

DUST

Two comments on dust. First, we have some building projects going on at the church. I remember watching the weather radar two months ago when a microburst skipped over the church. It took out part of Inwood Golf Course but left our roof intact, minus some shingles. We give thanks for



God's protection once again, and for an insurance claim to replace our roof and gutters.

We also had generous donations to help repair the cement and curb at our front entrance. After some research we decided to move the bell. In addition to improving access to our building and drainage for the parking lot, the bell tower was an increasing safety issue. Next fall we will have a new, even more child-friendly bell to ring on the grass just outside the northwest corner of the church. Thank you to our members for investing in the safety and maintenance of our building. Pardon the dust.

Second, we remember on Wednesday, November 6 that, "...you are dust and to dust you will return." The first Wednesday in November, the 6th, is our annual All Saints Service at 7 pm. We invite you to bring pictures of loved ones to place on the Altar before the service as we remember those who have gone before us. This is a healing part of our pastoral care ministry, especially for those who have lost loved ones in the last year.

The "For You" sermon series starts October 6, and it will wrap up at our All Saints Service. We will look at six places Jesus promised to be present in our lives today. Since the 3rd century, the church has described God's invisible grace made visible - as sacrament. Luther narrowed the biblical definition of sacrament to emphasize God's work to give us faith where we have nothing to offer to the process. Baptism and Communion rose to the top as the two primary sacraments. Absolution (private or public) was a close third. Marriage, ordination, healing and last rights - although important - did not carry the same weight of promise for various reasons. None the less, Jesus promised to make himself present in our lives in particular ways. Jesus took communion with God away from expensive and laborious works of pilgrimage and grand temples, ritual sacrifice and cleanliness ceremonies. Jesus promises to be present for you in this world through simple words and things as common as bread, wine and water. God, in His wisdom has made His presence available to all.

Pastor Dave Nygard will be preaching at all three services on October 13.

In Christ,



Thank you for your generous donations to Messiah so we can support our benevolence partners. We not only pray for our benevolence partners, we also tithe to these partners. We also thank those who donated blood at our mobile drive on September 29.

Upcoming Events:

- Please join us at the Living Alternatives Banquet at the Bolingbrook County Club on Thursday, October 17. Come hear the good news how they help women through pregnancy. Sign up in the office or see Pat Burke. See page 12 for more info.
- Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" boxes will be distributed next month. It is a family tradition to shop for the box with my grandchildren.

Remember in your prayers Pastor Paul from Myanmar. Their church is dealing with flooding and civil unrest. They are sharing the word of God and baptizing members who have accepted Jesus in their lives. By the grace of God, we are blessed to be able to give to others and share God's love and the good word.

Pat Burke. Director

Gerry Boe, Donna Stier and Gary Phillips

Stewardship Team

Messiah Gives Back!



Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to needy people at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7 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, **October 14**.

PARDON OUR DUST!

Our <u>concrete work</u> began on **September 30** and is expected to be completed in a week or so. The office & Sanctuary entrances will not be accessible, and parking will be limited to the south portion of our lot. Please enter the building through the FLC during this time.



Enjoy a family meal and then, at 6:30, head to:

- MKW (K-5th grades)
- Head2Heart (6th-8th)
- F.A.M. (high schoolers)
- Women's Bible Study

PRO-LIFE CROSSES

Please join us on Saturday morning, **October 5** at 9 am as we place the pro-life crosses in the MLC lawn. Volunteers should bring a rubber mallet and a Phillips head screwdriver.

DODD'S 60th ANNIVERARY

Ron & Barb Dodd's son requests that the Messiah family shower his parents with cards to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on October 10. Their new address is: 4699 53rd Ave. #126, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Pat Boe is also providing a couple of cards in the Narthex the next two Sundays for people to sign. Thank you!



FOR THE LADIES OF MESSIAH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday, September 11 (6:30-8 pm) we began a new Women's Bible Study based on the book, "Behold & Believe," that goes through the end of October. **It's not too late to join in!** The book is \$12 and there are scholarships available. Whether you've never read the Bible, have followed Jesus for years, or find yourself somewhere in between, this study will help you explore the question, "Who is Jesus?". Using the "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John, authors Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrel demonstrate how to observe, interpret, apply and reflect on key Bible verses about Jesus' identity. All ladies age 16 and older are welcome!



YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOLIET AREA CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S

"WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?" LUNCHEON at Messiah Lutheran Church Wednesday, October 16, 11:30am-1:30pm, \$20.00 inclusive

We will feature a style show from Brianna Lynn's Shop in Morris!

Guest speaker, Marilyn Wolkowski, will share how she found strength in weakness while suffering from MS and a broken marriage.

RSVP by October 6 by contacting Barb at 815-439-2076 or <u>mrs.brutus56@gmail.com</u>, or call Sonya at 815-727-1626.

"Joliet IL Christian Women's Connection" - Like us on Facebook! Next luncheon Wed., November 20 www.stonecroft.org

<u>Messiah Kidz Club Happenings!</u>



Kindergarten – 5th grade: Join us on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8 pm. Come at 5:30 for family dinner (see page 3).

Questions? Contact Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com or 815-735-7897

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for pre-K through 5th grades is upstairs at 9:30 am.

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

Parents of Sunday school aged children (K-5th grade) can join the Messiah Kids Remind group by texting the code mlcmk to 81010, or by going to:

https://www.remind.com/join/mlcmk

It will be used to send reminders and notifications about Sunday school and any events we have planned. Contact Kimber Drummond at <u>christianed@mlcjoliet.org</u> with questions.

J-CHURCH (NEW! Replaces MK11) Third Sunday every month at 11:00 am

Our newest ministry for kids and youth of all ages, J-CHURCH, will take place during the 11:00 am service the third Sunday of every month in the FLC! Please sign up in the Narthex. We will kick off on **October 20**. Volunteers are needed so please see Leslie to get involved.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Be sure to sign up for Messiah Student Ministries on Remind to keep up to date on this and other upcoming events.

Use this link <u>https://www.remind.com/join/messiahst</u> or use class code @messiahst within the app.



MAFIA NIGHTS



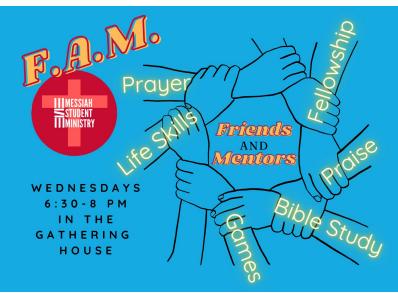
HEY 6th-12th GRADERS!



Sunday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 am. 6-8th graders meet in the youth room and high schoolers are currently joining in with the Insight group, with a breakout session in classroom 101. If you have questions, comments, or are looking to connect regarding youth news, events, ministries for students in 6-12th grades, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kate Richmond via email at <u>stumin@mlcjoliet.org</u> or call the church office.

HEAD 2 HEART

H2H (otherwise known as Confirmation) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. All 6-8th graders are welcome! Come at 5:30 and join us for Family Dinner most Wednesdays - see page 3 - (Soup Suppers during Lent) in Fellowship Hall. If you missed orientation night in August, just reach out to the church office and we'll get you in touch with H2H leader, Kersten Stier.



FRIENDS AND MENTORS (F.A.M.)

A ministry for high school students and recent graduates.

F.A.M. is a chance to connect with peers and those who have navigated the path ahead of you, to learn life skills and other lessons learned along the way.

We play games, learn practical life skills, pray for each other, sing praise and more!

YOU belong here!

Come at 5:30 and join us for Wednesday Family Dinner (see page 3).



Trunk or Treat vehicles should be in place by 7 pm.

There will be PRIZES for the bestdecorated trunks!

<u>OPPORTUNITIES – GET INVOLVED!</u>

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

Join us for adult Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.

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. 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, October 14

FAITH & BODY THURSDAYS

Tie up your shoes and meet in the Family Life Center for Faith & Body! We meet each Thursday from 9-10 am. 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

HELP WANTED!

The Lay Ministry Board is looking for nursery help (high school age) on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. This is a paid position. Please inquire with Tom Bond at <u>tlbond7@hotmail.com</u>.



LIL LOVES MINISTRY

Lil Loves at Messiah aims to come alongside underserved parents and babies in the area by providing **FREE** assistance with diapers and much needed baby supplies. Lil Loves is available on a by-appointment basis, and those interested can sign up on our website.

