

**MESSIAH**  
**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH**

**Family Praise and Worship**  
**July 14, 2024**  
**11:00 am**

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*



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# WORSHIP TODAY

**Call To Worship**

**Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness**

**Welcome**

**Worship Through Songs**

**Worship Through Giving**

**Children's Message**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Message**

**"Could He Be Your Resurrection?"**

by Pastor Kurt Hoover

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

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Communion**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Closing Song**

**OUR READINGS (ESV)**

Reader: Matthew Fiday

**Ezekiel 37:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring

you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

## **I Corinthians 15:42-49**

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

## **Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup> For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup> And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup> And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup> and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

## 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:



### 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.

## NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

### RALLY DAY - MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 18!

### 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 in the Narthex. Arrangements are \$25 each.

### 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, August 12.**

### FOOD PANTRY

Messiah's micro food pantry is located in the hallway closet across from the church office. This ministry is 100% donation driven and is maintained by the Evangelism Board. You can support this ministry through prayer and through food or monetary donations.

### MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets here at the church from 9 am-noon once a month (sometimes twice!) to 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, as well as jobs that do. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **July 23**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 by email at [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net).

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

Hey guys - Need a break from the hassle of life? Join us as we spend an hour and a half in God's Word. Add your voice to the conversation. No judgment. No anxiety. No stress. Just men enjoying the fellowship of other men in the presence of God. Bring your Bible and your questions/comments and join us every second & fourth Tuesday from 6:30-8pm. Our next meeting is **July 23**. Email Mike Brown at [evangelism@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:evangelism@mlcjoliet.org) for more info.

## **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](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more information.

## **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. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email to [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) for more information.

## **QUILTERS**

The next Messiah Quilting Day will be Tuesday, **August 20** from 9 am – 2 pm. 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 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. Hope to see you on **August 20!**

## **SING PRAISE**

Are you passionate about worship and prayer? Are you seeking a community where you can dive deeper into your faith through blended worship experiences? Look no further! Sing Praise has created a space where individuals can come together to worship in a blended style, combining contemporary and traditional elements to create a dynamic and uplifting atmosphere. Whether you love to sing, play an instrument, or simply want to soak in the presence of God, you'll find a home here. All are welcome! For more info, reach out to Justin Brown at [worship@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:worship@mlcjoliet.org). We meet every-other Saturday at 6:30 pm in the FLC - our next gathering is **July 20**.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

We are pleased to share that Bunco is now a monthly event, the last Friday of every month at 6:30 pm, in the Gathering House. For more info or to RSVP, please reach out to Beth at [bhohisel@hotmail.com](mailto:bhohisel@hotmail.com).

# MESSIAH KIDS

## MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAYS AT 11

We encourage all kids pre-k thru 5th grade to be a part of Messiah Kids' at 11 am after the children's message, in the Family Life Center (FLC). Kids will experience God during this time with weekly themes, songs, short movie clips, games and prizes. All are encouraged to attend.

## PRE-K THROUGH 5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Make sure to bring your children to Sunday school, upstairs in our youth classrooms, on Sunday mornings. Our summer session runs **June 2-July 28**. We will then take a few weeks off, and resume on **August 25**.

## MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS

**Our summer session has ended**, but we resume our normal MKW schedule on **September 11** at 6:30 pm. Contact Beth Hohisel [bhohisel@hotmail.com](mailto:bhohisel@hotmail.com) or (815) 735-7897 for more info.

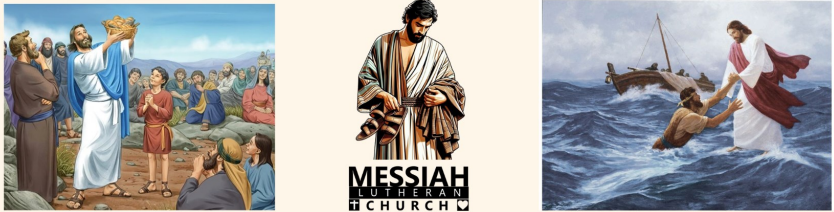
# MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES

## SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY: F.A.M.

Students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through graduating seniors are invited to be a part of the new Wednesday evening student ministry program - Friends And Mentors = **F.A.M.** Students will learn about ways to get connected to God, church, community, and friends as they explore life skills, service opportunities, and more. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm. **Our summer session ends on July 31**, but we resume our normal Wednesday night F.A.M. schedule on **September 11**. Reach out to Kate Richmond for more info at [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:stumin@mlcjoliet.org).

COULD HE BE?  
SERMON SERIES JULY 7 - AUGUST 11

*Could Jesus really be who He said  
& demonstrated He was?*



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# SCHOOL SUPPLIES CAMPAIGN



We are collecting monetary donations throughout the month of July. Information may be found in your July newsletter and in the Narthex.



Donate electronically here:



## CRAFT & vendor SHOW

October 5, 2024 9 am - 3 pm

We will begin accepting vendor applications on July 1!



Registration info here:



# RALLY DAY

August 18, 2024  
SAVE THE DATE!



10 am Worship,  
much more to follow!



# ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this morning are provided by Lynn Tapella  
in loving memory of her father, Henry Smeets.

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

### **TODAY (July 14)**

8 am Worship  
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,  
K-5 Summer Sunday School  
11 am Family Praise & Worship,  
Messiah Kids



**MYSTERY ISLAND VBS**  
JULY 15-19 AT MESSIAH!  
***Woo-Hoo!***

**MONDAY (July 15)**  
9-12:30 VBS

**TUESDAY (July 16)**  
9-12:30 VBS

**WEDNESDAY (July 17)**  
9-12:30 VBS

**THURSDAY (July 18)**  
9-12:30 VBS

**FRIDAY (July 19)**  
9-12:30 VBS

**SATURDAY (July 20)**  
9 am Worship Team Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Sing Praise

**SUNDAY (July 21)**  
8 am Worship  
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,  
K-5 Summer Sunday School  
10 am VBS Celebration  
11 am Family Praise & Worship,  
Messiah Kids  
1 pm Cristo Rey

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:00 am: 51  
9:30 am: 74  
11:00 am: 37

Online: 152  
MSM (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): n/a  
Messiah Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup>): 15  
Insight: n/a

Online counts are estimates only.

## 2024 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$763,541  
YTD Operating Budget: \$396,453  
YTD Received: \$318,954  
Average Weekly Need: \$14,683  
Received Last Week: \$12,458

## STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

### **Psalm 107:1**

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever."

**Looking Ahead...**  
RALLY DAY - AUGUST 18!

