



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT THE CHURCH

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Emily oversees youth and family ministry, including Life in the Word for 5th-6th grade, Higher Ground for 7th-12th grade, and youth mission trips. She also works to equip parents and families to live out and grow in faith at home.

School is back in session and that means all of our children and youth programs at the Church are back up and running as well. At *the Church*, we believe a home centered on Jesus becomes the epicenter of an active life of faith. You aren't in the journey of raising young disciples alone. the Church desires to partner with your family to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. The primary place for faith development is in the home. Children and youth programs at the Church exist to support you and to help children grow in discipleship skills such as, using God's Word and living in authentic community. From infants to high school there is a place for you and your family to connect.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

The body of Christ includes people of every age. Including children in the corporate worship experience strengthens the faith of the child, includes him/her in the larger church community, and allows children to see their parents and other adults engage in practices of faith. God is a master of allowing his Word to penetrate the hearts of adults and children alike. It might be a bit noisier, and it's not always easy, but we love having your littles in worship alongside of us.

TODDLERS - 6th GRADE: KIDS CONNECTION, Sunday mornings 10:15-11:30 am

This is a multi-age gathering that incorporates learning Biblical truths through songs, stories, games, and activities, while emphasizing building relationships with other children and adults.

Toddlers are welcome to come and play and listen in as they are able. Starting at age 3 we encourage children to actively participate in the classroom activities. 3rd-6th grade students meet separately for part of the class time. 5th/6th grade students choose each week to either be an assistant with the smaller children or participate in the group for older children. Parents are welcome to stay and help or attend the adult 2*22 class. This year's theme is "Adventurers: Exploring God's Story".



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5th-6th GRADE: LIFE IN THE WORD, Sunday evenings 5-6:30pm

Students in 5th-6th grade *meet three times a month to study the foundational elements of our faith, such as the Apostle's Creed, Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and Sacraments. Students practice using their Bibles, applying scripture to their lives, and continue to grow in Christian community. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are encouraged to attend with their child.*

7th-12th GRADE: HIGHER GROUND, Sunday evenings 6:30-8pm (1x a month 5:30)

Students in 7th-12th grade *gather each Sunday night for games, growing in friendship and conversations around God's Word. During these gatherings we emphasize students gaining independence in their walk with Jesus and building leadership skills as they walk alongside others. In addition to weekly gatherings, Higher Ground students also attend two retreats a year and summer mission trips. This year's theme is "Discovering Truth".*

MOMS WITH KIDS OF ANY AGE: MOM to MOM, Wednesdays at 9am

Are you looking for some support and friendship as you navigate your journey of being a mom? Join other moms for prayer, time in Scripture and encouragement. We are using RightNow Media discussing everyday struggles.

WHERE DO I GO TO FIND OUT MORE?

- Life Events, Confirmation and First Communion: We have a booklet that lays out these important milestone events in the life of a child. It can be found in the Welcome Area at the Church or by emailing Emily Powers.
- Home Resources: Check out the Household Well page on our website for home based faith activities. Weekly resources are sent home at Kids Connection and also available in the children's corner of the Welcome Area. Emily is also eager to share resources, tips, and ideas - just send an email!
- Engaging in a lifeGroup with my kids: Amy Meyer would love to help navigate this journey with you! Contact her for more information.
- Schedules and Calendars: Grab a calendar from the children's corner in the Welcome Area or email Emily.

CONTACT US:

- Emily Powers: epowers@livelifetogether.com
- Amy Meyer: ameyer@livelifetogether.com
- Website: livelifetogether.com

CHECK OUT MORE  OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



HIGHER GROUND

equipping our youth with life-long skills to be followers of Jesus.

COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

YOUTH FAMILY NIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 24TH: 5:30PM-8PM

YOUTH FAMILY NIGHT will be September 17th from 5:30-8pm. All students in 5th-12th grade, along with their families, are invited to get a sneak peek into Life in the Word and Higher Ground. We will have a potluck dinner, games, worship and specific info sessions for parents.



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY POWERS: [EPOWERS@LIVELIFETOGETHER.COM](mailto:EPowers@LIVELIFETOGETHER.COM)



Our Adopt a School Partner is:

LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WAYS TO SERVE:

If you want to volunteer at Leopold in the classroom you will need to go to this website and follow the steps necessary. They are in need of people to read with students and help with classroom celebrations.

