

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
† CHURCH ♡

June 23, 2024
8:00 & 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



*I will put my rainbow in the clouds
to be a sign of my promise to the earth*

GENESIS 9 : 13

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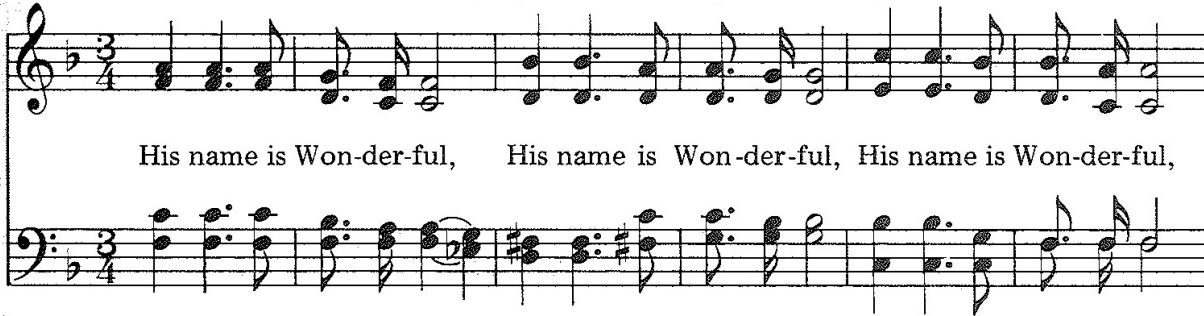
Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully

PRELUDE

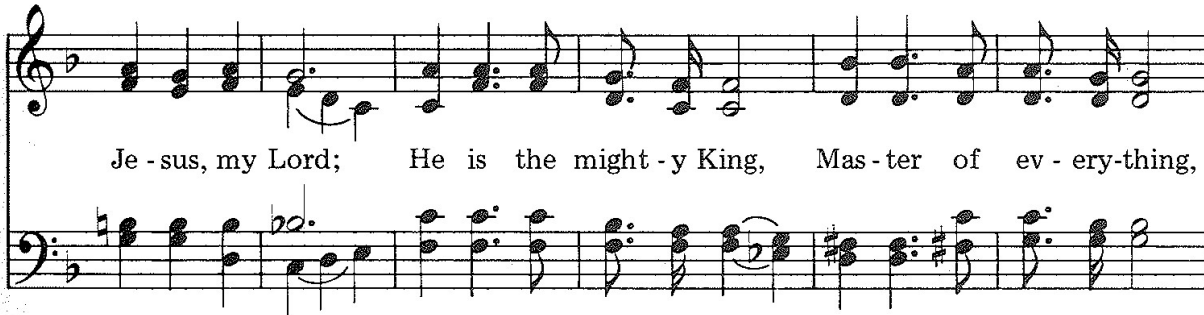
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OPENING HYMNS

