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HONORING OUR FATHERS

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On this Father's Day, we pause to give thanks to God for the gift of fathers and father figures who faithfully serve their families, churches, and communities. In a world that often pulls in many directions, the steady presence of a godly father can be a powerful reflection of God's own love—anchored in truth, guided by wisdom, and expressed through quiet acts of faithfulness.

Fatherhood is more than a role; it is a calling. Scripture reminds us of this calling in Ephesians 6:4: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." These words point not only to responsibility, but to relationship—one marked by patience, grace, and intentional care. Fathers are entrusted with shaping hearts, nurturing faith, and modeling what it looks like to walk with



Christ in both word and action.



We see this lived out in countless ways. It is found in the father who prays with his children at bedtime, the grandfather who shares stories of God's faithfulness through the years, the stepfather who chooses daily commitment and love, and the spiritual father who invests time and wisdom into the lives of others. Often, these acts go unnoticed by the world, yet they carry eternal significance. In the ordinary rhythms of everyday life—through encouragement, correction, laughter, and sacrifice—fathers help



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weave a legacy of faith that stretches far beyond what can be seen.

This day is an opportunity to honor and celebrate these men. We give thanks for their strength in times of challenge, their wisdom in moments of decision, their compassion in times of need, and their perseverance through seasons that require much of them. We recognize that no father is perfect, yet God works through willing hearts, using imperfect people to reflect His perfect love. At the same time, we hold space for those for whom Father's Day brings a mix of emotions. Some carry the weight of loss, remembering a father who is no longer present. Others may feel the ache of strained relationships, unmet expectations, or the longing to be a father. There are also those who have stepped into fatherly roles out of necessity or calling, carrying both the challenges and blessings that come with it. In all of these experiences, we are reminded that God Himself is our perfect Father—steadfast, compassionate, and ever-present.



As we celebrate today, may we also encourage and support the fathers among us. A word of gratitude, a prayer of blessing, or a simple acknowledgment can strengthen and uplift those who carry this important calling. And may all fathers be reminded that their labor in the Lord is not in vain.



May God bless our fathers and father figures with strength for each day, wisdom for every decision, peace in every circumstance, and joy in the journey. May their lives continue to point others to Christ, leaving a legacy of faith that endures for generations to come.

Happy Father's Day.

CHECK OUT MORE *LifeServe* 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 IS ON SUMMER BREAK

The High School Mission Trip is July 12th-18th.

Please pray for leaders and students as they prepare their hearts for mission.



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 SUMMER BREAK

The Middle School Mission Trip is August 2nd-5th.

Please pray for leaders and students as they prepare their hearts for mission.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY POWERS: EPowers@LIVELIFETOGETHER.COM



Our Adopt a School Partner is:
LEOPOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WAYS TO SERVE:

Support for after school clubs at Leopold: There is no MSCR at Leopold, and they are looking for volunteers to help with the existing clubs or perhaps run one - they are open to having them be 4 to 6 weeks in length. If you want to teach a skill or have an idea for an after school program reach out to Amy Meyer at ameyer@lifelifetogether.com.

Questions? Contact Amy Meyer: ameyer@lifelifetogether.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@lifelifetogether.com.

KIDS CONNECTION ON SUMMER BREAK

MESSAGE & NOTES

THE TAPESTRY: CRIMSON THREADS LIFE AFTER EASTER

John 20:19-30; Acts 1:1-14

Focus: Jesus is alive! There is forgiveness and freedom for all who repent, and this Good News needs to be shared! Our lives after Easter have been woven into Jesus' mission. We are His hands and feet, sent to embody and proclaim the Good News wherever we go.

WORD

Read Acts 2:1-12 and Acts 2:36-41

What details stand out about how the Holy Spirit arrives?

What is the core message that Peter proclaims in verses 36-41?

Where do you see evidence of God “breaking in” today—in your life, church, or community?

The people responded immediately—what is one step of obedience you sense God calling you to take? (pause first for a few minutes of silence and pray: “Holy Spirit, where are You at work in me right now, and how are You inviting me to respond?”)

THE TAPESTRY

What does this scripture teach about faith and life as a Jesus follower?

PRAY

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on our lives, our church, our communities and neighborhoods and our city and the world.

LOVE

Watch for a moment this week where you sense God is at work and join him - follow through on a nudge from the Holy Spirit and be bold and courageous and loving in your witness.

