



WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 22ND, 2026

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HOUSEHOLD WELL EASTER STORY ACTIVITIES

These activities can help you reinforce the Easter story at home. Try them for a fun activity with littles or to create a little quality time with your teen. Invite your grandkids or neighbors to join you in the kitchen or pick one to try with your lifeGroup.

Easter Story Cookies

Prepare these cookies on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Open your oven on Easter morning and see the surprise!

Ingredients and materials:

- 1 c whole pecans
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- salt
- 1 c granulated sugar
- 1 large Ziplock bag, wooden spoon, mixer, tape

Directions: Preheat oven to 300.

Place pecans in Ziploc bag and beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. After Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read: John 19:1-3

Smell the vinegar. Add a tsp of vinegar into the mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each person's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. This represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sins. Read Luke 23:27.

Add 1 cup of sugar. The sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed until stiff peaks are formed. The color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts.

Drop mixture by spoonfuls onto baking sheet lined with waxed paper. Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Place the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Seal the oven door with tape as Jesus' tomb was sealed with a rock. Read Matthew 27:65-66.

GO TO BED. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed and they had to leave him. Read John 16:20 and John 16:22.

On Easter morning, open the oven, remove the cookies and take a bite. Notice the cookies are hollow. On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.

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Resurrection Eggs

Fill 12 plastic eggs with the following items /Scripture references. Open the eggs, one each day, during the 12 days before Easter.

Resurrection Rolls

Ingredients: crescent rolls, marshmallows, melted butter, cinnamon and sugar mixture

Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees.

Unroll the crescent rolls and lay them on a cookie sheet. You might want to cover your cookie sheet with parchment paper first.

After talking about how Jesus died on the cross, have your child take the marshmallow (Jesus) and dip it in the melted butter. Then roll the marshmallow in the cinnamon and sugar. These help us remember the oil the spices used to prepare Jesus' body.

Wrap the marshmallow in the crescent roll (tomb). Be sure to pinch all the seams together tightly – they will look like a large ball. Place the rolls back on the cookie sheet.

Bake for 10-15 minutes. While baking, read the story of Jesus being buried and then of the tomb being found empty on Easter morning.

When you remove the rolls, let them cool a few minutes as the insides will be very hot. The roll, it is empty inside, just like the tomb!

EGG 1: A LEAF, MATTHEW 2:1-11

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey while people praise Him.

EGG 2: SCENTED COTTON, JOHN 12:2-8

Mary poured perfume on Jesus' feet to worship Him.

EGG 3: A CRACKER, MATTHEW 26:17-30

Jesus shares the Last Supper with His disciples.

EGG 4: COINS, MATTHEW 26:14-16

Judas betrays Jesus.

EGG 5: STRING, MATTHEW 27:11-26

Jesus is arrested and tried before Pilate.

EGG 6: A THORN, MATTHEW 27:27-31

The soldiers put a crown of thorns on Jesus and mock him.

EGG 7: TOOTHPICK (BREAK IN 2 AND MAKE CROSS), JOHN 19:16-18

Jesus carries his cross.

EGG 8: A NAIL, MATTHEW 27:32-44

Jesus is crucified.

EGG 9: A PIECE OF A SPONGE, MATTHEW 27:45-56

Jesus dies.

EGG 10: A ROCK, MATTHEW 27:57-61

Jesus is buried.

EGG 11: SPICES, MARK 16:1-3

The women go to prepare Jesus' body.

EGG 12: WHITE CLOTH, JOHN 20:1-18

The tomb is empty! All the women find are the linens Jesus was buried in. Jesus is alive!

HIGHER GROUND

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

COMING UP FOR YOUTH:

HIGHER GROUND: MARCH 22ND: 6:30PM-8:00PM

This week Higher Ground is focusing on Chapter 21 in The Story—Nehemiah. This is the last week of the Old Testament. Join us from 6:30-8pm for snacks, worship and discussion. Be sure to check your emails for links to sign up for the High School Mission Trip and the Spring Retreat.



LIFE IN THE WORD: MARCH 22ND: 5PM-6:30PM

Life in the Word will meet from 5-6:30 pm to continue learning about the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will learn more about the importance of Communion and why we participate in this special sacrament each week in worship. Bring your binders, catechisms, and Bibles.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY POWERS: EPowers@LIVELIFETOGETHER.COM

Our Adopt a School Partner is:
LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WAYS TO SERVE:

Continuing Needs: At the meeting we were made aware of a family who has some urgent needs that can be best helped with Woodman's Gift Cards and /or Kwik Trip gift cards. If you feel moved to give one of those in any dollar amount I will make sure those gift cards get to the social workers at Leopold. And as always please continue to pray for the staff and the families at Leopold that God would meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs as only He can.

Questions? Contact Amy Meyer: ameyer@livelifetogether.com

Kids **CONNECTION**

The logo for Kids Connection, with "Kids" in a cursive font and "CONNECTION" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A stylized human figure icon is integrated into the letter "O" of "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.

KIDS CONNECTION: MARCH 22ND: 10:15AM-11:30AM

This month in Kids Connection we are learning about the events of Holy Week. This week children will focus is on how Jesus was arrested and how he chose to go to the Cross for us. We will discover how Jesus chose to endure suffering for us, and that when we are scared or troubled we can go to God in prayer. Children will play games, make crafts, and taste olives while learning the story. Kids Connection meets from 10:15-11:30 with snack time at 10:15. *Mark your calendars as well for the Easter Party on March 29th.*

MESSAGE & NOTES

THE TAPESTRY: PRESENCE IN THE WILDERNESS WOVEN INTO MEMORY

Deuteronomy 6

Focus: God calls the Israelites to obey everything He has commanded, to teach their children to obey, and to regularly remember how God delivered them from Egypt and how He gave them the cities and land they live in. Remembering and repeating what God has done is necessary. People are so quick to focus on circumstances and ourselves that God's people need to have these things woven into their memories.