Lil Loves thanks you for your donations of:

*Diapers and Pull-ups *Wipes *Baby Wash/Shampoo *Baby Lotion *Toiletry items for the moms such as deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, etc.

Trial-sized toiletry items are especially appreciated, rather than full-sized. If you'd like to donate, please place your items in the black bin in the Narthex, and call the church office for more information! Please note that we are **NO LONGER ABLE TO ACCEPT BABY FORMULA OR USED CLOTHING** (these items are happily accepted at the Pregnancy Resource Center, located at 903 Infantry Dr., Suite 600, in Joliet).

Messiah Gives Back!



LIVE 2LEAD

Messiah will be hosting the Live2Lead Leadership Conference on October 24! Learn from world-class leadership experts so you can implement a new action plan with renewed passion and commitment. Prepare to accelerate your own leadership abilities during this one day event that is jam-packed with leadership principles and personal growth techniques from their time-tested teaching. Whether you lead a large organization or want to be a better mentor to those around you, Live2Lead will give you meaningful and relevant insights so you can implement a new action plan and lead with renewed passion and commitment! Advance ticket purchase is required. Please go to Live2Lead.com for more info, or touch base with Pastor Kurt.

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. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **October 22**. Text Cindi Souza at 815-931-8478 or email to <u>regency118@comcast.net</u> for more info.

MESSIAH 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 6:30-8 pm. Our next meeting is **October 8**. Email Mike Brown at <u>evangelism@mlcjoliet.org</u> for more info.

MICRO PANTRY

Did you know that Messiah has a food pantry? This ministry is 100% donation-driven, and is maintained by the Evangelism Board. You can support this ministry through prayer, and through monetary and/or food donations. Contact the church office for more info, or leave your donations in the bin in the Narthex. EXPIRED ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

MLC OFFICE HOURS

The office is staffed Monday-Friday from 9 am - 3 pm. Saturdays and evenings are by appointment. Staff is always available by appointment, so please don't hesitate to ask!





<u>OWLS</u>

We are trying something new this season of OWLS! Since we are without our chef, we ask that everyone sign up in the Narthex to bring an appetizer, snack, salad, or dessert (light finger-foods).

Our **October 8** theme will be "Share Your Hobby!"

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 Thursday mornings at 10:15 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 by email to <u>regency118@comcast.net</u>, or Beth Hohisel at <u>bhohisel@hotmail.com</u>.

QUILTERS

See page 11.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Our Sanctuary Choir sings on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 service, September through May. When the Children's Choir is performing, we sing at the 8:00 service. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:45. We are always looking for new members! For more information please contact our Sanctuary Choir Director, Herb Alexander, at halex12240@gmail.com.

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 **October 12**.





Stay-N-Play resumes on **September 10** from 9:30-11 am! You may ask, "What is Stay-N-Play?" We open our Family Life Center to the community for FREE open gym time for children five and under. It's a great place for caregivers and children to make connections with other caregivers and to have a safe place for children to play. Please like our Facebook page (MLC Stay-n-Play Playgroup) for additional information and share with your friends and neighbors. We are also in need of a few more Messiah volunteers (once a month) to make coffee and welcome Stay-N-Play guests. This is a great way for outreach to the community and to let them experience a little of who we are here at Messiah. Please contact Sherri Unyi in the office for more info.

STROLLER FIT MOM'S CLUB

Our newest ministry for moms!



WAYS TO GIVE

We will have an offering time during the services, but you can give any time during the week using one of the following ways:

- 1) Go to: bit.ly/MLCGiving
- Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet and follow the instructions given.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.
- 4) Mail your check to the church at: 40 Houbolt Rd., Joliet, IL 60431

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

See page 4 for upcoming events for the ladies of Messiah!

Pastor Dave Nygard will be preaching at all three services on **October 13**.

