



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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WHAT QUESTION IS JESUS ASKING YOU?

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What comes to mind when you hear the word - coach? Perhaps your mind goes straight to athletics, football coach, basketball coach etc. Or maybe you thought of Health Coach, or Life Coach, or Job Coach - someone who helps you in a certain area of your life by helping you discover your own best answers. Or maybe you even thought of Cinderella's Coach, as a means of transportation that gets you from where you are to where you want to go. I read a book years ago called, *Jesus, Life Coach: Learn From the Best* by Laurie Beth Jones. The book outlines a faith-based coaching program that utilizes the teachings and methods of Jesus Christ as a model. As we know Jesus was the very best at asking soul-stirring questions. Jesus wants to be THE life coach in your life. He wants to encourage you, and help you become more like Him. He will challenge you, question you, teach you, and encourage you. Consider how Jesus showed up with people – not with demands and rules, but instead with curiosity, open-ended questions, and a desire to help them move forward.

Perhaps you were in worship on the first Sunday of October, either in person or online, when we were asked to write down on a notecard what question you think God is asking you? Did you write one down? Have you had time to think about it? This might get you started, consider using the verses below in your personal time with Jesus or in a 1:1 relationship or as a family.

Notice the way that Jesus showed up in the following passages and the questions that He asked. Notice the types of topics He addressed. What do you learn about Jesus?

John 1:35-38: "What do you want?" --- Desire

Mark 4:35-40: "Why are you so afraid?" --- Fear



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John 5:1-6: "Do you want to get well?" --- Wholeness
Luke 8:26-30: "What is your name?" --- Identity
Luke 7:36-44: "Do you see this woman?" --- Forgiveness
Mark 6:35-38: "How many loaves do you have?" --- Wealth
John 4:1-7: "Will you give me a drink?" --- Generosity
John 21:15-17: "Do you truly love me?" --- Love

What question is Jesus wanting to ask you today? Spend some time in silence and allow Jesus space to ask that question. Perhaps it is one of the questions above, or perhaps it is a different one. You can write it down on a card and add it to our wall at church.

If you want to take some more time and write in your journal consider these questions for reflection. Whatever question you have written down, why is Jesus asking you that question today?

How are you receiving that question – as an accusation, from a heart of love, or as a to-do list? How is Jesus desiring you to receive this question?

What will you do with the question? Will you answer it, reflect on it, or push it aside?

Jesus loves you deeply and wants you to follow him and trust him with each step you take. He is WITH you in all that you are experiencing in this moment and He will sustain you.

CHECK OUT MORE *Life* Serve OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



HIGHER GROUND

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

COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH: 6:30PM-8PM

We're meeting from 6:30pm-8pm for snacks, games and time in God's Word. Come early to chat with friends! Don't forget to sign up for the fall retreat.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH HIGHER GROUND FALL RETREAT

The fall retreat is at Camp Lutherdale (<https://www.lutherdale.org/>). Our theme is "Gifted!" We will be looking at our spiritual gifts, our passions, and how God is using them for his glory. We will spend time outside, have a firepit, and play games. Email Emily if you're interested. .



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH: 5PM-6:30PM

What do we mean when we pray, "Your Kingdom Come" in the Lords Prayer? Join us to explore this idea. Don't forget your bible, catechism and binder.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY POWERS: 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.

October 18th, 1:15pm Leopold Community Walk

This is a great way to meet people and join in with the students and staff and walk through the neighborhood. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAEA922A5FB6-leopold2#/>

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. Contact Emily Powers at epowers@livelifetogether.com.

OCTOBER 15TH: 10:15AM-11:30AM

All kids are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for game, music and activities. This week we are discovering how God used Abraham as a part of His story.

MESSAGE & NOTES

WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID

Matthew 8:23-27

Focus: To fear is human. To rescue, Divine. Just as fear is natural for us, so peace and calm are natural to God. How gracious is our God that He would share experiences like this one with us!

