

WEEKLY BULLETIN

JULY 12TH, 2026

live life
together

THE SPIEL



The Higher Ground mission trip team is heading to Knoxville, TN during the very early hours of July 12th. They will spend the week being the hands and feet of Jesus as they work together to meet the felt needs of people in the community.

We would like to extend a heartfelt

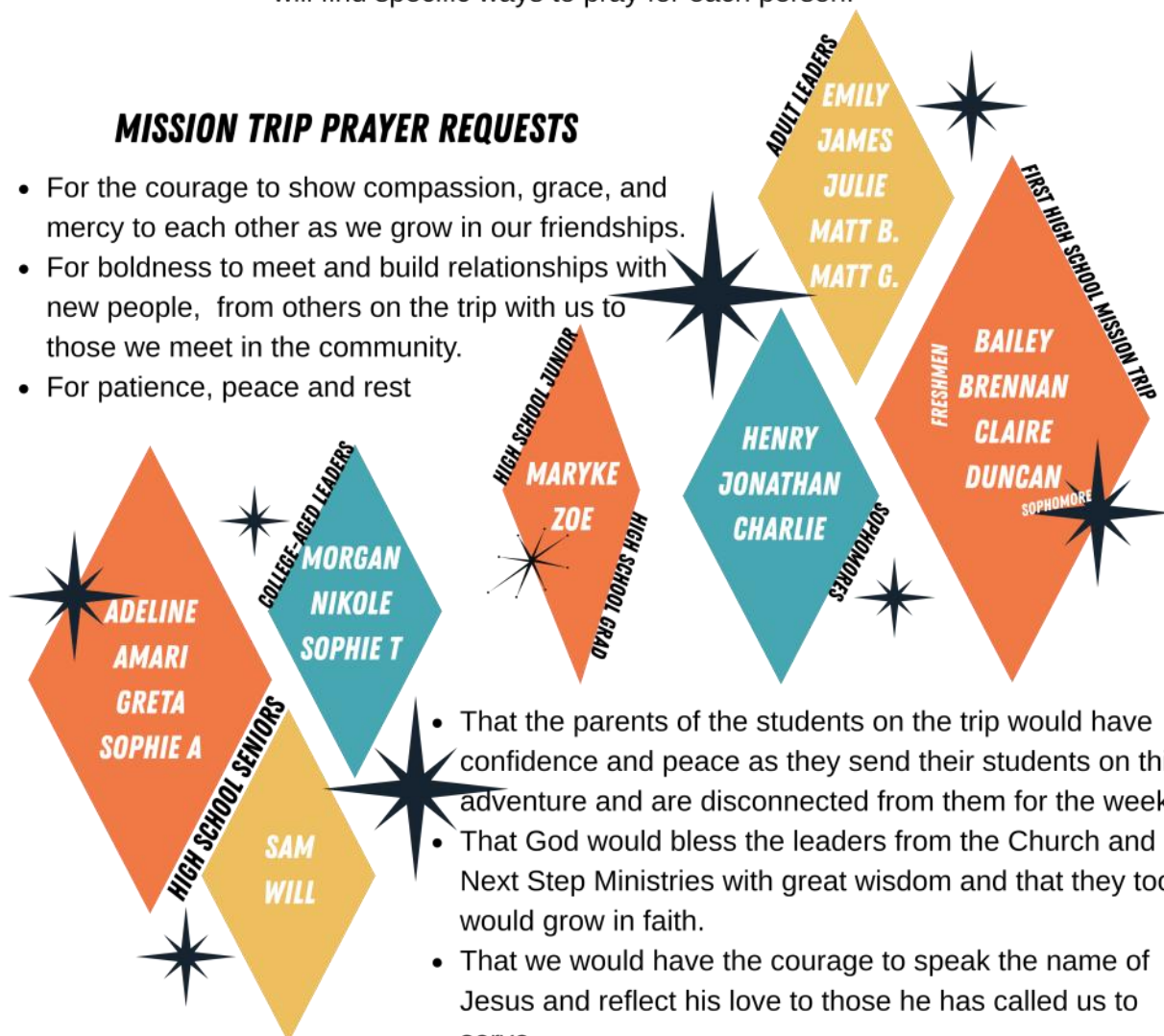
THANK YOU

for all of the financial gifts that allowed our students this meaningful experience.

