



WEEKLY BULLETIN

JUNE 21ST, 2026

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NEXT STOP: KNOXVILLE, TN Higher Ground Mission Trip



THE DETAILS

- ✓ JULY 12TH-18TH, 2026
- ✓ 15 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
- ✓ 3 COLLEGE AGED YOUNG ADULTS
- ✓ 5 ADULTS
- ✓ 1400 MILES ROUND TRIP
- ✓ 6 NIGHTS OF WORSHIP
- ✓ 575 COMBINED HOURS VOLUNTEER WORK
- ✓ 21 MEALS PER PERSON + ENDLESS SNACKS
- ✓ 1 FREE DAY EXPLORING KNOXVILLE
- ✓ COUNTLESS LAUGHS
- ✓ PRICELESS LESSONS ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH

DID YOU KNOW?

- KNOXVILLE WAS THE LOCATION OF TENNESSEE'S FIRST CAPITOL
- IT IS HOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.
- KNOXVILLE IS THE 3RD LARGEST CITY IN TENNESSEE.
- MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME = \$36,331
- 25% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF KNOXVILLE FALLS UNDER THE POVERTY LINE. 32% OF CHILDREN FALL UNDER THE POVERTY LINE.
- WE WILL PARTNER WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY, SAFE HOUSING, AND HOME REPAIRS.

THANK YOU
to everyone who
has donated!

WANT TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MISSION TRIP?
There is still time to make a donation to help us get to Knoxville!

SUPPORT HIGHER GROUND'S SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO KNOXVILLE, TN

	G	R	O	U	N	D
H	\$100 Thank you!	\$25 Thank you!	\$60 Thank you!	\$75 Thank you!	\$75 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!
I	\$150 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!
G	\$100 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!	\$25 Thank you!	\$25 Thank you!	\$75 Thank you!	\$75 Thank you!
H	\$250 Thank you!	\$75 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!	\$40 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!
E	\$40 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$?? Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$40 Thank you!
R	\$50 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$60 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$50 Thank you!	\$100 Thank you!

Help us blackout our BINGO card!

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

- Elexio app or online - choose "youth donation" in the dropdown menu. (lifelifttogether.com/give)
- Mail/drop off check or cash at the Church (2833 Raritan Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711.)

CLAIM YOUR BINGO SQUARE

- Donating online on a computer- use the notes section to indicate the Bingo square you are claiming.
- Donating via mobile phone or with cash, email Emily the square you are claiming. (epowers@lifelifttogether.com)
- No preference? We will apply donations towards the most important items first.

THE SPIEL



prayers for
DAD



& all the important men in your life.

THIS FATHER'S DAY, GIVE THE GIFT OF PRAYER TO THE FATHER/HUSBAND/SON/GRANDPA IN YOUR LIFE. INSERT THEIR NAME IN THE SCRIPTURE BELOW OR USE THE SCRIPTURE AS PROMPTS FOR YOUR OWN PRAYERS.

LORD, TEACH _____ TO TRUST IN YOU WITH ALL HIS HEART; THAT HE WOULD NOT DEPEND ON HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING BUT SEEK YOUR WILL IN ALL HE DOES. (PR. 3:5-6)

TRUST

LIGHT

GIVE _____ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A BRIGHT LIGHT TO THOSE AROUND HIM AS HE POINTS OTHERS TO YOU. (MT. 5:14-16)

HELP ME TO TREAT _____ WITH HONOR AND GRACE. MAY MY WORDS TOWARDS AND ABOUT HIM BE ONES OF RESPECT AND KINDNESS. (EX. 20:12, EPH. 4:29)

HONOR

WISDOM

JESUS, EQUIP _____ TO LIVE BY YOUR WISDOM, SEEKING YOUR GUIDANCE IN ALL OF HIS PLANS AND DECISION MAKING. (PR. 16:9)

JESUS, MAY YOU CONTINUE TO OPEN _____'S EYES TO OPPORTUNITIES TO DISPLAY A GRACIOUS AND GENEROUS HEART SO THAT YOU MAY BE GLORIFIED. (1 TIM 6:17-19)

GIVING

THANKS

LORD, REMIND ME TO CONTINUALLY THANK YOU FOR BLESSING ME WITH _____ AND FOR THE GRACIOUS GIFTS YOU HAVE GIVEN TO HIM. (1 COR. 1:4)

LORD, DURING TIMES OF ANXIETY, LEAD _____ TO PRAYER SO HIS WORRIES MAY BE REPLACED WITH PEACE AND GRATITUDE. (PH. 4:6-7)

PEACE

STRENGTH

I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GIVE _____ COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE DURING DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. MAY HE KEEP HIS EYES ON YOU AS HIS SOURCE OF STRENGTH. (DT. 31:6)