Leopold has received a Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Grant so they receive those daily and are in need of someone from **8:30 - 9:30am Tuesday - Friday** to help sort and count out the amount needed for each class. Even if you could take one of those days it would be greatly appreciated.

The bulletin boards that we created and put up were GREATLY appreciated. Now that school has been in session there is work from the students that will be displayed in the hallways. **On Tuesday September 26 at 3:00pm** we are looking for a group of people to go and take down the bulletin board decorations.

October 4th: MOD Pizza Fundraiser

Order online through the MOD app or website using the provided coupon and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support this great work! FUNDRAISER CODE: **MODGIVES20**

October 7th, 11 - 1pm LatinX/Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Come and join in the fun!! Possible need for volunteering as well

October 19th, 1:15pm Community Walk

This is a great way to meet people and join in with the students and staff and walk through the neighborhood.

Questions? Contact Amy Meyer: ameyer@livelifeTogether.com

Kids **CONNECTION**

Kids Connection is for children 4th grade and under, and their parents. Kids learn bible stories through games, crafts and songs. Kids build strong relationships with each other while learning truths about Jesus. 5th and 6th grade students are invited to attend this class as junior helpers.

**SEPTEMBER 24TH: NO KIDS CONNECTION;
WELL CONNECTED AFTER WORSHIP**

OCTOBER 1ST: 10:15AM
God's Big Story

MESSAGE & NOTES

DOOMED

Joshua 2:1-21, 6:22-25

Focus: Rahab was a prostitute in Jericho, the next city in the path of the Israelites and "their" God. Of all the people in the city, she was the one to house the spies sent by Joshua, to hide and protect them, and to profess belief in "the LORD your God." She and her family were the ones spared, even though her home was built in the walls of the city that came tumbling down. And she is recorded by Matthew in the ancestry of Jesus Christ.

WORD

Genesis 2:25-3:15

What unexpected questions are asked in this passage?

Why would God ask a question he already knows the answer to?

What if you answered this question for yourself... Where are you?

Consider watching this clip:

[WayMaker - Session 1: Stillness to Know God | Bible Study by Ann Voskamp](#)

Go to the 11:53 time in the video where Ann talks about the first recorded question God asked.

If you aren't where you want to be in life (spiritually, relationally, physically, emotionally) what is one step you can take to get where you want to be? Who can support you on your way?

PRAY

Ask God to help with what was shared. Ask him to bring each of us closer to himself and free of guilt and shame.

LOVE

Who do you know that is far from God? Who needs to be reminded that He cares and knows right where they are and loves them? How can you remind them this week of His love?

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH: 9AM WORSHIP

Join us for our in-person and online worship on Sunday at 9am. Join us online at lifelifetogether.com/thisweek. You will find the livestream, the bulletin, the link for 2*22, the lifeLines and all that you need for the week, on this page. We look forward to worshipping together.

WEDNESDAYS, 9AM CHECK-IN, 9:30AM DISCUSSION MOM TO MOM

We are a group of moms who gather together weekly to support each other, share struggles and joys, pray, and learn what God has to say about our role as moms. Starting September 13th we will dive into a Right Now Media video series that covers topics such as comparison, burnout, self-care, and mom guilt. Children are welcome! We hope to see you there. Questions? Contact Amy Meyer ameyer@lifelifetogether.com.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AFTER WORSHIP WELL CONNECTED GATHERING

We all work. How does our work influence our ultimate desire to live as Household Wells? Join us as we discover God's calling on the tasks that fill our days.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 10:30AM-3:30PM

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — NATIONAL BLOOD SHORTAGE—PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING

Blackhawk Church Blood Drive: Atrium (5935 Astor Drive, Fitchburg)

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit

RedCrossBlood.org. Sponsor Code: BlackhawkChurchWI

SEPTEMBER STORY TOPIC: FOLLOWERS:

Tell about someone who helped teach you or model for you what it means to follow Jesus.

