

Good Morning!

Today, Nov 25:	8:30am	Family Breakfast
	8:30am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:00am	Morning Worship
	10:00am	Fellowship & Coffee Time
	10:15am	Sunday School/ Life Group
Tuesday, Nov 27:	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Wednesday, Nov 28:	5:30pm	Family Dinner
	6:15pm	4JC's
	6:30pm	GKC
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Study (Starr's House)
	7:45pm	The Fire
Friday, Nov 30:	6:00am	Men's Group at Homestead
Saturday, Dec 1	4-6pm	Firth Old Fashioned Christmas
Sunday, Dec 2:	8:30am	Family Breakfast
	8:30am	Adult Choir Practice
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Thank You for being SO generous! Everyone did a wonderful job of helping with *Operation Christmas Child* this year! Ann loaded 59 boxes on Santa's "plane" to be sent to deserving kids around the world! Way to share your love! Also, thank you to Ann for all your hard work. We know you enjoy it!

Script Cards! In November and December, the proceeds will go to the (Lincoln) Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thanks for all your support!

December Newsletter: Information due by **Monday, November 26th**. Newsletters go to all of our church family and Wednesday evening families!!!

Consistory Update: During our Congregational meeting we elected as Elders Rick DeBoer and Tammy Goering; and as Deacons Chad Bryant and Glen Gana. If there is any objections to who was elected for elders and deacons, please see Pastor Mark. We pray for God's guidance for all of our Consistory members. Thank you to Deacons Alex Olson and Randy Sieck, and Elders Doug Nieveen and Mike Brown. Your leadership will be missed!!

Sunday, December 2nd, the season of Advent begins! To remind us of the coming of Christ, we will light Advent candles at the beginning of each worship service. If you or your family are willing to light the candles, read a Scripture passage, say a prayer, and sign up today on the information table and talk to Pastor Mark for details.

Preparing to Decorate the Church!!! This morning please meet Luke Sieck in the sanctuary at 10:30am if you want to help move the decorations down to the main floor. Cheryl Gouldin would like to have the church decorated sometime this week. If anyone is interested in helping or has any questions please contact Cheryl at 402-890-6483 or Beth at 402-791-5800.

Congregational Meeting—December 9th After Church: After our congregational meeting a few weeks ago, it was discovered that some of our financial estimates in the 2019 budget need to be modified. Desiring full transparency and accuracy, the consistory would like to approve a more accurate budget. To do so, we will have a brief meeting after church on December 9th so members can vote on it.

Christmas Program! God's Kid's Club's Christmas Program is **Wednesday, December 12th** at 7:00pm. All kids need to be in their classroom at 6:15 pm. We would like the congregation to bring favorite holiday cookies or bars for the fellowship time after the program and please bring ahead of time to the kitchen. Thank you & see you there.

Directory Updates: In your boxes are update forms for next year's church directory. Please check & update your information and return the form to the box on the narthex table by today Sunday, November 25th. If you would like to be added to the 2019 directory – please fill out a form!

Electronic Giving (Weekly or Monthly Offering)!!! Just a reminder that you can sign up to have your weekly or monthly offering electronically transferred from your checking account (ACH). You can still contribute to special occasions through the offering plate by designating on your check what you would like your funds to go to, (Building fund, Missions, etc.) Please contact Kendall Weber (402-791-5026) for more information. ACH saves the church money and is a 'green' way of contributing (no offering envelopes needed). *Please note that the first step to setting up auto-pay is through Kendall – not through your bank.

LLRC Mission Statement: To grow a loving community of active followers of Jesus equipped to take His love and message to the world.

Pray for God to bless His people, that we may shine His light in a dark world and share that blessing with others!

Give thanks for the coming of Jesus as we begin the season of Advent next Sunday!

Ask God to lead and guide our government leaders as they face difficult decisions and temptation. Pray that they would seek God's wisdom and strength!

Pray for God's provision to finish and pay for the Family Life Center. Pray that it would help us to reach and equip others for God's glory!

Pray for the Central Plains classis of churches that we are a part of as together we pursue a vision of equipping others for new churches and ministries!

Lift up those who have recently lost loved ones in our church family as they grieve and remember. Pray that God would comfort and strengthen them.

Continue to pray for Bill Boden, Bouwen's brothers, Lynn Hagan (Sarah L. friend), Larry DeBoer, Ellen Essink, Les Buck (Jody Null's father), Brenda Capps, Chris Finke, Rebekah Silva (Dan & Valerie's daughter), Sally Jennings, Dave Hobelman (Brother), Hilda Jacobson, Truman Sieck, Alvin & Eileen Weber, Pat (Terri Petersen's Sister-Liver Cancer), Phyllis Weber, Jerry Martin, Monte Morrison, Les Buck (Jody Null Father-Cancer), Steve Null, Al & Aaron Comer (Ann's brother & nephew), Barbara Wissink (Ellen's sister-in-law), Larry Vandergrind (Vergene Son).