Higher Ground invites you to pray for our students and leaders this week. Following are some general prayers for the group as well as the names of each person on the trip. On the following page you will find specific ways to pray for each person.

MISSION TRIP PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the courage to show compassion, grace, and mercy to each other as we grow in our friendships.
- For boldness to meet and build relationships with new people, from others on the trip with us to those we meet in the community.
- For patience, peace and rest



- That the parents of the students on the trip would have confidence and peace as they send their students on this adventure and are disconnected from them for the week.
- That God would bless the leaders from the Church and Next Step Ministries with great wisdom and that they too would grow in faith.
- That we would have the courage to speak the name of Jesus and reflect his love to those he has called us to serve.

THE SPIEL

SOPHIE A

- continued healing for my leg
- for our group to continue to build bonds with each other and with others on the trip
- that we can do a lot of work

JAMES

- patience
- safe driving & navigating
- for the Spirit to work through me in all I do

WILL

- safety during the trip
- form deeper relationships with God and others
- patience

BRENNAN

- for safe travels
- For a willingness to serve
- that we would have a good time with our friends

AMARI

- discernment for post-high school plans
- to have more confidence in spreading the Gospel
- to have discipline in my studies

BAILEY

- courage
- to would have fun
- to not be homesick

ZOE

- to have an awesome few months before starting cosmetology school in January
- For unforgettable last mission trip experience
- to keep reaching my goals at work

CLAIRE

- safety
- to grow closer to God
- to have a servant heart

SAM

- patience & being understanding with others
- to stay curious and not judgemental
- that I would stay positive

ADELINE

- courage
- to build new friendships
- to stay in the moment
- to listen before reacting
- safe travels

DUNCAN

- that my group can share the Gospel with someone who has never heard it before.
- that I can feel healthy and strong throughout the trip
- for safety and protection against illness, injury, and danger (Psalm 121:8)

Matt B.

- to let go of work stuff and be present
- that I can be a good listener
- to be open to where God is moving & not get in the way of what he's doing.

JONATHAN

- to be more selfless & understand what others are feeling so I can put them 1st
- to gain a deeper understanding of myself & my identity in Christ
- lots of rest to be ready physically & mentally each day

MORGAN

- building stronger relationships between students on the trip
- strong leadership that demonstrates good fellowship
- to grow in my faith & have the strength to pour into the students

CHARLIE

- that I wouldn't injure my chest
- that I can help as many people as possible
- that I get enough sleep & nutrients so I can help others

NIKOLE

- safe travels with no surprises
- that God gives me the strength & patience to be a good leader
- flexibility & peace in unexpected situations

SOPHIE T

- to understand the needs of everyone I work with and be able to help them in the way they need
- to become more dependant and confident in God and His work in my life
- to understand my role as a follower of Jesus

GRETA

- that I would build connections
- see God at work
- grow in faith
- use this opportunity to serve well and spread God's light

MATT G

- Maryke isn't too annoyed having her dad on the trip
- that I would find daily meaningful connection with my wife while I'm gone.
- that the Lord would show up in a specific but unexpected way to every student

MARYKE

- to have the right mindset
- a willingness to serve
- courage

JULIE

- that all on the trip would grow in their faith
- that we would be a blessing to others
- safe travels

HENRY

- That God would help me to
- show grace to others.
- be humble & put God 1st
- keep the spirit long after the trip is over.

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@livelifetogether.com.