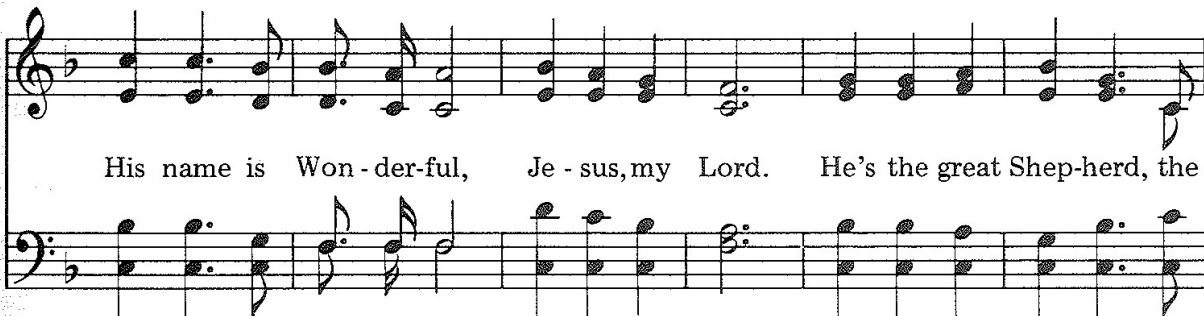
"His Name Is Wonderful", #101



His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful,



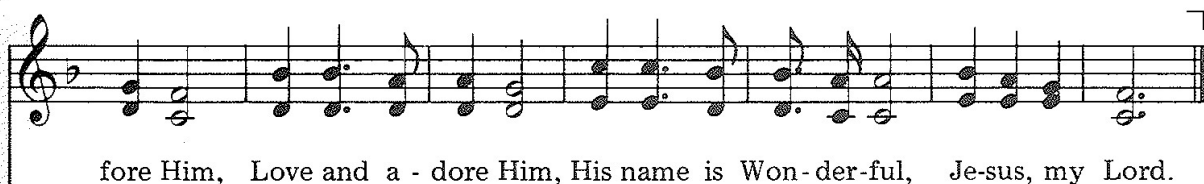
Je - sus, my Lord; He is the might - y King, Mas - ter of ev - ery-thing,



His name is Won - der-ful, Je - sus, my Lord. He's the great Shep-herd, the



Rock of all a - ges, Al - mighty God is He; Bow down be-



fore Him, Love and a - dore Him, His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord.

"There's Something About That Name", #102

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus; There's just some-thing a - bout that name!

Mas-ter, Sav-ior, Je - sus, Like the fra-grance af-ter the

rain; Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, Let all Heav-en and

earth pro - claim: Kings and king-doms will all pass a -

way, But there's some-thing a - bout that name! name!

LITANY ADAPTED FROM PSALM 1 (NLT)

Leader: Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

All: or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

Leader: But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

**All: They are like trees planted along the riverbank,
bearing fruit each season.**

Leader: Their leaves never wither,

All: and they prosper in all they do.

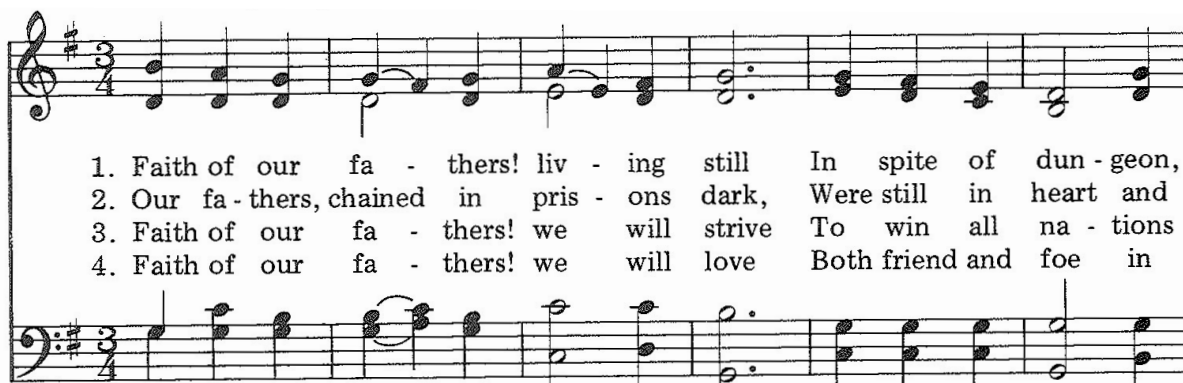
Leader: We worship you, dear Lord. In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

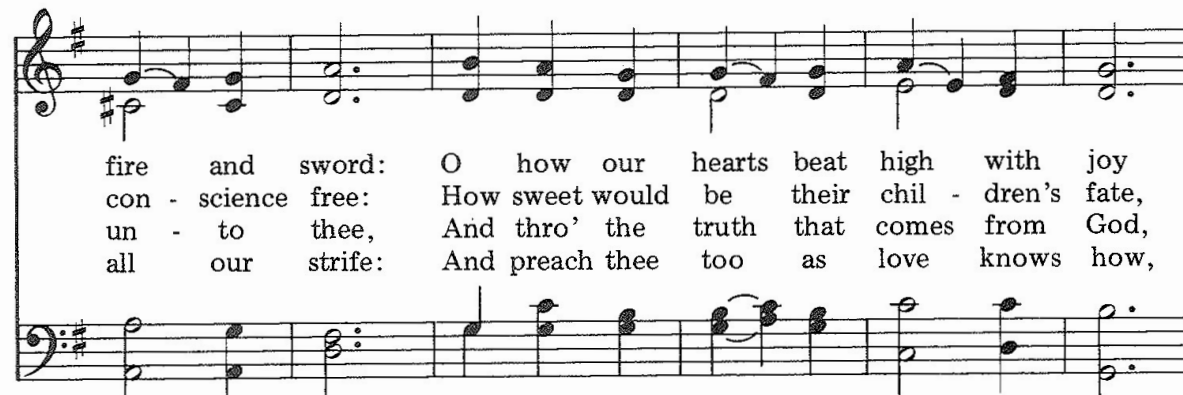
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE