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, JUNE 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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH 9AM NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Help us to welcome all of our new members on New Member Sunday!

*2*22 ON BREAK FOR THE SUMMER*

MONDAY, JUNE 21ST: DONUTS WITH DAD

Stay after worship with Dad and grab some donuts in honor of all of the Fathers and Father figures in our congregation!

MONDAY, JUNE 22ND 6:30PM THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

The Church Leadership Board Meeting will be at the Church on June 22nd at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact the board at board@lifelifetogether.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC, AFTER WORSHIP

We're having a picnic after worship! So stay, bring a snack/lunch, a chair or blanket, your favorite outdoor activities (i.e. frisbee, bean bag toss) and let's hang out! *[No WELL Connected this week]!*

SUMMER SERIES: UNDERSTANDING THE LCMS: WALKING TOGETHER WITH CLARITY: A SUMMER OF PRAYER, DISCERNMENT, AND STRENGTHENING OUR SHARED WITNESS

Since the LCMS will meet in convention this summer, we'll take time to review who we are as a church body, discuss some current and upcoming challenges, and seek to move forward together in faith as we follow Jesus.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH: AFTER WORSHIP

We begin by remembering who we are in Christ.

OR

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH: 8PM VIA ZOOM

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AND

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH: AFTER WORSHIP

We seek wisdom as we navigate what is not yet clear .

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH: AFTER WORSHIP

We move forward in faith, trusting the One who leads us.

AUGUST 24TH—31ST: LOVE DANE

Mark Your Calendars! We will be serving again with Love Dane through Collaboration Project. More information coming soon. In the meantime, learn more about Love Dane here: <https://www.collaborationproject.us/love-dane>

SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES



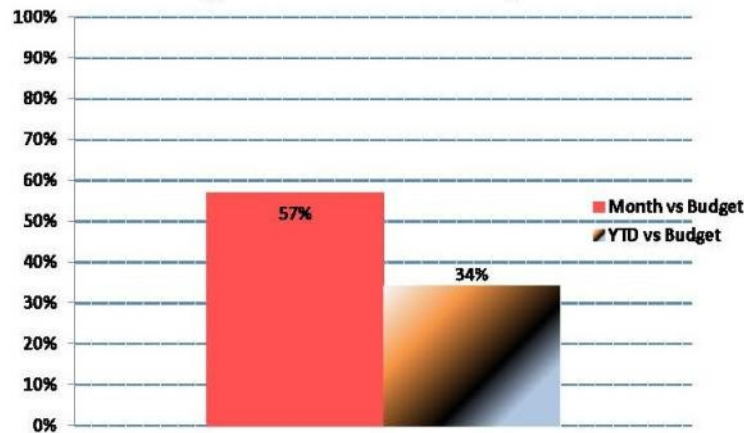
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GLANCE *at the* FINANCE



Offerings: Month and YTD vs. Budget



| Tithes and Offerings as of April 30, 2026 | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Monthly received | \$ 30,439 | YTD received | \$ 213,229 |
| Monthly goal | 53,448 | YTD surplus/(deficit) | (23,009) |
| Monthly surplus/(deficit) | (23,009) | 2026 goal | 624,045 |
| This month last year | \$ 42,341 | Goal remaining | 410,816 |
| | | 2025 total | \$ 600,435 |
| Additional Information as of April 30, 2026 | | | |
| Line of Credit Balance* | \$ 24,885 | 2022 Loan Balance | ~\$29,800 |
| Balance was \$0 from January 1 to January 30* | | Paid monthly | |
| Church Finances as of March 31, 2026 | | | |
| | 2026 | 2025 | |
| Operating Rev. | \$ 193,556 | \$ 166,188 | |
| Operating Exp. | 200,006 | 202,677 | |
| | \$ (6,451) | \$ (36,488) | |
| *LoC must have \$0 balance for 30 days per calendar year | | | |

BIRTHDAYS

6/14 Samuel Tsai
 6/16 Laura Potter
 6/17 Grant Kafka
 6/20 Hannah Granetzke
 6/20 Brady Jagla
 6/21 Carol Beecher

ANNIVERSARIES

6/18—49 years
 Rich and Erika Frohmader
 6/20—34 years
 Mark and Maria Radtke

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...Crimson Threads: Life After Easter [June 14th, 2026]