

MESSIAH

LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Family Praise and Worship
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11:00 am



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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 God?"

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-8 (ESV)

Reader: Tom Bond

¹And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to

the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day.⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.'⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.⁶ And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.⁷ And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

⁸ "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

OUR NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

OUR GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:1-13 (ESV)

¹ He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?"³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household."⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there."¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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
- 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

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, July 8.

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**. Contact Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or by email at 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 9**. Contact Mike Brown via email at 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. You can make a difference through the gift of your prayers. Contact Cindi Souza at regency118@comcast.net to become a partner.

PRAYER TEAM (Thursdays at 10:15 am)

Our in-person Prayer Team meets weekly in the Fireside Room for approximately one hour, to pray together over our prayer request list. Contact Cindi Souza at regency118@comcast.net for more information.

QUILTERS

The next Messiah Quilting Day will be Tuesday, July 9 (one week earlier than usual) 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 for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **July 9!**

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. 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.

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**.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS

Have your K-5th grader join us for a great time on Wednesday evenings this summer! It's a fun night of worship, lessons, games, crafts, and connection with the Bible and friends! **Our summer session runs June 5-July 10** at 6:30 pm. Contact Beth Hohisel bhohisel@hotmail.com or (815) 735-7897 for more info.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY: F.A.M.

Students from 6th 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. Reach out to Kate Richmond for more info at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.



The graphic features the text "SCHOOL SUPPLIES CAMPAIGN" in large, bold, purple and pink letters. To the right is an illustration of school supplies including a purple backpack, a red apple, a yellow ruler, and several colorful notebooks. Below the illustration, it says "We are collecting monetary donations throughout the month of July. Information may be found in your July newsletter and in the Narthex." At the bottom center is the "MESSIAH CHURCH" logo.

Donate electronically here:



COULD HE BE?

SERMON SERIES JULY 7 - AUGUST 11

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



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CRAFT & Vendor SHOW



October 5, 2024 9 am - 3 pm

We will begin accepting vendor applications on July 1!

Registration info here:



MYSTERY ISLAND VBS

AT MESSIAH

JULY 15-19, 2024

Grab your sunscreen
and get ready for a taste of paradise
as you track down the one
true God at Mystery Island!



Register here:



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Registration has been extended to July 8 at noon!

VBS volunteers will hold planning meeting at the church
this morning, **July 7** from 12-1 pm in Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this morning are provided by Dave & Karen Nygard in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (July 7)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,
K-5 Summer Sunday School
11 am Family Praise & Worship,
Messiah Kids
12 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting
1 pm Cristo Rey Bilingual Worship

MONDAY (July 8)

n/a

TUESDAY (July 9)

9 am Quilters
6:30 pm 3M

WEDNESDAY (July 10)

1:30 Outreach Team
5 pm Bible Bee
6:30 pm F.A.M., MKW Summer

THURSDAY (July 11)

10:15 Prayer Team
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (July 12)

n/a

SATURDAY (July 13)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (July 14)

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

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 66

9:30 am: 48

11:00 am: 92

Online: 164

MSM (6th-12th): n/a

Messiah Kids (K-5th): 6

Insight: n/a

Online counts are estimates only.

2024 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$763,541

YTD Operating Budget: \$381,770

YTD Received: \$306,496

Average Weekly Need: \$14,683

Received Last Week: \$11,358

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."