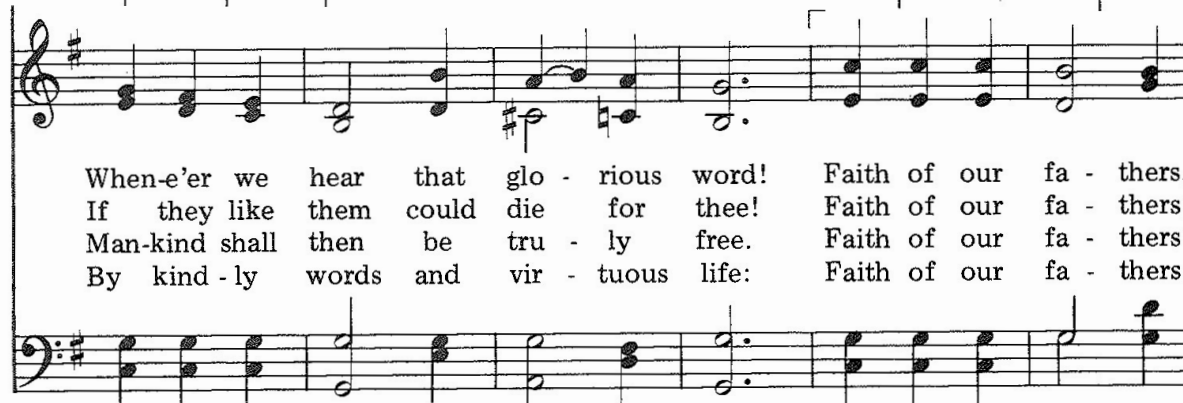
"Faith of Our Fathers", #279



1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all na - tions
4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and foe in



fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free: How sweet would be their chil - dren's fate,
un - to thee, And thro' the truth that comes from God,
all our strife: And preach thee too as love knows how,



When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our fa - thers,
If they like them could die for thee! Faith of our fa - thers,
Man-kind shall then be tru - ly free. Faith of our fa - thers,
By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!
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CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Leader: Holy and Gracious God,

All: I confess that I have sinned against you this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace and live each day for You.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (8:00)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Rose Ann Sochan



Like a tree planted by streams of water

OUR RESPONSE

Doxology #625

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

OUR READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17 (NLT)

Readers: Randy Ling (8:00), Jane Costello (9:30)

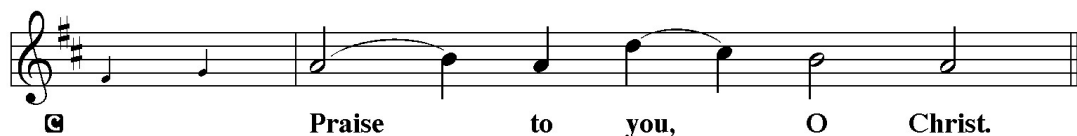
⁸ Then God told Noah and his sons, ⁹ "I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, ¹⁰ and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth."

¹² Then God said, "I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. ¹³ I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. ¹⁴ When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, ¹⁵ and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life. ¹⁶ When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth." ¹⁷ Then God said to Noah, "Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth."

Galatians 4:4-7 (NLT)

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.



