



WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 7TH, 2024

live life
together

THE SPIEL



ACTIVATE your faith

Step in to 2024 with a fresh look at God's Word.

This month we kick off our 2024 theme: **ACTIVATE**

We begin our year-long theme by discovering what it means to be *sustained* by God's Word. The perfect place to start discovering God's Word is in your household. To help give you and your household a fresh perspective on the Bible - as well as a little fun - we invite you to engage with our Sustained by the Word BINGO game this month.



Make this activity your own - personalize and adapt it to fit your household.

Here are some suggestions on playing the game:

Does your household like a little healthy competition?

- Have a copy of the game board for each person in your household. Display them where everyone can see them.
- Have each person commit to finding a time daily to complete an activity from the game board.
- To complete an activity, roll 2 dice. Find the corresponding activity on the game board.
- Complete the activity and cross it off of the game board.
- The first person to get a BINGO of 6 across or 6 down wins! Celebrate together!

Does your household need a game that brings you all together?

- Place one copy of the game board where it can be seen by everyone.
- As a household, set aside a time when you will come together each day to complete an activity. The household will complete one activity together each day.
- To complete an activity, roll 2 dice. Find the corresponding activity on the game board.
- Complete the activity and cross it off of the game board.
- Celebrate when your household has completed a BINGO of 6 across or 6 down.

Does your household prefer a more cooperative game?

- Place one copy of the game board where it can be seen by everyone.
- Have each person commit to finding a time daily to complete an activity from the game board. Each person individually completes an activity but will contribute to crossing that activity off of the household game board.
- To complete an activity, roll 2 dice. Find the corresponding activity on the game board.
- Complete the activity and cross it off of the game board.
- Decide when your household will celebrate? When the board is complete? When one column or row of 6 activities has been completed by everyone in the household? Set a goal and celebrate when you reach it!

**EXTRA COPIES
OF THE GAME
BOARD ARE
AVAILABLE ON
THE WELCOME
DESK AT THE
CHURCH.**

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SUSTAINED BY THE WORD
HOUSEHOLD WELL BINGO



	Give someone a hug.	Recite the Old Testament books from memory.	Read & Reflect: 2 Peter 1:12-21	Read Psalm 3 & personalize it for what you are facing today.	Write out Deut. 6:4-9 on a notecard & tape it to a doorframe in your home.	Find a Bible passage that connects with your favorite worship song.
	In what did Elijah find God? 1 Kings 19:8-13	Drink a cup of cocoa while listening to worship music.	Write Proverbs 4:14 three times.	Read & Reflect: Mark 4:1-20	Page through the Psalms. Make a list of words that describe who God is.	Pray Philippians 1:3-11 over someone in your household.
	Write down 5 insights: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Where in the Bible does God call himself the Alpha & Omega?	Tell someone your favorite verse or story from the Bible.	Recite the New Testament books from memory.	Read & Reflect: Proverbs 4:1-13	Compare Micah 6:6-8 and Hosea 6:6. What is God wanting to say to you today?
	Read a parable from Luke 12 or 15 and retell it to someone.	Write down 5 insights: Joshua 1:1-9	Daniel explained a message to King Belshazzar. How was the message given to the King?	Dance.	Write 1 Timothy 3:16-17 three times.	Read & Reflect: Romans 15:1-5
	Illustrate Hebrews 4:12	How would you explain Acts 6:1-7 to a young child?	Write down 5 insights: Matthew 4:1-11	How old was King Josiah when he started restoring the temple?	Call someone who has been on your mind.	Find & memorize a verse about wisdom in Proverbs.
	Browse RightNow Media for a study on a book of the Bible you are curious about.	Illustrate Luke 6:46-49	How would you explain Romans 5:1-11 to someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus?	Write down 3 things that encourage you from Psalm 4.	What excitement happened during Paul's sermon? Acts 20:7-12	Write "I am God's beloved masterpiece." on a post-it and put it on a mirror.

HIGHER GROUND

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

COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH: 5:30-8PM

It's a Taco Potluck! Jump into the new year with a game night. We will also spend time in worship, connecting with each other and looking ahead to what God is calling our community to look like in 2024.



SCAN THE CODE TO CONNECT
TO OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!

Life IN THE
WORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH: NO LIFE IN THE WORD

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.

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, JANUARY 7TH: 10:15AM-11:30AM

We will continue our adventures with Joseph through dreams.
How does God speak to us? Join us for games, crafts and Bible stories.

MESSAGE & NOTES

ACTIVATE FAITH: SUSTAINED BY THE WORD

John 8:30-47

*Focus: The active life of a disciple is being Sustained by the Word. That includes reading and responding to God's Word daily, growing in our relationship with Jesus, prioritizing gathering for worship and worshiping privately, and being sharpened by God's Word in relationship with other Christians. Matthew 7:24 "Everyone then who **hears these words of mine and does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

WORD

Read Exodus 16:1-21

Imagine how this might have been different if God had allowed extras that were gathered to not go bad?

What was God teaching His people through manna and quail?

Why does God allow us to gather extra today? How do our extras “go bad”?

How does this relate to the spiritual food God provides, through Jesus and His Word?

PRAY

Pray for God to help us desire to be in God’s Word daily. Pray that God would renew our minds through His Word, and that we wouldn’t rely on our own memory or understanding.

LOVE

What is one way God’s Word is prompting you to show love to someone today? Or, what is one way, this week, you will practice reading God’s Word and responding to it by showing love to someone?

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH: 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 lifeLines and all that you need for the week, on this page. We look forward to worshipping together.