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UNEXPECTED: QUESTIONS WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?

WORD

Read Mark 10:46-52

What do you learn about Jesus from the question he asks?

How does it make you feel that Jesus would ask this question of you?

How would you answer today?

What feelings or thoughts come to mind when you consider your answer?

PRAY

Pray according to what people shared in your discussion time. You can boldly ask your Father in heaven for what you need.

LOVE

Is there a need that was shared that you could be a part of the answer to the prayer?
How will you go about helping to meet a need that was shared or that you are aware of.

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH: 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.

*SUNDAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 10TH: 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.

OCTOBER STORY TOPIC: QUESTIONS

What Question is God asking you right now?

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 19TH: 1:15PM COMMUNITY WALK AT LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY

This is a great way to meet people and join in with the students and staff and walk through the neighborhood. Sign up HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAEA922A5FB6-leopold2#/>.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH: 9AM-3PM OAKWOOD VILLAGE PRAIRIE RIDGE CRAFT FAIR

Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge [5565 Tancho Drive Madison, WI] will be hosting a vendor craft fair, bake sale, and raffle basket event. There will be more than 20 vendors. Funds raised at this event will go to support the Oakwood Resident Association Fund and the Assisted Living Life Enrichment program. NEW this year is from 8am - 10am Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck and 11am - 1pm Blowin' Smoke BBQ. Public is welcome to attend this event.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH AFTER WORSHIP WELL CONNECTED GATHERING

Our blessings are many! We have been gifted with time, talent and resources to use for God's glory. Join us for Well Connected in October as we discover practical ways that our households can recognize and use those blessings.

SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES



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PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS//



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TO OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!

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BIRTHDAYS

10/15 John Fisher
10/16 Dannie Jaeger
10/21 Dick Klipsic

ANNIVERSARIES

10/17—12 years
Jonathan & Kyla Smith

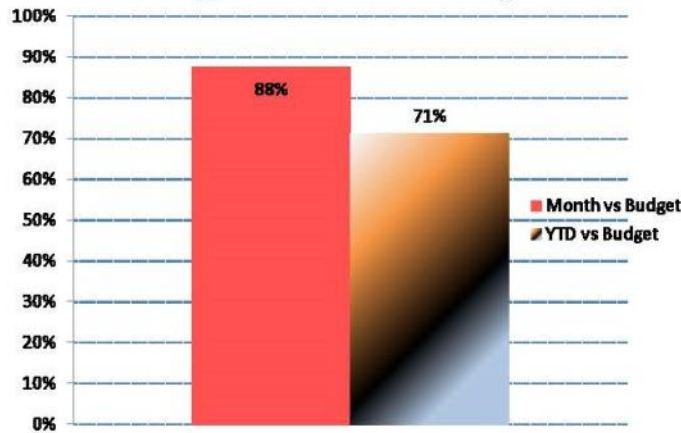
10/22—12 years
Tyler & Kate Verri

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 September 28th, 2023			
September Received	\$ 38,152	2023 Received	\$ 437,192
September Goal MTD	40,675	2023 Goal thru September 14	433,045
September Monthly Goal	43,581	Total 2023 Goal	612,376
Left to Reach Month Goal	5,429	Left to Reach Annual Goal	175,184
September Total Last Year	39,492	This Year Surplus/(Deficit)	4,147
		2022 Total	661,724

Additional Information as of September 28th, 2023			
Line of Credit Balance	ZERO	2022 Loan Balance	\$ 80,838
		Last paid 8/25/23	

Church and Preschool Finances for August 2023				
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Church Rev.	424,305	453,878	Preschool Rev.	97,767
Church Exp.	467,886	508,432	Preschool Exp.	88,830
Net Income	(43,582)	(54,554)	Net Income	8,937
YOY Difference	10,972		YOY Difference	(2,042)

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...Questions: Do You Want To Get Well? [October 8th, 2023]