Brown at gonzopal2017@cheerful.com for more info.

MOMCo (Formerly MOPS)

Attention moms of little ones! MOMCo meets on Friday mornings, twice a month from 9:15-11:15. Our next meetup is on **February 7th**.

OWLS (OLDER WISER LOVING SENIORS)

Join us the second Tuesday of every month (September-May) at noon. We ask that everyone SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX to bring an appetizer, snack, salad, or dessert (light finger-foods). Our next luncheon will be on **February 11th**. In February, we will once again welcome the UKELELE STRUMMERS!

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 to regency118@comcast.net for more info.

PRAYER TEAM

Our in-person Prayer Team meets weekly 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 email to regency118@comcast.net or Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

QUILTERS

Quilters will meet twice in February! We'll have a "bonus day" on **February 4th**, as well as our regularly scheduled quilting day on **February 18th**! We meet from 9 am-2 pm in Fellowship Hall. 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 for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **February 4th** and/or **18th**!

STAY-N-PLAY

Stay-N-Play, our **FREE weekly play group** for kids five and under along with their parent/guardian, meets every Tuesday morning in the FLC from 9:30-11!

STROLLER FIT MOM'S CLUB

Attention moms with stroller-aged children! Bring your littles with you in the stroller for an opportunity to socialize & GET EXERCISE with other like-minded moms! We generally meet every-other Friday morning at the church from 9:30-10:30. We will walk outdoors, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, we'll meet in the Family Life Center. We meet once in February, on the 28th. Please reach out to Season Lawler for more info.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS

Our Wednesday dinners are in need of hosts! **If you would like to host** a future Wednesday Night Dinner, please reach out to Terry Anzalone or Pastor Kurt.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next **Bunco** night will be on **February 7th**. For more info or to RSVP, please reach out to Beth at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

Women's Bible Study meets in Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

ASPIRE 2025

Attention Messiah women!

You're invited!

Saturday, April 5th

6-9 pm,

Springbrook Community Church
in Huntley.

We will coordinate carpooling from
Messiah and are planning dinner
together at Panera Bread in Huntley
at 5 pm.

Register here **by March 5:**



One night, three hours - Just for women!

An evening full of laughter, learning, stories and music!

Your payment of \$25 can be made online or dropped off at the church office, "Women's Aspire Event" in the memo line.

MESSIAH KIDS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

February rehearsal is on the 9th, and we'll perform on **February 16th** at the 9:30 service.

DADDY DAUGHTER SWEETHEARTS DANCE

Join us Friday, **February 28th** from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC! There will be dancing, photography, snacks & refreshments. Semi-formal attire requested. **FREE EVENT!**

J-CHURCH

Our newest ministry for Messiah youth of all ages (kids, tweens & teens)! J-Church is the **third Sunday of every month** at 11:00 in the FLC.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

Kids in K-5th grades are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Contact Beth Hohisel bhohisel@hotmail.com or (815) 735-7897 for more info. See you there!

PRE-K THROUGH 5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make sure to bring your children to Sunday school, upstairs in our youth classrooms, on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

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

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES

BIBLE STUDY FOR 6th -12th GRADERS

6th-8th graders are invited to the Youth Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our high schoolers meet in Classroom #101 off of Fellowship Hall.

HEAD2HEART

H2H (otherwise known as Confirmation) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. All 6th-8th graders are welcome!

MAFIA NIGHT

6th-12th graders (and their friends!) are invited to join us for MAFIA Night on Friday, **February 7th** from 7-10 pm. Please bring \$5 if you wish to join us for pizza.

YOUTH MINISTRY: F.A.M.

Students in high school & beyond are invited to be a part of our Wednesday evening student ministry program - Friends and Mentors = **F.A.M.** Students. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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 (February 2)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship (+online),
Sunday School & Bible Study for All Ages
11 am Family Praise & Worship
1 pm Cristo Rey

MONDAY (February 3)

7:30-2 Homeschool Group full campus

TUESDAY (February 4)

9 am Quilters (bonus day!)
9:30 am Stay-N-Play

WEDNESDAY (February 5)

6:30 pm FAM, H2H, MKW,
Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY (February 6)

9 am Faith & Body
10:15 Prayer Team
11:30 am Staff Meeting
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (February 7)

9:15 am MOMCo
6:30 pm Bunco, Mafia

SATURDAY (February 8)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (February 9)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship (+online),
Sunday School & Bible Study for All Ages
11 am Family Praise & Worship,
J-Church
1 pm Cristo Rey

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 54
9:30 am: 69
11:00 am: 74
Online: 26

MSM (6th-12th): 11

Messiah Kids (K-5th): 8

Insight: 12

2025 GIVING

Proposed Operating Budget: \$680,068

YTD Operating Budget: \$52,313

YTD Giving Received: \$58,781

Average Weekly Need: \$13,078

Received Last Week: \$11,603

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 2:6

Now may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you. And I will do good to you because you have done this thing.