



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023

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## UNEXPECTED PROVISIONS

Join us in November!

### HOUSEHOLD WELL GUIDE : NEIGHBORING DURING THE HOLIDAYS



#### STEP 1: PRAY

Pray for your neighborhood, your heart, and an ability to see your neighborhood through God eyes. Ask God for the discernment to know how He wants to use you in your neighborhood, and for the courage to follow through.

#### STEP 2: DREAM

Brainstorm ways your household can connect with your neighbors in love and friendship.

- Dream BIG!
- Dream little, too.
- Include your entire household in dreaming.

Invite others to....  
*Pray for your endeavors*  
*Use their gifts to help you.*  
*Hold you accountable.*

#### STEP 4: INVITE

Pick 1 idea to start with and put it on the calendar.

Do one small thing to get started.

#### STEP 3: COMMIT

- Which ideas from your list create a sense of anticipation?
- Which ideas fit the culture of your neighborhood?
- What works within your household's budget/time/resource limits?

#### DREAM & REFLECT



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## HOUSEHOLD WELL GUIDE : NEIGHBORING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

**HOW WILL YOU BE  
PART OF SOMEONE'S  
UNEXPECTED  
PROVISION THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON?**

### Little Gestures Make a Big Impact

- Deliver flowers.
- Make a meal or drop off cookies.
- Invite someone for coffee or to take a walk.
- Leave a card on someone's door.

### Be Ready to Serve

- offer to mow
- shovel their driveway
- offer to babysit
- help with home repair
- loan tools
- offer to house-sit, get mail, watch pets when neighbors are away
- surprise them with a raked yard
- coordinate a neighborhood food drive
- drive an elderly neighbor to an appointment

### Offer an Invitation

- Open House
- Dinner and Games
- Friday Fun Night
- Block Party
- Card Party
- Fire Pit in the driveway
- Invite neighborhood kids to join you in your family activities.
- Broomball
- Playdate in the Park
- watch a game together

### Share Your Holidays

- Organize a cookie exchange or pie party.
- Invite someone to share your Thanksgiving.
- Drop off a gas gift card to a college student home for the holidays.
- Invite neighbors to grill out and play a chilly game of football.
- Ask some friends to help you bless teachers at a local school.
- Invite neighborhood kids over to decorate cookies.
- Gather others to join you in caroling at a nursing home.



# HIGHER GROUND

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

## COMING FOR YOUTH:

NO HIGHER GROUND

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

The fall retreat is at Camp Lutherdale this weekend.

Life  IN THE  
WORD

NO LIFE IN THE WORD

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





Our Adopt a School Partner is:

### **WAYS TO SERVE:**

## **LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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.

### **WE'RE COLLECTING GIFT CARDS**

Join us in encouraging the staff at Leopold Elementary this Christmas. We are collecting \$10 gift cards to local businesses to be included in cards for staff at Leopold. Gift cards can be dropped off at the Church between now and December 1st. *Suggested places: Kwik Trip, Culvers, Starbucks, Target, or other local coffee, shopping or dining establishments.*

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.

*Questions? Contact Amy Meyer: [ameyer@livelifetogether.com](mailto:ameyer@livelifetogether.com)*

# *Kids* **CONNECTION**

Kids Connection is for children 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:epowers@livelifetogether.com).

**NOVEMBER 5TH: 10:15AM-11:30AM**

Join us for a movie morning as we learn about Jacob and Esau and then do a craft together.

# MESSAGE & NOTES

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## FLOUR JAR AND OIL JUG

1 Kings 17:7-16

*Focus: In the midst of a drought, with no crops, a widow preparing for the last meal she will be able to make for her son and herself before they die is asked by a prophet to make some bread for him first. The resulting promise from God through the prophet is that the handful of flour in the jar and the little oil in the jug will not run out until the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again.*

### WORD

Read Matthew 14:13-21 (Parallel accounts: Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15)

Jesus has been performing miracles (Matthew 14:14), so why is this one so unexpected?

What does it seem normal for Jesus to do in your life, and what is unexpected?

