



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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THE SPIEL



UNITED WEEK OF PRAYER

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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.

"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."
Jeremiah 29:7

Let us pray for the flourishing of our community together.

Collaboration Project is a ministry in Madison that we have partnered with in the past as we have participated with LOVE DANE and other events they have coordinated with area churches. This is their vision: *We envision Christians united throughout Dane County, demonstrating the transforming love of Jesus, so all may flourish.* This is the fifth year they have organized the United Week of Prayer. This year it is April 26 - May 2nd.

Here are some fun statistics to know: The numbers are reflective of the prayer that has gone into the planning process. 8 individuals from 7 different churches have gone on 37 prayer walks covering 67 miles. If you participate during the week and use the app to log your walk you can be a part of the building excitement seeing the numbers updated, and being a part of something bigger than just yourself and our church.

This link will take you to the website that has registration information for either attending a prayer event, like the one we are hosting at the Church on Wednesday April 29th at 7pm or getting the app to use while you walk and pray. There are also resources available (on the website) to guide you during your time of prayer using the Lord's Prayer as the theme for each day.



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<https://www.collaborationproject.us/united-week-of-prayer-2026>

I have had the added bonus this year of being part of the planning group and it has been a joy to see the passion of others who truly believe that as we go to God on behalf of our neighbors, friends and family He hears our prayers and our hearts are softened to see others as God sees them. I hope that you will take time to pause each day this week and consider who you could pray for. Perhaps you could pray as a family or as a lifeGroup this week with an intentional focus on our city, schools, families, churches, leaders etc. If you have any questions about how to participate please contact me - Amy ameyer@livelifetogether.com.

JOIN OUR EVENT AT THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH AT 7PM

Join for an hour of praise and prayer! We will begin with singing praises and then have various prayer stations that you can pick and choose from. Experience different ways to pray or pray silently or with a close friend. We will close together in worship.

MORE RESOURCES

Prayer Resource:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAHEOEfLmZA/lr5Tz0zs21kWj4J3is0pTw/view?utm_content=DAHEOEfLmZA&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h1aef61f65b

Learn More on How to Download the App and How to Track your Prayer Route!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gUOaw4Xy069RWq8MEn2T_QlnE9_EpafdZwn7lIEctKo/edit?tab=t.0

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:

Higher Ground is the 7th-12th grade youth group at *the Church*. Our desire is to connect teens and their families to Life in Jesus while equipping students with the skills they need to be life-long followers of Jesus. At the same time, we exist to also equip families to have Christ-centered homes that nurture a day-to-day relationship with Jesus. Friends are always welcome!

HIGHER GROUND ON APRIL 26TH: 6:30-8PM

Bring a camp chair for a fire pit. We will spend time playing games, enjoying snacks, and planning for the summer. Mark your calendars for the following dates in May:

May 3rd: Life Event Sunday during worship for 8th, 10th, 12th grades

May 3rd: Higher Ground from 5:30-8pm. This is our last official gathering of the school year. We will have dinner and do a service project on the playground.

May 10th: No Higher Ground. Celebrate mom!

May 17th: We will gather for our year end Family Party from 5-8pm.



Life in the Word is for students in 5th & 6th grade youth group at the Church. Class time on Sunday evenings during the school year is used to instruct students in the basics of our faith, as well as Luther's Small Catechism. Students also develop relationships during this time that prepare them to continue to live in community during their teen years.

LIFE IN THE WORD ON APRIL 26TH: 5PM-6:30PM

Join us from 5-6:30 for our last gathering of the school year and a campfire party! We will play games, have fun snacks, and reflect on the year. Siblings and parents are invited to attend with their student. *May 3rd during worship is Life Event Sunday for 6th grade students. Mark your calendar for the 5th-12th grade year end Family Party on May 17th from 5-8pm.*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY POWERS: EPowers@LIVELIFETOGETHER.COM



Our Adopt a School Partner is:

LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WAYS TO SERVE:

May 4th-8th: Staff Appreciation Week

May 16th: Tito Fest (Like a Carnival)

We love the partnership we have as Adopt a School Partners with Leopold Elementary School. As a congregation you continue to be very generous with your time and donations that directly help to encourage the staff and students and families at Leopold. There are a couple of ways that you can help coming up in May. The sign-up genius link that you see has more information for what is needed. It is broken down to lots of manageable ways to help, you can take it directly to the school, or drop it off at church and Amy will make sure it gets there. And if you like to see lots of happy kids running around and having fun, consider signing up to help at one of the booths for Tito Fest. Thank you again for helping in this practical way to show the love of Jesus to this school, right in our community.

[Sign Up for Staff Appreciation Week](#)

[Sign Up for Tito Fest](#)

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.

KIDS CONNECTION ON APRIL 26TH: 10:15-11:30AM

Kids Connection is meeting this Sunday from 10:15-11:30am. We will continue talking about the Great Commission and how we are called to be a light for Jesus in our homes and communities.