We are collecting stories as a way to inspire and encourage others. We'd love to hear from you! It can be anything, big or small. You can write on our story wall in the Welcome Area or you can email your story to Jess at jomalley@lifelifealtogether.com.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST: AFTER WORSHIP 2*22: THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION

We're kicking off 2*22 for the fall on October 1st. We'll be diving into the Right Now Media Series called *The 7 Churches of Revelation*. One of the most complex and most mysterious books of the Bible, the text addresses seven churches located in what is now modern-day Turkey, who each received a personal letter from the risen Christ. Who were these churches and what did they represent? What can they teach us about the history of our civilization? What do they have to say to Christians of today and those who live in the 21st century? Could the prophecies of Revelation still be relevant today? We'll watch the video and have some discussion time afterward.

SAVE THE DATE: PASTOR APPRECIATION CELEBRATION, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH: 12PM-2PM

Join us at the Wisconsin Brewing Company from noon to 2pm to celebrate Pastor Jeff and Pastor Matt. More details to come, but for now, save the date!

MOPS [MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS]: MEETS IN THE EVENINGS IN THE AREA

St. Ann MOPS and MOMSnext is a Christian-based fellowship group for women in all stages of motherhood. We gather together once a month for food, fellowship, discussion, and learning about a variety of topics. It's a fun way to connect with other women on this wild journey we call motherhood. We'd love to have you join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month (Sept-May) at St. Ann School, 324 N Harrison St in Stoughton, at 7pm!

SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES



CHECK OUT UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS//



SCAN THE CODE TO CONNECT
TO OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!

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CONNECT WITH US!



BIRTHDAYS

9/29 Emily Powers
9/29 Wendy Eckart
9/29 Scott Kalscheur
9/30 Roger Dechamps
10/1 Scarlett Kramer
10/1 Lillian Maddocks

ANNIVERSARIES

9/27—15 years
James & Andrea Conrad

9/28—10 years
Brian & Caitlin Reince

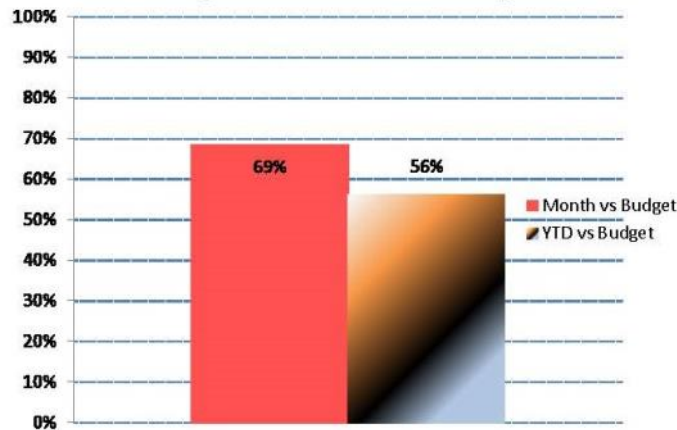
9/29—33 years
Tom & Terri Reed

Birthdays and Anniversaries for this week! If your special day does not appear,
please contact the church office to update your records.

GLANCE *at the* FINANCE



Offerings: Month and YTD vs. Budget



Tithes and Offerings as of July 24th, 2023			
July Received	\$ 31,929	2023 Received	\$ 344,115
July Goal	46,571	2023 Goal thru July 24th	326,505
		Total 2023 Goal	612,376
July Deficit	14,642	Left to Reach Annual Goal	268,261
July Total Last Year	98,807	This Year Surplus/(Deficit)	17,609
		2022 Total	661,724

Additional Information as of July 24th, 2023			
Line of Credit Balance	ZERO	2022 Loan Balance	\$ 85,364

Church and Preschool Finances for June 2023					
	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Church Rev.	331,420	302,214	Preschool Rev.	90,105	71,988
Church Exp.	348,810	388,928	Preschool Exp.	72,009	75,256
Net Income	(17,390)	(86,714)	Net Income	18,096	(3,268)
YOY Difference	69,324		YOY Difference	21,364	

COMMUNION

If you're a guest, you're welcome to attend the Lord's Supper with us this morning. We only ask of you what God asks of us all - that you can answer 'yes' to the following questions:

- ♦ Have I been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- ♦ Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
- ♦ Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- ♦ Do I believe that Jesus' true body and blood are present in the bread and wine?
- ♦ Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If you have questions, please feel free to speak with a Pastor, a Worship Assistant, or someone sitting near you.

SERVICE TIMES:

the Church
2833 Raritan Rd.
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Combined Traditional & Exalt Worship
9:00AM [In-Person & Online]

UNEXPECTED...Followers: Traitor [September 17th, 2023]