SUNDAYS JANUARY 7TH: AFTER WORSHIP, 2*22: ACTIVATE YOUR BIBLE READING

Jumpstart 2024 by reigniting your passion for God's Word. We'll meet for the next two months each Sunday after Worship, excluding the last Sundays of the month.

SUNDAYS JANUARY 4TH & 18TH: AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Four Winds Farms [Loft / 5735 Adams Road, Fitchburg, WI] January 4th // 11:00am – 3:00pm

Tri-North Builders Blood Drive [Conference Room / 2625 Research Park Drive, Fitchburg, WI] January 18th // 10:30am – 3:30pm

Schedule your next blood donation [HERE!](#) Download the Blood Donor App.

RedCrossBlood.org / Sponsor code: HBDMadison 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

WEDNESDAYS, 9AM CHECK-IN, 9:30AM DISCUSSION MOM TO MOM

Join us on Wednesday mornings. We'll be starting a new Right Now Media series on January 10th. 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. Children are welcome! We hope to see you there. Questions? Contact Amy Meyer ameyer@lifelifetogether.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH: 10:30AM-2PM DUDE CREW

Join us on January 13th! We're getting together to hang out, eat some food and have some fellowship! We meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month. RSVP to Chad at chadenright_wa@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH: 9AM-11AM PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Tour the school and meet the teachers! We will also be accepting registration for the 2024-25 school year. Find out more at: <https://livelifetogether.com/preschool/> or email preschool@livelifetogether.com.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH: 6:30PM-9PM LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

The Church Leadership Board will be meeting on January 24th from 6:30pm-9pm.

MEMORY TREE

We will be offering our memory ornaments once again in honor of those loved ones who have passed away in 2023. These ornaments are keepsakes for you. There will be blank tags available as well through Christmas.

POINSETTIAS: PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA

Our Altar is decorated with poinsettias. Don't forget to take yours home after Christmas if you purchased one to honor a loved one.

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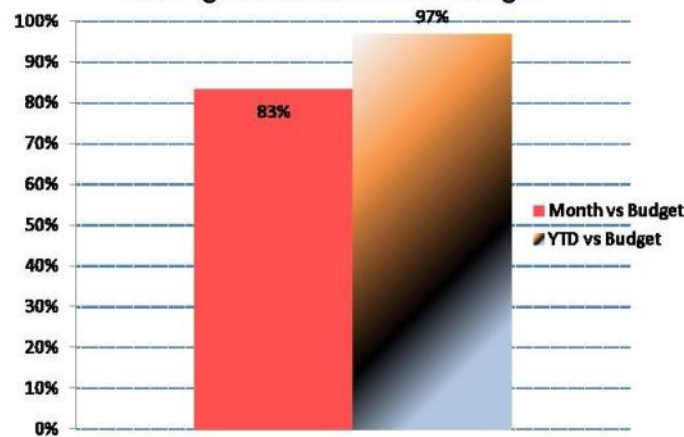
CHECK OUT UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



GLANCE *at the* FINANCE



Offerings: Month and YTD vs. Budget



Tithes and Offerings as of December 31st, 2023					
December Received	\$	62,416	2023 Received	\$	593,353
December Goal		74,934	2023 Goal		612,376
December Total Last Year		75,847	2022 Total		661,724
Monthly Goal Shortfall		12,519	Annual Goal Shortfall		19,023

Additional Information as of December 31st, 2023					
Line of Credit Balance		ZERO	2022 Loan Balance	\$	76,229
Last Balance: 11/01/2023			Last Paid: 12/26/23		
Church and Preschool Finances for October 2023					
	2023	2022		2023	2022
Church Rev.	512,902	475,566	Preschool Rev.	131,169	115,335
Church Exp.	578,583	552,154	Preschool Exp.	121,885	110,096
Net Income	(65,681)	(76,588)	Net Income	9,283	5,239
YOY Difference	10,907		YOY Difference	4,045	

BIRTHDAYS

1/7 Ivy Kafka
 1/7 Chris Packard
 1/8 Theodore Enright
 1/8 Peg Strange
 1/11 Trevor Fisher
 1/12 Lynn Lampman
 1/13 Ava Kramer
 1/13 Michelle Zarnstorff

ANNIVERSARIES

1/8—24 years
 Matt & Kate Wipperman

 1/13—6 years
 Anne & Kevin Dorsey

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

OUR VISION: STRATEGY

HOW ARE WE DOING IT?



Come to lifeWorship! We join together to focus on Jesus, offer Him praise, and allow Him the space to speak to us. lifeWorship is an exciting part of *the Church* experience. Join us in lifeWorship every week and experience the amazing blessing of freedom that comes in humbling yourself before God.



Connect to lifeGroup! At *the Church* we really do "live life together." In lifeGroup, we meet weekly in each other's homes to share a meal and share our lives as we grow in Jesus. Our connection to other people is at the heart of our Christian experience. Authentic connections happen most effectively in smaller groups where there is opportunity for dialogue and relationships, and our primary place for these authentic connections is lifeGroup.



Commit to lifeServe! At *the Church* we offer our time, talents, gifts, and abilities to serve God, serve His church and serve others. It's easy to come to church only for what we can get out of it, but the Bible says that each of us has something to give back. There is a need each of us can answer. We want you to experience Life in Jesus to the fullest, and encourage you to take time to give yourself away in ministry.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO CONNECT WITH US!

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]

ACTIVATE FAITH...Sustained: Bible - Sustained by the Word [January 7, 2023]