MESSIAH QUILTERS



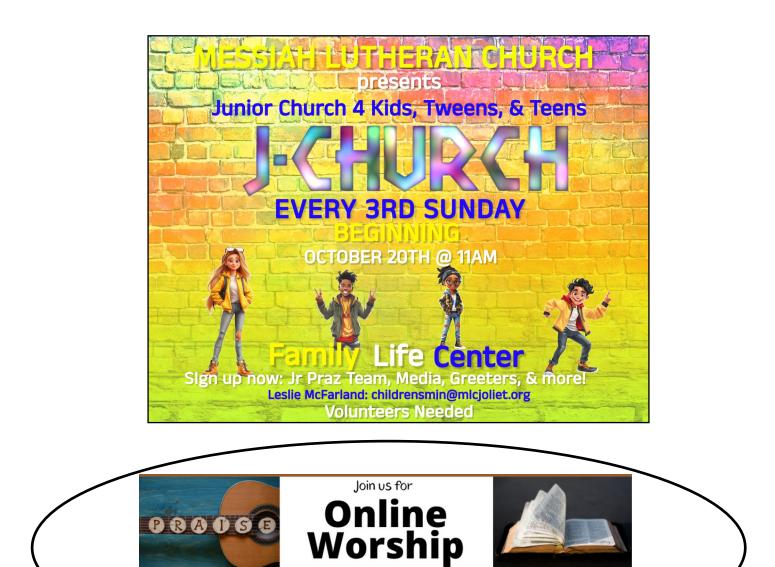
The Messiah Quilters will meet on Tuesday **October 15**, from 9 am -2 pm. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out. We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. You do not have to stay the entire time-whatever time you can give is appreciated. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available with instructions that show how easy it is to put a quilt top together.

Quilt Sunday was September 22. We hope you all enjoyed seeing the colorful quilts displayed on the pews! Over 100 quilts, and 24 fabric kits, were boxed up and have been taken to the ingathering in Naperville. From there they will go by semi to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in New Jersey where they will be sent somewhere around the world to be used by those less fortunate who may be struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. The quilts can be used as a shield against the cold and rain or for warm bedding. They can be a tent, floor covering or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back.

THANK YOU everyone who generously gave at the door offering on Quilt Sunday and/or purchased one of the quilts we had for sale. The money received will help us purchase batting (\$8.39 per quilt), pay shipping (\$2.80/quilt and \$1.80/fabric kit), purchase thread and any machine repairs required. All the fabric/sheets used are donated by our members. The assembly time (cutting the fabric, sewing tops together and tying the quilts) are the results of our faithful Messiah Quilters donating their time and talents. We also have some ladies, both members of Messiah and some not, who sew tops together for us at home. We appreciate every single person!!!!

If you would like to sew at home, we have many quilt tops ready to be sewn together. Everything is prepared in kit form for you. If this is something you would like to do, contact Kathy Mueller at scpbklane@aol.com or 815-953-6601 for more information or with any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **October 15**!





Can't make it to church this week? The 9:30 am service is available for streaming online on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Links to both are at mlcjoliet.org





THE CRACKED POT

Once upon a time a water bearer had two large pots, each hung on the end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots was perfectly made and never leaked. The other pot had a crack in it and by the time the water bearer reached his master's house it had leaked much of it's water and was only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his

master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the



stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots but if we will allow it, God will use our flaws to grace his table.



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Alan & Jane Costello
- 2 Tony & Julie Ferenzi Casey & Cindy Moauro Bill & Kathy Mueller
- 6 Herb & Laurel Alexander Terrence & Jennifer Collins Kit & Trish Gillman
- 7 Mark & Anne Ogle
- 9 Rudy & Stacy Trizna Mike & Jeanette Wegemer

- 11 Mason & Brenna Luebbing
- 13 Eric & Vicki Dallmann
- 17 Mike & Heather Brown
- 18 Tom & Kristen Michalski
- 21 Dan & Jane Stukel
- 24 Luke & Elizabeth McDonald Wayne & Cynthia Nevsimal Mike & Suzy Prybell
- 25 Brian & Laura Snider
- 26 Doug & Linda Hawkinson Henry & Kathy Sievers



- 1 Morgan Maser
- 3 Emily Burnetti
 Vicki Dallmann
 Linda Hallberg
- 5 Jack Magrini Joy McClintock McKenna Murphy Brooklyn Steffen
- 8 Jill Wieher
- 9 Darlene Matison
- 11 Alex Brozman
- 14 Kris Weiss
- 16 Linda Frey Abygail Michalski
- 17 Sue Colwell
- 18 Jonathan Beavis Jacob Endebak
- 19 Pat Anderson
- 20 Jaimi Curtis Ron Hanouw
- 21 Brayden Lindstrom
- 22 Emily Poole
- 24 Tori Fritz

