

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

**Family Praise and Worship**  
**June 23, 2024**  
**11:00 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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# **WORSHIP TODAY**

**Call To Worship**

**Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness**

**Welcome**

**Baptism of Madelyn James Enix**

**Worship Through Songs**

**Worship Through Giving**

**Children's Message**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**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.)

**Worship Through Song**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Worship Through the Lord's Prayer**

**Worship Through Proclaiming Our Faith**

**Announcements**

**Closing Song**

## OUR READINGS (NLT)

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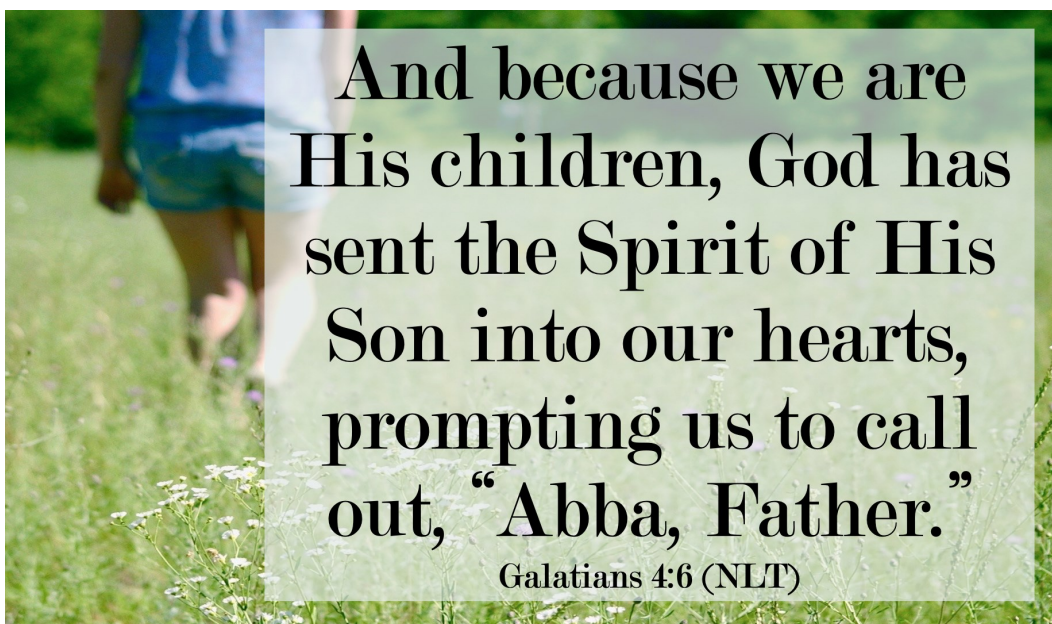
### Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Then God told Noah and his sons, <sup>9</sup> “I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.”

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

<sup>4</sup> But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup> Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.



## 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

### 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](http://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](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 **June 25**. Contact Mike Brown via email 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. You can make a difference through the gift of your prayers. Contact Cindi Souza at [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) or Pastor Dave Stier at [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto: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](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) or Pastor Dave at [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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**.

### **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](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. Reach out to Kate Richmond for more info at [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto: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!

Save the dates!

Register here: 

**MESSIAH**  
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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): n/a

Messiah Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup>): 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**

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