WORD

Read Zechariah 9:9-10; Luke 19:28-40

Why are the Pharisees upset by what the people are saying? What does Jesus mean, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!"

How does this scripture point to Jesus, grace, or redemption? And what does this passage say about God's promises and restoration?

Where do you see Jesus' kingship in our world today? Where is it difficult to see? Why don't we see it everywhere?

How is God calling you to respond to His Word today?

PRAY

Read Psalm 118:1-4 and repeat "His faithful love endures forever."

Read Psalm 118:5-9 and praise God and proclaim your trust.

Read Psalm 118:10-21 and share what's on your heart.

Read Psalm 118:22-29 and pray as the Spirit leads you to pray.

LOVE

Find a way to share something or use something you have to serve someone else humbly this week.

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND: 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.

*SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND: AFTER WORSHIP 2*22 Exodus Deep Dive (5 Weeks) (March 1-29)*

We're continuing our deep dive into Exodus. This is the story of a God who hears the cries of His people and moves toward them with power, mercy, and purpose. In this five-week deep dive, we'll follow Israel's journey from slavery to freedom, discovering not only how God delivers His people but how He forms them along the way. Drawing from Exodus and key moments in Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, this study explores God's presence among His people, the shaping of a covenant community, and the challenges of learning to live free. Together, we'll see how God rescues, dwells, guides, and instructs His people, and how this story continues to shape our understanding of redemption, obedience, and trust today.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH: 10:30AM-12PM MEDICAL EMERGENCY TRAINING

Learning lifesaving skills shouldn't take long or cost a lot, and, on March 29, the Church Safety Team will welcome Chief Patrick Anderson from Fitchburg EMS to join us after worship to teach us all some of what we need to know! Everyone is welcome and whether you're hoping to learn about Hands-Only CPR for sudden cardiac arrest or Stop the Bleed techniques to care for severe bleeding, you'll get to practice what to do, what to say, and how to act quickly and safely while waiting for EMS to arrive. Even if you don't plan to join the Safety Team these are skills that are critical to help in a traumatic situation, but we hope to have a lot of fun learning about it together.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH: NO WELL CONNECTED THIS MONTH.

Join us for 2*22 after worship. See more information on the previous page.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND: MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD: GOOD FRIDAY, 6PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH: EASTER SUNDAY, 8AM & 10AM

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH 6:30PM THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

The Church Leadership Board Meeting will be at the Church on April 27th at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact the board at board@livelifetogether.com.

UPCOMING NEEDS FOR LEOPOLD:

There is a family who has some urgent needs that can be best helped with Woodman's Gift Cards and /or Kwik Trip gift cards. If you feel moved to give one of those in any dollar amount I will make sure those gift cards get to the social workers at Leopold. And as always please continue to pray for the staff and the families at Leopold that God would meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs as only He can.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We will continue the Winter Clothing Drive throughout winter. Leopold Elementary is looking for gently used winter items: *Coats, Hats, Gloves, Boots, Mittens for boys and girls sizes 4 through 14th*. If you have any of these items, please drop them in the Welcome Area.

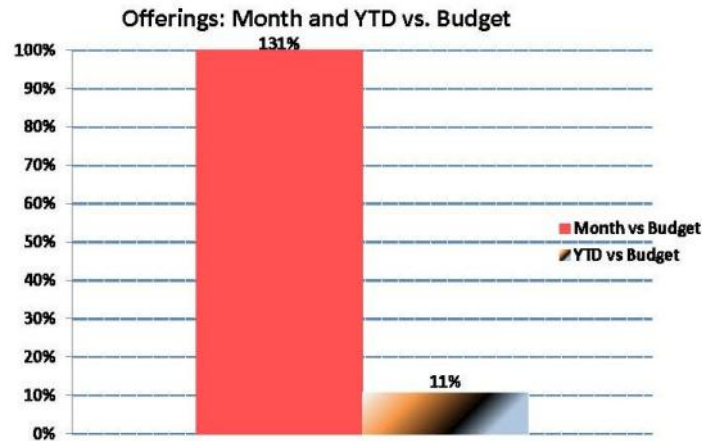
SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES



CHECK OUT UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



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Tithes and Offerings as of January 31, 2026			
Monthly received	\$ 67,048	YTD received	\$ 67,048
Monthly goal	51,114	YTD surplus/(deficit)	15,934
Monthly surplus/(deficit)	-	2026 goal	624,045
This month last year	\$ 34,309	Goal remaining	556,997
		2025 total	\$ 600,435
Additional Information as of January 31, 2026			
Line of Credit Balance*	\$ 20,385	2022 Loan Balance	\$ 36,768
		Last paid: 12/24/25	
Church Finances as of January 31, 2026			
	2026	2025	
Operating Rev.	\$ 115,732	\$ 44,803	
Operating Exp.	\$ 115,462	\$ 90,849	
	\$ 270	\$ (46,046)	
*LoC must have \$0 balance for 30 days per calendar year			

BIRTHDAYS

3/23 Riley Zarnstorff
 3/24 Sophie Adshead
 3/24 Andrew Borman
 3/25 Luanne Engelhart
 3/27 Anne Dorsey

ANNIVERSARIES

3/29—56 years
 Brian and Sylvia Rausch

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]

THE TAPESTRY...Presence in the Wilderness: Woven into Memory [March 22nd, 2026]