I ASK THAT YOU WOULD EMBOLDEN _____ WITH THE WISDOM NEEDED STAY STRONG IN HIS FAITH AND HELP KEEP OUR/HIS HOUSEHOLD WELL CENTERED ON YOU. DEUT 6:4-9

FAITH

LOVE

JESUS, I PRAY THAT _____'S LOVE WILL OVERFLOW MORE AND MORE, AND THAT HE WILL KEEP ON GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. MAY _____ ALWAYS BE FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF YOUR SALVATION WHICH IS A RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER PRODUCED IN HIS LIFE BY JESUS CHRIST. (PH. 1:9-11)

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: SPIRIT-WOVEN CHURCH HEAVEN BREAKS IN

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

Focus: The promised Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples, transforming fearful followers into bold witnesses of Jesus Christ. Through the preaching of the Gospel, people from many nations hear the mighty works of God in their own languages and are gathered into one body through faith and baptism. Pentecost reminds us that the Church is born not through human effort or strategy, but through the power of God's Spirit working through His Word. This week invites us to receive anew the Spirit's gifts and to trust that God still creates faith and transforms lives through the Gospel today.

WORD

Read Acts 10:34-48

Scan Acts 8 and also Acts 10:1-34 for context.

Persecution scatters the believers. Philip preaches to the Samaritans, and to the Ethiopian. Peter gets called to Cornelius, a Roman army officer (Gentile).

Share about a time when you were welcomed into a place or group where you felt like an outsider. What made the difference?

What does Peter realize in v34-35? How is this a shift for him?

What stands out to you about what Peter shared? (the Gospel)

What do you learn about the Holy Spirit and how he works?

THE TAPESTRY

What does this passage say about "Forever" about God's promises and restoration?

PRAY

Thank God that the Gospel is for ALL people. Confess any area where you have treated others as outsiders.

LOVE

Is there someone you could have a conversation with that is different from you? Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you outside of your comfort zone to show love this week.

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST: 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.

*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! Happy Father's Day!

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, 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 WITH COLLABORATION PROJECT

LOVE DANE will be here before you know it! There will be a lot of ways to serve Dane County during this week. By partnering with local organizations and bringing many churches to serve together, our impact is more substantial and helps to build long-term trusting relationships.

➡ Our church will be putting bulletin boards up at Leopold Elementary again this year. Add August 29th from 9am-12pm on your calendar and join us!
Learn more at: <https://www.collaborationproject.us/love-dane>

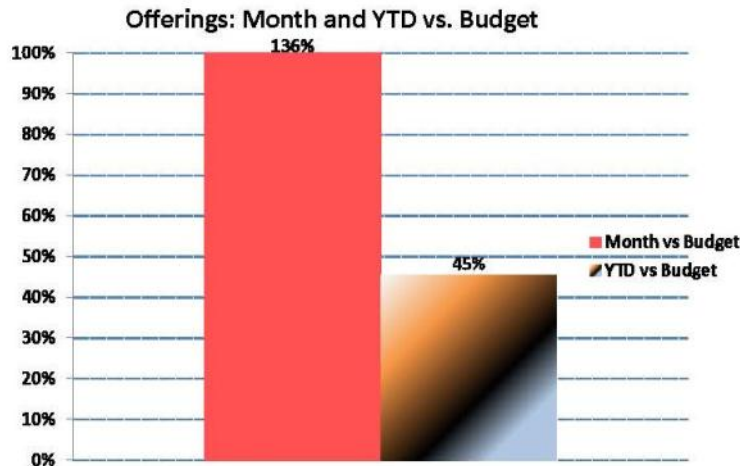
SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES



CHECK OUT UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



GLANCE *at the* FINANCE



Tithes and Offerings as of May 31, 2026			
Monthly received	\$ 70,190	YTD received	\$ 283,419
Monthly goal	51,746	YTD surplus/(deficit)	18,444
Monthly surplus/(deficit)	-	2026 goal	624,045
This month last year	\$ 51,594	Goal remaining	340,626
		2025 total	\$ 600,435
Additional Information as of May 31, 2026			
Line of Credit Balance*	\$ 30,885	2022 Loan Balance	~\$27,000
Balance was \$0 from January 1 to January 30*		Paid monthly	
Church Finances as of May 31, 2026			
	2026	2025	
Operating Rev.	\$ 369,734	\$ 300,272	
Operating Exp.	427,964	384,384	
	\$ (58,231)	\$ (84,112)	

*LoC must have \$0 balance for 30 days per calendar year

BIRTHDAYS

6/21 Carol Beecher
 6/24 Tyler Verri
 6/26 Will Carstensen
 6/27 Jen Granetzke
 6/27 Brian Hayman
 6/28 Brian Reince

ANNIVERSARIES

6/23—42 years
 Karen and Bart Hettenbach
 6/27—45 years
 Brian and Peggy Hayman

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]