



WEEKLY BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

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UNEXPECTED PROVISION IN ACTION

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Amy creates content and training support for the lifeGroup leaders and 1:1 disciple-makers and helps connect people who are interested in participating to a group or 1:1 relationship.

During the month of November we have been learning about examples in God's Word of Unexpected Provision. Our God is amazing! We have also asked you where you have seen God provide in unexpected ways and many of you have written your examples on 3x5 cards or in the online chat during worship. Nothing is too hard or impossible for our God. He took a boy's small lunch and fed a crowd of thousands - a widow to feed a prophet - ravens to deliver food and water during a drought. What a mighty God we serve!

An unexpected provision that I have had the joy of being a part of is how this body of Christ has stepped forward to bless Leopold school.

- Abundance of items given to Maestro Silva who needed his apartment furnished and gas to drive to school.
- Every other week we have a consistent group of volunteers at the outdoor Food Pantry at Leopold that serves 70 to 80 families. (rain or shine, warm or cold)
- 35 pies (with a week notice) to partner with City on a Hill so 35 families could enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.
- Our preschool doing a food drive and winter clothes drive to give to Leopold families.
- Higher Ground had cereal night - they brought cereal to eat and a box to share. Those were given to Leopold and enjoyed as snacks for the students



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during the school day. (having enough snacks is an ongoing need at the school)

It is easy to think that what you can do won't make a difference. I'm sure the disciples didn't think that 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish would stretch to not only feed the crowd but have leftovers! God can take whatever we have, an hour of time, a smile to share, a hug to a friend, a listening ear, prayers lifted up for those in need and make a lasting impact.

Being available and willing to say yes allows us to be part of the answer to someone's prayer. We can be a part of the Unexpected Provision that God is wanting to give.

CHECK OUT MORE  OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



HIGHER GROUND

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

COMING FOR YOUTH:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH: 5:30PM-8PM GAME NIGHT!

Higher Ground and Life in the Word are invited to game night on Sunday. Everyone in the family is welcome. We're having a snack potluck, so bring a snack to share. We have a number of games at the Church, but you can bring your favorite game.



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NO LIFE IN THE WORD IN DECEMBER

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY POWERS: 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

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 26TH: NO KIDS CONNECTION

Join us for the WELL Connected gathering after worship on Sunday.

MESSAGE & NOTES

WARNING AND WOOD

Genesis 6:9-22

Focus: The flood was coming. Noah was warned, and given instructions about the boat he needed to build, big enough for his family to live in along with ALL of the animals. He was going to need a LOT of wood.

WORD

Read Genesis 22:1-14

Before these verses (skim through Genesis 21) what do you learn about the significance of Isaac's birth in the context of God's promise to Abraham?

How does Abraham react to God's command in verses 1-2? What does his immediate obedience reveal about his faith?

How does God intervene in verses 11-12 with the unexpected ending? What does this reveal about God's character and His relationship with Abraham?

How do these verses illustrate the concept of substitutionary sacrifice? Where else do you see this played out in scripture?

In what ways do you encounter tests of faith in your life, and how can the example of Abraham guide you in navigating these challenges?

PRAY

Take those challenges that were shared and turn them over to God in prayer. Ask for his help in increasing your faith and trust like Abraham. Give him thanks for always providing - especially in the life and death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus.

LOVE

How will you show love this week to someone in your neighborhood?

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH: 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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH: AFTER WORSHIP WELL CONNECTED

Join us this Sunday, if you're in town, after worship for a Leaf Raking Party. All ages welcome. Bring a rake. This will be our Household WELL Connected Gathering Activity. Come meet a new friend!

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!

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MEMORY TREE

We will be offering our memory ornaments once again in honor of those loved ones who have passed away in 2023. Please submit the name of the deceased person and your relationship to them to Jess at jomalley@livelifetogether.com by December 3rd. This ornament is a keepsake for you. There will be blank tags available as well for you as well through Christmas.

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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 11:30AM-2PM DUDE CREW

Join us on December 16th! We're getting together to hang out, eat some food and have some fellowship! RSVP to Chad at chadenright_wa@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AFTER WORSHIP ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us for our annual family advent service. We'll vote for incoming board members, talk about the year in review, and get a preview of 2024.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH 4PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

This year, we will have one worship service all together at 4pm. Join us! There will be no morning worship service on Christmas Eve.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH 9AM CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Join us for Worship on Sunday on Christmas Day at 9am.

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

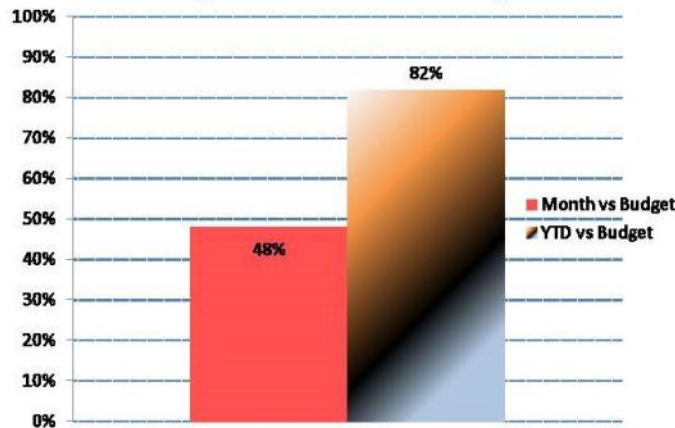
11/27 Judy Klund
11/27 Charlie Strange
11/27 Leslie Waterbury
11/28 Michelle Tsai
11/29 Amber Vollmer
12/1 Inga Schudlach

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 November 20th, 2023					
November Received	\$	23,294	2023 Received	\$	501,348
November Goal MTD		32,374	2023 Goal thru November 20		521,254
November Monthly Goal		48,561	Total 2023 Goal		612,376
Monthly Remaining		25,268	Left to Reach Annual Goal		111,028
November Total Last Year		62,087	This Year Surplus/(Deficit)		(19,907)
			2022 Total		661,724

Additional Information as of November 20th, 2023			
Line of Credit Balance	ZERO	2022 Loan Balance	\$ 79,305
Paid off on 11/01/23		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]

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