- 25 Marie Hohisel Lauren Potts Kate Richmond Michael Mills
- 26 Lynn Tapella
- 27 Kit Gillman
- 28 Anna Fiday Carol Witte
- 29 Jerry Allbert Sydni Boe Sharon Wiley
- 31 Nancy Bertnik

OCTOBER SERVERS

Counters

10/06/24	Dan Stukel, Harold Stier		Readers 8:
10/13/24	Gayle Arko, Wayne Lauffer	10/06/24	Laurel Ling
10/20/24	Stan Buhr, Joy McClintock	10/13/24	Beth Hohisel
10/27/24	Judy Fowler, Deb Dole	10/20/24	Randy Ling
		40/07/04	

Ushers 8:00

10/06/24	Dan Stukel, Jerry Buchenau
10/00/2 1	

- 10/13/24 Paul Allen, Don Cyborski
- 10/20/24 Wayne Lauffer, Bob Miller
- 10/27/24 Craig Stone, Don Cyborski

Ushers 9:30

- 10/06/24 Bill Unvi, Brandon Fiday
- 10/13/24 Jeff Holmes, Alan Costello
- Roger Gordon, Brandon Fiday 10/20/24
- Alan Costello, Brandon Fiday 10/27/24

Ushers 11:00

10/06/24 Gary Phillips, Brandon Fiday

- Tom & Tammie Eigenbauer 10/13/24
- 10/20/24 Gary Phillips, Brandon Fiday
- 10/27/24 Darryl Hoelscher, Brandon Fiday

Communion Assistants 8:00

10/06/24 Jane Stukel. Pat Anderson. Marvina Allen 10/13/24 Bev Korby, Pat Anderson, one needed 10/20/24 Randy & Laurel Ling, Paul Allen 10/27/24 Paul & Marvina Allen, Greg Dole

Communion Assistants 9:30

10/06/24 Doug Potts, Rowan Hedden, one needed Darryl Hoelscher, Rowan Hedden, 10/20/24 Season Esposito

Communion Assistants 11:00

10/06/24	Terry Anzalone, Tom & Lynn Bond
10/20/24	Terry Anzalone, Tom & Lynn Bond

:00

Greg Dole 10/27/24

Readers 9:30

10/06/24 **Doug Potts** 10/13/24 Angie Mitchka 10/20/24 Matthew Fiday 10/27/24 Marcy Vickers

Readers 11:00

Tom Bond 10/06/24 10/13/24 needed 10/20/24 Tom Bond 10/27/24 Sarah Prybell

Greeters 8:00

10/06/24	Gerry & Pat Boe
10/13/24	Kirk Brandmire, Nancy Bertnik
10/20/24	Kirk Brandmire, one needed
10/27/24	two needed

Greeters 9:30

10/06/24	Kirk Brandmire, one needed
10/13/24	Beth Hohisel, one needed
10/20/24	Darryl & Cindi Souza
10/27/24	Darryl & Cindi Souza

Greeters 11:00

L0/06/24	Roger & Carol Gordon
LO/13/24	Brandon & Aubrey Fiday
LO/20/24	two needed
LO/27/24	Brandon Fiday, one needed



8844-147 (218) Joliet, IL 60431 .bA floduoH 04

The Gramise of a Friend (asints Last Dramise (All Saints Service) The Promise of a Preacher aldate of the Simon & ante. Builde Aronise of Healing spunan buiscoof of asimon ay al of basimore SNSAL SADDIB XIP New sermon series October 6 - November 6

Office Coordinator Vicki Dallmann Children's Ministry Director Leslie McFarland Youth & Building Administrator Kate Richmond Tech Coordinator Nikolai Stier Worship Coordinator Justin Brown

Organist Rose Ann Sochan Children's Choir Director Season Lawler Choir Director Herb Alexander Associate Pastor: vacant Senior Pastor Kurt Hoover

info@mlcjoliet.org 815-741-4488