



WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 14TH, 2024

live life
together

THE SPIEL



CONSIDER JOINING TEAM-10!

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Leadership Board

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Connecting people to life in Jesus - that's what it's all about (in spite of what the "hokey pokey" song tells you).

This year's specific way the Church is working toward what it's all about is to activate the faith of household WELLS. As a reminder, Household WELLS are households that:

*Welcome in Jesus
Engage neighbors
Listen for insight
Love to try.*

Are you excited to activate your faith this year? Help or see others activate theirs? I especially love seeing and hearing my kids learn more about Jesus. And did you see the Bingo game in the bulletin last week?

The work of the Church to connect people to life in Jesus is important. Additional financial resources are needed to support a balanced budget this year for the work done to connect people to life in Jesus, at the Church building and done by Church staff. The Church Leadership Board invites you to join us in supporting the ministry of The Church by considering joining Team \$10.

Team \$10 is an opportunity to commit to increasing your financial support for the Church by \$10 per week this year (or \$44 per month if you give monthly). The goal is to have 72 households increase their giving by \$10 weekly. If this goal is met, the budget for the year will be fulfilled. If it's surpassed, we can give the staff cost of living raises that were not in the final budget for 2024. Will your household be one of the 72?



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This opportunity is meant for everyone to consider.

Maybe you have given occasionally and this is an opportunity to change to supporting the ministry regularly. From \$0 per week to \$10 per week is an increase of \$10 per week - Team \$10.

Maybe you give regularly already and this is an opportunity to increase your giving. Perhaps it will be as simple as making coffee at home more often instead of buying a fancy drink, deciding to give up a streaming service or subscription you aren't using much, or eating fewer meals out.

Or maybe this amount just will not work for your household this year because your income is decreasing or the amount is too much. This invitation is still for you to consider. Perhaps you can't give as much as last year, but you can give more than you were originally planning to with your changed circumstances - welcome to Team \$10. Maybe you can increase by \$5 per week - join the team.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Please, take some time to look at your finances, think and talk with your household about what is possible and what you will decide to do, and pray about joining Team \$10. I pray that whatever your situation, God will bless you abundantly and your household will abound in every good work.

Whether you are on Team \$10 or not, we can all be part of the team working to connect people to life in Jesus. Blessings on your year, teammates!

Team \$10

Learn more here: <https://livelifetogether.com/team-10/>

Sign Up here: <https://forms.gle/dEh9Xs9jGLbqqWgf8>



CHECK OUT MORE ~~Life~~ Serve OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



HIGHER GROUND

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

COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH: 6:30-8PM

Higher Ground is meeting from 6:30-8pm this week for snacks, games, and time in God's Word. All of January we will discover the truth about our identity in Christ. Students are welcome to come anytime after 5pm to hang out, do homework, and connect with each other.



SCAN THE CODE TO CONNECT
TO OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!

Life IN THE
WORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH: 5PM-6:30PM

We are back together again after our 6 week break! Life in the Word students will continue learning about the Lord's Prayer, this week jumping into how God delivers us from temptation. Don't forget your Bible, Catechism, and binder.

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.

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 14TH: 10:15AM-11:30AM

We continue our adventures with Joseph this week. Students will learn how God gave Joseph the ability to forgive his brothers and that we, God's Adventurers, can forgive others as well.

MESSAGE & NOTES

DAILY AND PERSONAL

Exodus 16:1-21

Focus: God provides daily for His people in the wilderness and instructs them to gather what they need every day. There will always be enough for everyone, and leftovers will go bad. Our bodies and our spirits require sustenance, daily. God is the provider, and He is faithful.

WORD

Read John 6:25-35

What is the disconnect in the conversation between Jesus and the people? Why is it significant? How have you witnessed or experienced a disconnect like that?

What do you think it looks like to “never be thirsty” or “hungry again”?

In what ways are you most tempted to treat God like a cosmic vending machine?

How is God calling you to be satisfied?

PRAY

Pray for God to help us with our perspective on what our needs and wants are. Ask Him to point out where we are more enamored with His blessings than we are with Him. Ask Him to help us feel our spiritual needs and to actively seek to be filled up by Him.

LOVE

Take some time to write your own Psalm (maybe use Psalm 23 as a frame) reflecting on how God provides for and satisfies you.

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH: 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 14TH: 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 18TH: AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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.

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH: AFTER WORSHIP WELL CONNECTED GATHERING

Join us for WLLE Connected as we talk about how our households can be Sustained by the Word in practical ways.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH: 12PM-9PM PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: BENVENUTO'S [FITCHBURG]

Grab lunch or dinner on the 9th, mention the Preschool and proceeds will go toward the Preschool. Let's support our students and teachers in the preschool!

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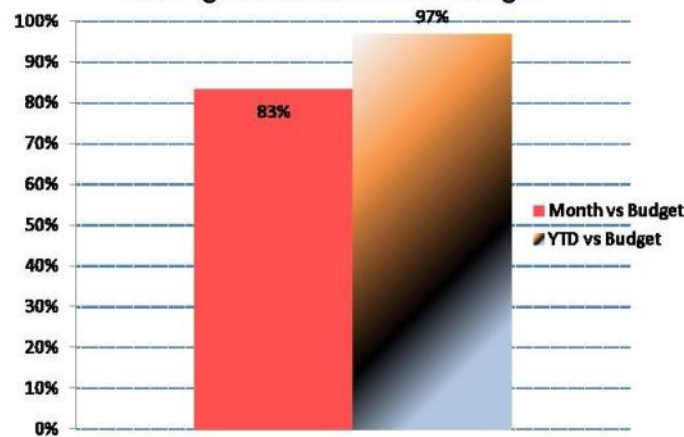
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Offerings: Month and YTD vs. Budget



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

1/15 Greta Gueths-Larson
 1/18 Jack Verri
 1/21 Carol Tiemann

ANNIVERSARIES

1/17—43 years
 Wayne & Susan Mixdorf

 1/20—28 years
 Mark & Tanya Hoppe

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 - Daily and Personal [January 14,2023]