What do you suppose Jesus is trying to teach his disciples?

How is God leading you to respond to His Word?

### PRAY

Thank God for His provision this week. Ask Him to help you turn to Him for help with your needs.

### LOVE

Look for a way, this week, where He is calling you to share your blessings, even if you don't feel you have enough to share, and see what He does.

# CALENDAR & EVENTS



## UPCOMING:

### ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH: 9AM WORSHIP***

*Join us for our in-person and online worship on Sunday at 9am. Join us online at [lifelifetogether.com/thisweek](https://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](mailto: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.



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***TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT MOD PIZZA [2960 CAHILL MAIN FITCHBURG]***

Order online ALL DAY through the MOD app or their website using the CODE: MODGIVES25 and MOD pizza will donate 25% of your bill to support the preschool!

***WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND: 6:30PM THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP***

Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship service. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food pantry.

***THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH: OFFICE CLOSED—THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.***

***NOVEMBER STORY TOPIC: PROVISION***

**How has God unexpectedly provided for you?**

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@livelifetogether.com](mailto:jomalley@livelifetogether.com).

***MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH: 6:30PM ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT***

All women are invited to this elegant evening of Worship, Fellowship, Dessert and an inspiring message to kick off the Christmas Season. This will once again, be hosted in the Sanctuary. Email Amy if you want to host a table at [ameyer@livelifetogether.com](mailto:ameyer@livelifetogether.com). You can sign up at the Welcome Desk *ONLY* if you don't have a table.

***WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH: 6:30PM ADVENT FAMILY WORSHIP***

Mark your calendars. More information coming soon.

**SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES**



**CHECK OUT UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE**



# PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS//



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TO OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
CONNECT WITH US!



## BIRTHDAYS

10/31 Nikole Bolha  
11/4 Bailey Smith  
11/5 Frank Hilscher

## ANNIVERSARIES

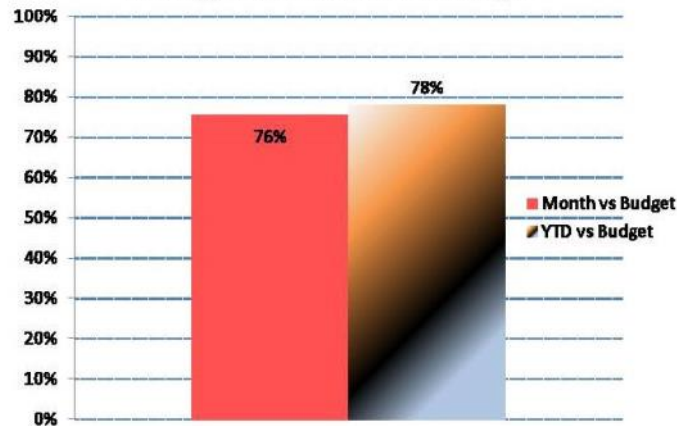
11/5—35 years  
Scott & Jaki Kalscheur

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 October 31st, 2023			
October Received	\$ 40,037	2023 Received	\$ 478,229
October Goal MTD	52,930	2023 Goal thru October 18th	488,880
October Monthly Goal	52,930	Total 2023 Goal	612,376
<b>Monthly Deficit</b>	<b>(12,893)</b>	<b>Left to Reach Annual Goal</b>	<b>134,147</b>
October Total Last Year	63,315	This Year Surplus/(Deficit)	(10,651)
		2022 Total	661,724

Additional Information as of October 31st, 2023			
Line of Credit Balance	\$ 17,000	2022 Loan Balance	\$ 79,305
Last drawn 10/31/2023		Last paid 10/24/23	

Church and Preschool Finances for September 2023					
	2023	2022		2023	2022
Church Rev.	463,840	485,307	Preschool Rev.	114,412	105,594
Church Exp.	521,567	563,849	Preschool Exp.	101,851	98,402
Net Income	(57,727)	(78,541)	Net Income	12,561	7,192
YOY Difference	20,815		YOY Difference	5,369	


## 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...Provisions: Flour Jar and Oil Jug [November 5th, 2023]