



WEEKLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

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THE SPIEL



SO MUCH PROVISION

PASTOR JEFF

Lead Pastor

I work to advance the Church's Vision: "One Church, Regional Impact" through preaching and leadership of the Church Leadership Board and Elder Committee. I work with our Mission Support Team and mentor our Leaders to ensure day-to-day ministry effectiveness.

Tis the season to put our gratitude into action! And, in so doing, we turn the unexpected provision into a testimony to God's faithfulness.

Household WELLS know that it's much more than simply good manners to say "Thank you."

People who consciously count their blessings tend to be happier and less depressed. A complement to psychological counseling, the practice of gratitude is one of the activities that counselors are using. And, it is yielding high results.

Give thanks a try!

- Spend time at the beginning and end of each day to write down what you are thankful to. Keep it brief. 3 quick things as you begin the day. 3 quick thoughts about your day as you end it.
- Keep a gratitude journal for 31 days.
- Read Ann Voskamp's "One Thousand Gifts".
- Join the Church's Facebook Page and post one thing a day you're thankful for this month. <https://www.facebook.com/livelifetogether/>
- Write one "Gratitude Letter" per week for a month. You don't even have to send it. Just write it.



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God actually inhabits the praise of His people.

When we activate our “thanksgiving” by **remembering, speaking, acknowledging,** and **witnessing** God actually works to encourage us.

My invitation this month is simple. Open your heart to Jesus. Think about Who He is, How He has blessed you and return thanks. Practice gratitude. You won’t be disappointed.

Pastor Jeff

CHECK OUT MORE  OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



HIGHER GROUND

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

COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH: 6:30PM-8PM

We'll continue our hands on stations that will teach us to apply the truth of Jesus to our lives. Students are welcome to come anytime after 5pm to connect and hang out.

Life
IN THE
WORD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH: 5PM-6:30PM

This week we will explore the idea of forgiveness. Did your family make thank you cards for important people in their lives?

Just a reminder: Emily is giving candy bards to kids who memorize the Old Testament books of the bible.

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.

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

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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH: 10:15AM-11:30AM

We're having a Thanksgiving party! Students will learn why it's important to remember God's faithfulness and give Him thanks through crafts, games and stories. We will also enjoy a snack.

MESSAGE & NOTES

RAVEN DELIVERY

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

Focus: After delivering the news to the King that there was going to be a massive drought lasting years because of the King's actions, God tells Elijah to hide. And God sends him to camp near a brook, and sets up a delivery service for him, using ravens. So until the brook dried up, he had water and food delivered to him every day.

(Gather paper and colored pencils, crayons, markers so everyone can draw a picture of some part of this story)

WORD

Read Genesis 6:9-22

Take some time to draw, doodle, or write down your thoughts. (Someone could keep reading Genesis 7-9:18 while you're drawing) What stands out to you in this story?

What provisions and blessings was Noah able to witness, because of his obedience to God's instructions?

How is God challenging you to see and respond to His provision in your life?

PRAY

Thank God for rainbows and reminders of God's promises.

LOVE

How can you, this week, share God's abundant provision with someone who might need a reminder that God loves them?

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH: 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.

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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH: AFTER WORSHIP WELL CONNECTED

We would love to see you at the November WELL Connected gathering as we discuss our topic of Relationships. You are placed in your neighborhood for a purpose and it is all about those people around you. How is it going connecting with those in your neighborhood? How is it going building relationships right within your own household? This is an excellent opportunity to go deeper with the relationships within your own church community - don't miss out!

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@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.*

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. 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



CHECK OUT UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS//



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BIRTHDAYS

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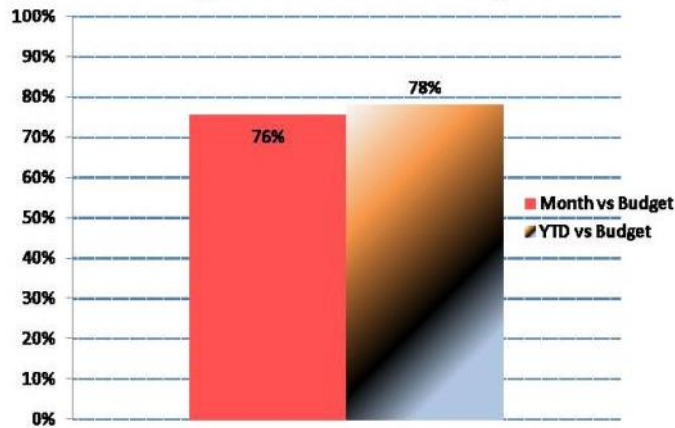
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Birthdays and Anniversaries for this week! If your special day does not appear,
please contact the church office to update your records.

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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
Monthly Deficit	(12,893)	Left to Reach Annual Goal	134,147
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: Raven Delivery [November 19th, 2023]