Mark May 17th for our end of the year Kids Connection party.

MESSAGE & NOTES

THE TAPESTRY: EXILE & RETURN HOPE IN EXILE

Jeremiah 29:4-14; Daniel 1

Focus: Even in exile, in the midst of the consequences for rejecting God, He is with His people. God especially blesses Daniel, and as He raises him up He encourages Daniel and Israel through His prophets and a promise that there is a future where they are restored. There is no where God's people can be sent or where they can go where God will not be with them.

WORD

Read Isaiah 44:28-45:13; Ezra 1

We see the fulfillment of God's promise from Jeremiah 29:10 that after 70 years God would act. What stands out to you about God's word to Cyrus in Isaiah and then what we read in Ezra 1?

How does this scripture challenge your assumptions about how God might be working today?

What do you know for sure?

THE TAPESTRY – Forever

How does God's promised future impact your life today?

PRAY

Have each person choose a verse from Isaiah 40 that stands out to them. Pray as a group with each person reading the verse they chose and praying something they are led to pray from that.

LOVE

Brainstorm different ideas for how you each might bless your neighbors this week. And then pick something and do it.

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

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

*SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH: 2*22 DURING APRIL*

We invite you join the discussion in Connections or the parent prayer group. In Connections, you'll have the opportunity to be refreshed in your understanding of what we are all about at the Church and you'll get to meet some new people. Read more about Connections below.

*SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH: CONNECTIONS CLASS DURING 2*22 [APRIL 12TH, 19TH, 26TH, MAY 3RD]*

We are excited that there are several Households that are considering joining our family at the Church. We will be having Connections Class during 2.22 on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3 and we invite everyone to attend. You will have the opportunity to meet and get to know these new people, and be refreshed in your understanding of what we are all about at the Church and how you can be fully engaged in our ministry and the calling God has on all of our lives. We will also still be offering the opportunity to gather with other parents and take time to pray over our children. Make plans to join us at one of these opportunities from 10:30am-11:30am. Children can participate in Kids Connection.

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH: COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Commitment Sunday is April 26th. Learn more at www.lifelifetogether.com/commitmentsunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH: NO WELL CONNECTED THIS MONTH.

Stay after worship to learn more about *the Church* in our Connections Class.

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.

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MAY 22ND—MAY 24TH BRATFEST IS BACK & SIGN UPS ARE OPEN!

Brat Fest is BACK! Do you remember how fun this was? You don't want to miss out. We're volunteering at Brat Fest again this year. Spots go quickly, so sign up soon! Sign up at the link here: <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/volunteer/#/join-party?k=wks8ob7mkrpqkl>

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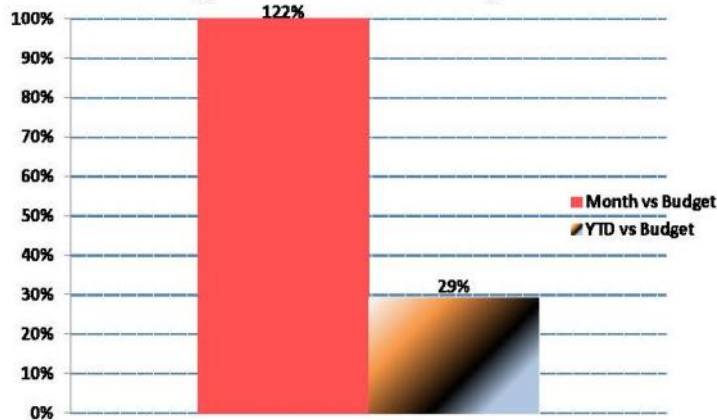
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Offerings: Month and YTD vs. Budget



Tithes and Offerings as of March 31, 2026			
Monthly received	\$ 63,630	YTD received	\$ 182,790
Monthly goal	51,976	YTD surplus/(deficit)	11,654
Monthly surplus/(deficit)	-	2026 goal	624,045
This month last year	\$ 55,305	Goal remaining	441,255
		2025 total	\$ 600,435
Additional Information as of March 31, 2026			
Line of Credit Balance*	\$ 12,885	2022 Loan Balance	~\$31,500
Balance was \$0 from January 1 to January 30*		Paid monthly	
Church Finances as of February 28, 2026			
	2026	2025	
Operating Rev.	\$ 251,576	\$ 174,226	
Operating Exp.	\$ 245,821	\$ 230,425	
	\$ 5,754	\$ (56,199)	
*LoC must have \$0 balance for 30 days per calendar year			

BIRTHDAYS

4/27 Anna Bolha
5/3 Judy Lee

ANNIVERSARIES

4/27—7 years
Chris & Courtney Shrader

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...Exile & Return: Hope in Exile [April 26th, 2026]