MESSAGE

**The Story of the Bible, part 3:
"The Hebrew Scriptures"
by Pastor Dave Stier**

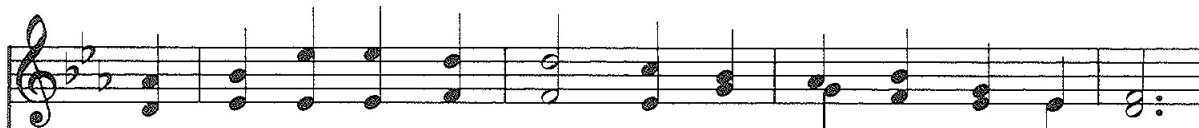
(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the Narthex.)

HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation", #277



1. The Church-'s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word:
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won:



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes, are blest, And
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, Like



His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A - men.

WORDS OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:00)

Servers: Paul & Marvina Allen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:00)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN (8:00)

"Lamb of God"



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS (8:00)

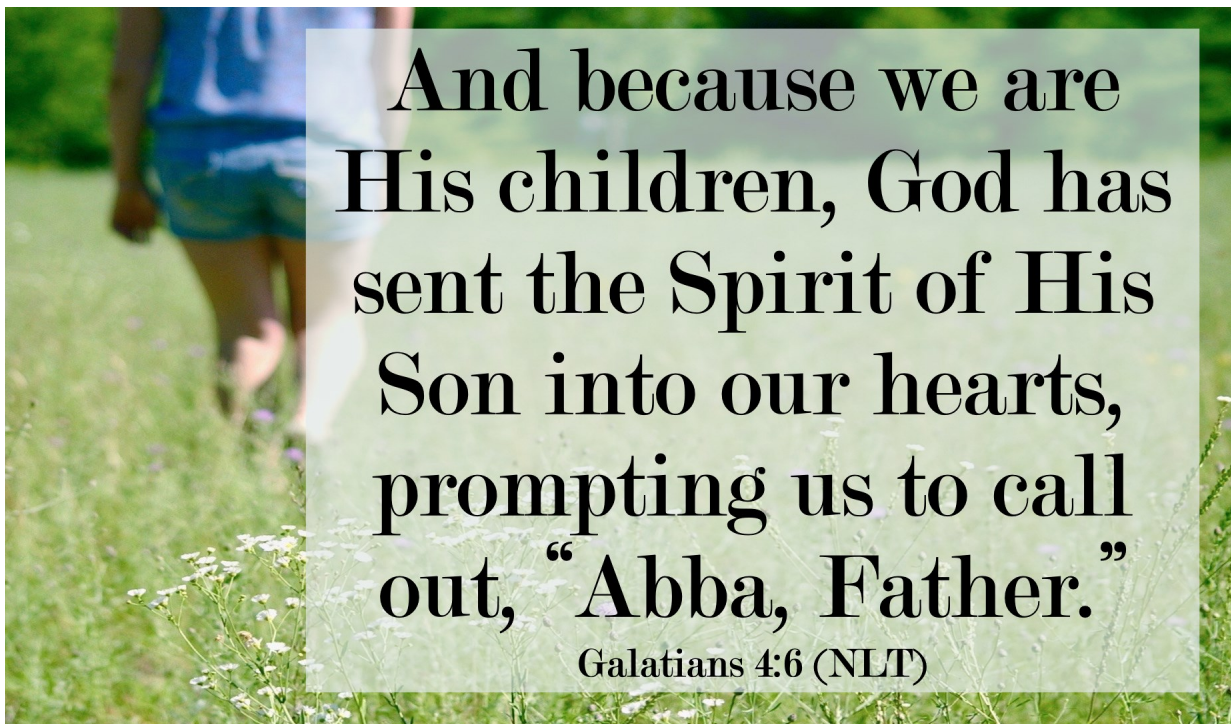
“God Is So Good”, #41
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”, #371

COMMUNION BLESSING (8:00)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (8:00)

Thank you Father for the gift of salvation. Thank you Lord Jesus for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you Holy Spirit for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate Your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

THE BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations", #296 v. 3-4



1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions That the Lord who
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions Who the path of



hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, A
hearts to the Lord, A song that shall con - quer e - vil And
reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us, And
sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples Might



sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.
come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