The Preparatory Service

Leader: Dear Family of God, in response to the directions of Jesus, we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning.

Congregation: That we may celebrate the Lord's Supper properly, it is necessary that we examine ourselves. Because of our sinfulness before our loving and just Heavenly Father, we come in penitence and humility before Him. With all our hearts, we believe that our sins are forgiven only by the death of Jesus on the cross, and that His perfect righteousness is freely given to us, just as though we had been perfectly obedient ourselves.

L: Father, our sincere intentions are to express thanksgiving to You in the totality of our lives; to walk in loving obedience before You; and to live in love and peace with our neighbor.

C: Since these are our intentions, Father, we are sure that you will receive us in mercy and consider us worthy partakers at the table of Your Son, Jesus Christ. But according to the command of Jesus through the Apostle Paul, if we are continuing in unrepented sin, we will keep ourselves from the Lord's Table.

L: Remember, dear Family of God, this command is not intended to distress the contrite hearts of God's people as if none of us could come to the Lord's Table unless we were without sin. We do not come to the Lord's Table to proclaim that we are righteous in ourselves; but to proclaim that we are conscious of our sinfulness and are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation.

C: We do not feel that our faith is as strong as it should be. We do not serve God with as much enthusiasm as we should. Daily we must fight against weakness of faith and fleshly temptations. We are, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, sorry for these weaknesses and sincerely desire to fight against them and be fully obedient to Jesus. Then we are at peace to believe that no sin or weakness which still remains against our will in us, can hinder us from being received of God in mercy and from being made worthy partakers of His heavenly food.

L: That we may now confess our sins before our loving and almighty God, let us come humbly and penitently before Him. Let us pray:

UNISON: O Eternal God and most gracious Father, we come humbly and penitently before You. We confess that we have often and deeply sinned and rebelled against You. In judgment we would deserve nothing but eternal death. We are not worthy to be called Your "Family", nor to come so freely to You in prayer. But Father, we trust in Your eternal love and mercy in Jesus, the Lamb of God. We plead Your forgiveness, not at all on our own merit, but totally for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Your Son, and our Savior. AMEN!

LIVING LIFE REFORMED CHURCH

November 25, 2018

Opening Songs:

Welcome /Announcements/Congregational Prayer: Doyle Petersen

Offering:

Special Music: "Well Done"

Scripture: Haggai 2:20-23 (p.1470)

Message: "God Will Prevail"

Preparatory Reading for Communion Next Week

Closing Song

Benediction

This Morning

Next Sunday December 2

November Elders: Doyle Petersen, Cary Prange, Mike Brown

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November Deacons: Jeff Gottwald, Rand Sieck, Alex Olson, Brian Auman

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Coffee: Bill & Diane Wieskamp Gloria & Dave Rice

Nursery: Lindsay & Reagan Roby Lexi Opfer

Power Point: Maddie Starr Hunter DeBoer

Sound Tech: Mike Brown Mike Brown

Church Lock-Up: Keith TenHulzen Alex Olson

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget Needs (47 Weeks)</u>
Offering	\$4836	\$301,409	\$307,991 (\$6553 x 47)
SS Offering	\$19	\$615	Norris Back Pack Program

Wednesday Activity Information for EVERYONE!!

Fellowship Meal: 5:30-6:30.

Menu: Soup Chili & Chicken Noodle, Vegetables, Salad, Cinnamon Rolls

4JC's: 6:15-7:30

GKC: 6:30pm

Fire: 7:45-9:00

Upcoming Important Events for Your Calendar

Firth Old Fashion Christmas: Saturday, December 1st, 4-6 pm

God's Kids Club Christmas Program: Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00pm

4JC Christmas Party: Saturday, December 15th, 4:00pm

Fire Christmas Party: Wednesday, December 19th, 7:00pm.

Christmas Eve Service: Monday, December 24, 5:00 pm

***A Firth Old-Fashioned Christmas
Saturday, December 1st from 4:00-6:00pm
Firth Community Center***

*Santa Claus, Kid's Crafts, Caroling,
Refreshments & Community Tree lighting ceremony!!!! If
you enjoy singing, join us for caroling in partnership with
The E-Free Church in Firth.*

Mentoring Class

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"Why does God allow evil to exist?"
"Why doesn't everyone go to Heaven?"

If you have an 7th to 12th grader at home who has not completed the mentoring class, this class is for them. Also, you will need to find a "mentor" to help guide you through this process. This mentor can be a youth sponsor, an adult that you know and trust, or grandma or grandpa. If you can't think of a potential mentor, Ian can help you find the perfect fit.

The class will begin the week of January 13th and end the week of February 10th. We have not set a specific day of the week to meet as a class, because we will attempt to find a day that works best for the participants.

Let Ian know by Friday December 14th if you want to participate in this class. Again, this journey will begin in January, so if you are interested please notify Ian and if you have any questions Ian can be reached by call/text [402.770.1775](tel:402.770.1775) or email ian@livinglifereformed.org.

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