Questions? Contact Amy Meyer: ameyer@livelifetogether.com



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 SUMMER BREAK

MESSAGE & NOTES

THE TAPESTRY: GOSPEL-SHAPED LIVES LIVING WORTHY OF THE CALLING

Ephesians 4:1-6; 21-32

Focus: God's grace is not simply something we receive; it becomes the pattern of our lives. As we encourage, forgive, and bear with one another, we reveal the character of Christ to a watching world. The strongest witness to the world is often not what the Church says, but how the Church loves. The Gospel is meant to be seen as well as heard.

WORD

Read [Romans 12:1-8](#)

In what ways are you tempted to be conformed to the ways of the world?

How can you practically be transformed by the renewing of your mind?

How do these verses expand your understanding and definition of worship (outside of Sunday morning) – consider reading the verses especially 1-3 in the MSG.

What needs to change about the way you think? (about yourself, or others)

THE TAPESTRY

What does this scripture teach us about living life as a Jesus follower?

PRAY

Thank God that he doesn't just improve our old lives but gives us a brand new life. Thank the Holy Spirit for renewing your mind. Ask God to help you offer your whole self to him and not hold anything back. Pray for those people in your life who are disconnected from life in Jesus and that God would draw them close to him.

LOVE

Because of God's mercy, this week I will offer _____ to Him as an act of worship.

CALENDAR & EVENTS



UPCOMING:

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH: 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*

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.

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

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

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>

AUGUST 30TH—AFTER WORSHIP, MISSION TRIP THANK YOU BRUNCH

Mark Your Calendars! Students and Leaders will share their experiences from the High School Mission Trip to Knoxville TN, and the Middle School Mission Trip right here in Madison!

SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES



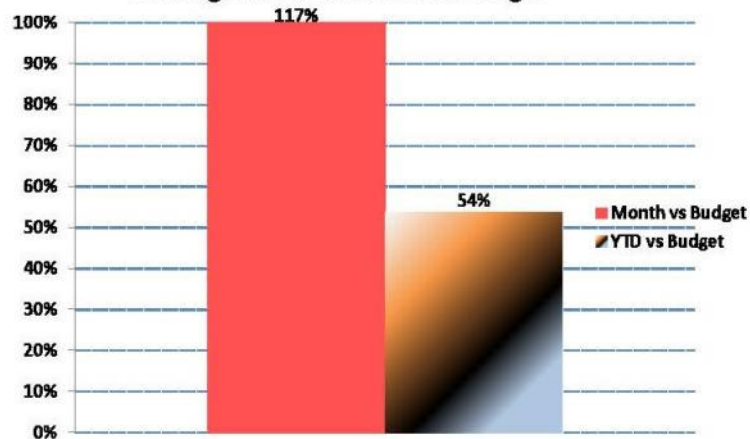
CHECK OUT UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



GLANCE *at the* FINANCE



Offerings: Month and YTD vs. Budget



Tithes and Offerings as of June 30, 2026					
Monthly received	\$	52,227	YTD received	\$	335,646
Monthly goal		44,518	YTD surplus/(deficit)		18,444
Monthly surplus/(deficit)		-	2026 goal		624,045
This month last year	\$	62,901	Goal remaining		288,398
			2025 total	\$	600,435
Additional Information as of June 30, 2026					
Line of Credit Balance*	\$	-	2022 Loan Balance		~\$25,500
Balance was \$0 from January 1 to January 30*			Paid monthly		
Church Finances as of June 30, 2026					
		2026		2025	
Operating Rev.	\$	434,478	\$	377,645	
Operating Exp.		480,688		443,216	
	\$	(46,210)	\$	(65,571)	
*LoC must have \$0 balance for 30 days per calendar year					

BIRTHDAYS

7/13 Kyla Smith
 7/13 Karin Verri
 7/14 Dan Yogerst
 7/15 James Conrad
 7/16 Kathy Neitzel
 7/18 Parkis Waterbury

ANNIVERSARIES

7/15—11 years
 Nick and Andrea Cavanis

 7/18—28 years
 Dave and Tabetha Otten

 7/19—46 years
 Greg and Judy Curless

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...Spirit-Woven Church: Living Worthy of the Calling [July 12th, 2026]