



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

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## **BUDGET PREVIEW AND ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING COMING SOON**

### **BY MICHELLE TSAI**

*Leadership Board*

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Wondering what the church budget looks like? Come find out on Sunday, December 3rd, immediately after the church service. We will use this 2:22 time slot for a Budget Preview presentation in the sanctuary.

Our annual congregational meeting is also quickly approaching. At this meeting we elect new board members, share and affirm the budget, hear the Lead Pastor Annual Report and get a glimpse of what is coming in 2024. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17th (immediately after the church service) and join us for this important annual meeting!

The nominating committee is excited to present the two board candidates who will be on the Leadership Board ballot at the annual meeting. We will let Dave Otten and Chad Enright introduce themselves in their own words:

#### **Dave Otten**

I have been married to my amazing wife, Tabetha, for 25 years. I am a proud dad of two adult daughters, Ashley and Julia, and our great son-in-law, Brock. We are new grandparents to a granddaughter, Lucie. I love spending time with my family. I am the Sales and Operations Manager for Reyes Coca-Cola where I have worked for 30 years. We have lived in Madison for the past 5 years. I'm a fan of the Badgers, Bucks, Brewers, and Packers. My favorite movie is Shawshank Redemption.



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## Chad Enright

Hello! My name is Chad Enright. The beautiful woman who keeps all of our lives on track is my wife, Becky. We have 3 kids, Olivia "Lala", Theo, and Genevieve Grace "Gigi", and another on the way, due around the end of February. I currently work in the Pathology department of a research lab, but the most questions I get are about my time as a funeral director. It was the hardest, yet most rewarding 6 and half years of my life. I'm always up for discussing the death industry and answering all the questions and curiosities people have. In my free time I enjoy watching movies, reading, and eating very unhealthy. My favorite movie is "A Christmas Story", my favorite book is "Genesis" and my favorite unhealthy snack is donuts.

We thank both Dave and Chad for their willingness to use their time and talents to serve at the church in this way.

We also thank Rich Frohmader and James Conrad, who will be completing their terms on the board at the end of this year. Rich served for two terms (6 years), switching between secretary and vice chair for most of those years. James served one term in the same two capacities. Among many other things, their comical wit and financial expertise will be greatly missed.

Hope to see you December 3rd and December 17th after church!

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# HIGHER GROUND

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

## COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH: 6:30PM-8PM

We're meeting from 6:30pm-8pm to dive into scripture and continue talking about having a biblical worldview. Students are always welcome to come anytime after 5pm to hang out and play games.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH: 5PM-6:30PM

We're meeting Sunday night to discuss how God provides for all of our needs and how we pray for daily bread in the Lord's Prayer. Don't forget your homework, binder, catechism and Bible.

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.

### **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. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend this class as junior helpers. Contact Emily Powers at [epowers@livelifetogether.com](mailto:epowers@livelifetogether.com).

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH: 10:15AM-11:30AM**

This month we are looking at the stories of Jacob and Joseph. Join us Sunday morning for games, crafts, and activities that help us understand how Joseph trusted God and went on a big adventure.

# MESSAGE & NOTES

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## LOAVES AND FISH

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

*Focus: Rather than sending the hungry crowd away to find food, Jesus told the disciples to feed them. After 5000 men, in addition to all the women and children, were fed, they collected twelve baskets of leftovers. All this from five loaves of bread and two fish?*

### WORD

Read 1 Kings 17:1-7 (See 1 Kings 16:29-34 for context)

God tells Elijah to go to a specific place and gives him specific instructions. How does this demonstrate the importance of obedience in the life of a believer?

What can we learn from the fact that God uses unexpected sources, such as ravens, to provide for Elijah even in challenging circumstances?

How has God provided for you in unexpected ways during challenging circumstances?

How can we learn from Elijah's willingness to follow God's instructions and trust in His provision? How is God calling you to apply this to your life today?

### PRAY

Thank God for providing for you during challenging times. Ask Him to help you trust Him, and to be obedient to His commands.

### LOVE

Pick one way God is calling you to be obedient to Him this week. Pair up with someone and share, pray for each other, ask if there is a way you can help each other be obedient, and follow up with each other sometime this week to check in.

# CALENDAR & EVENTS



## UPCOMING:

### *SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH: 9AM WORSHIP*

Join us for our in-person and online worship on Sunday at 9am. Join us online at [lifelifetogether.com/thisweek](http://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. **NOTE: There will not be 2\*22 on December 3rd. Join us at the Budget Review!**



***NOW—DECEMBER 1ST: LET'S ENCOURAGE THE STAFF AT LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY!***

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.*

***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).

***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD: AFTER WORSHIP BUDGET REVIEW***

Join us after worship as we review the budget for 2024. This will be in place of the Right Now Media series in 2\*22 for December 3rd.

***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***

Join us for our annual family advent service. We will worship and set our hearts on the unexpected gift of Jesus this Christmas. Part of the service will also be dedicated to making cards for teachers at Leopold.

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



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# PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS//



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## BIRTHDAYS

11/9 Atlas Hoppe	11/13 Kim Racchini
11/9 Brenda Trainor	11/14 Jess O'Malley
11/9 Lauralee Oenick	11/14 Kathy Dechamps
11/11 Phil Godfrey	11/15 Seth Dorsey
11/12 Caitlin Reince	11/15 Jovie Yogerst
11/13 Sheila Anderson	11/16 Ada Carstensen
11/13 Judy Curless	11/16 Jonathan Smith
11/13 Jack Pinkert	11/17 Adley Jagla

## ANNIVERSARIES

11/4—11 years  
Micah & Emily Powers

11/5—35 years  
Scott & Jaki Kalscheur

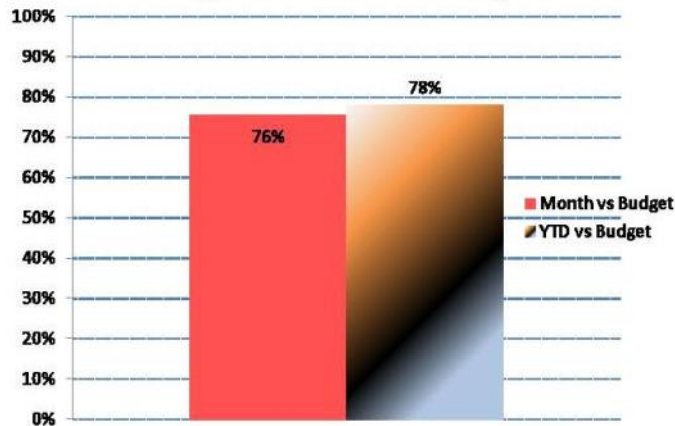
11/15—42 years  
Edward & Carolyn Parrish

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
Church Exp.	521,567	563,849	Preschool Exp.	101,851
Net Income	(57,727)	(78,541)	Net Income	12,561
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.  
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Combined Traditional & Exalt Worship  
9:00AM [In-Person & Online]

UNEXPECTED...Provisions: Loaves and Fish [November 12th, 2023]