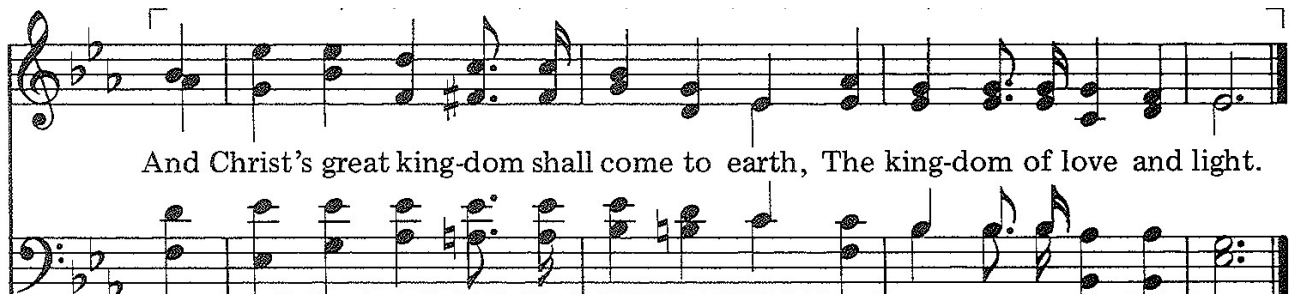


Refrain



For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn-ing, And the dawn-ing to noon-day bright,





And Christ's great king-dom shall come to earth, The king-dom of love and light.

POSTLUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

*God will never lead you to a place
where His grace cannot keep you.*

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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

**At this morning's 11:00 service, we celebrate
the baptism of Madelyn James Enix.**

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. Sign up in the Narthex or online at: mlcjoliet.org/life-groups

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, **June 25**. 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 **June 25**. 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 or Pastor Dave Stier at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org 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 or Pastor Dave at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org 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 6**.

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.

LOST AND FOUND

Please take a moment to check the lost & found, located on the coat rack in Fellowship Hall.

There are a number of coats, hoodies, baseball caps, sunglasses, etc. that have gone unclaimed for some time.

These items will be donated to Goodwill on 07/01.

Thank you!

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF PASTOR DAVE & DANA JUNE 30th

Please join us on Sunday, June 30 from noon-2 pm as the Messiah family celebrates having been blessed with nearly two decades with the Stiers. Come out to say, "See you later!" and wish them the very best in their new home in Georgia and Pastor Dave's new call!

We will hold a reception in Fellowship Hall with refreshments, and we ask that you SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX to bring finger-foods and desserts to share.



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: 

Save the dates!

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Registration has been extended to July 8 at noon!

If you'd like to help offset the cost of our VBS program, "Dollar Challenge" envelopes are available at the Ushers' table in the Narthex.

VBS volunteers will hold planning meeting at the church on Sunday, **July 7** from noon-1 pm.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (June 23)

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

MONDAY (June 24)

n/a

TUESDAY (June 25)

9 am Bears
6:30 pm 3M

WEDNESDAY (June 26)

5 pm Bible Bee
6:30 pm F.A.M., MKW Summer,
Women's Summer Bible Study

THURSDAY (June 27)

12 pm Prayer Group - Out to Lunch

FRIDAY (June 28)

6:30 pm Bunco!

SATURDAY (June 29)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal
6:30 pm Sing Praise

SUNDAY (June 30)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,
K-5 Summer Sunday School
11 am Family Praise & Worship,
Messiah Kids
12-2 pm Open House for Stiers (drop in)
1 pm Cristo Rey Bilingual Worship

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 65
9:30 am: 81
11:00 am: 49

Online: 110

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

Messiah Kids (K-5th): 13

Insight: n/a

Online counts are estimates only.

2024 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$763,541

YTD Operating Budget: \$352,403

YTD Received: \$283,497

Average Weekly Need: \$14,683

Received Last Week: \$7,183

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

2 Corinthians 9:10

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are provided by Kathy Mueller in honor of her grandfather, Leonard Anderson's birthday.

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

Sanctuary Choir Director Herb Alexander
Worship Coordinator Justin Brown
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