



Living Life Reformed Church

February 3, 2019

Opening Songs: "Oh, Worship the King" #336
 "They'll Know We Are Christians" #677
 "The Heart of Worship"

Welcome/Announcements: P. Mark

Prayer: Doug Goering

Offering/Special Music: "Breath in Me"

Scripture: Mark 7:1-23 (p.1563)

Message: "Clean or Unclean?"

Closing Song: "Spirit of the Living God" #155

Preparatory Reading for Communion Next week

Benediction

Postlude

	<u>This Morning</u>	<u>Next Sunday, Feb 10</u>
Feb Elders	Doyle Petersen, Doug Goering, Tammy Goering	
Feb Deacons:	Brian Auman, Keith TenHulzen, Brad Riensche, Jeff Gottwald	
Coffee:	Tracy & Brad Riensche	Diane & Bill Wieskamp
Nursery:	Courtney D. & Tammy G.	Tysha & Sierra Bryant
Power Point:	Hunter DeBoer	Heather Riensche
Sound Tech:	Mike Brown	Brad Riensche
Church Lock-Up:	Brian Auman	Brad Riensche

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Jan 27</u>	<u>Jan ACH</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget Needs (5 Weeks)</u>
Offering	\$2,769	\$5,767	\$8265	\$26,008	\$35,095 (\$7019 x 5)
SS Offering	\$22	\$39		\$97	Norris Back Pack Program

Weekly Calendar

Today, Feb 3:

- 8:30am Family Breakfast
- 8:30am Adult Choir Practice
- 9:00am Morning Worship
- 10:00am Fellowship & Coffee Time
- 10:15am Sunday School/ Life Group
- 10:15am Class about Church (P. Mark- Room 15)

Monday, Feb 4: 6:00pm Mentoring Class

Tuesday, Feb 5: 1:00pm Women's Bible Study (Starr's House)

- 6:30pm Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, Feb 6: 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, Feb 8: 6:00am Men's Group at Homestead

Saturday, Feb 9: 2-4pm GLS Planning Team

Sunday, Feb 10:

- 8:30am Family Breakfast
- 8:30am Adult Choir Practice
- 9:00am Morning Worship
- 10:00am Fellowship & Coffee Time
- 10:15am Sunday School/ Life Group
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Prayers

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

Ask God to show us how to best equip ourselves and others to take His love & message to the world.

Pray for our government leaders, that God would lead and guide their decisions. Pray for leaders who will stand for His truth in our government and in our world.

Please pray for the upcoming Global Leadership Summit at our church August 8-9 and those who will be planning and helping to host this event!

Pray for the forming and preparation of the 2019 White Earth Mission Team

Pray for God's provision for the Family Life Center as we seek to finish the construction and pay for this gift. Pray that God would use it for His glory and to minister to others in our community.

Ask God to prepare our hearts to celebrate communion next Sunday and that it would indeed be a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope!

Continue to pray for Bill Boden, Bouwen's brothers, Randy Docter, Lynn Hagan (Sarah's L. friend), Larry DeBoer, Ellen Essink, Chris Finke, Wayne Hobelman (Dave Brother), Hilda Jacobson, Alvin & Eileen Weber, Jerry Martin (Recovery), Diane Mulder, Monte Morrison, Thelma Schroeder (Surgery-Therapy), Steve Null, Al & Aaron Comer (Ann's brother & nephew), Marvin Weber, and Sandra Wedding.

Wednesday Activity Information February 6th

Fellowship Meal: 5:30-6:30.

This week: Breakfast Casseroles, Pancakes, French Toast, Applesauce

GKC: 6:30-7:45 **4JC's:** 6:15-7:30

Fire: 7:45-9:00

We celebrate with Justin & Sarah Birkett the birth of their daughter, Clara Ann Birkett. Clara was born on February 1st, weighing 6 lbs 9 oz. Congratulation also goes to the grandparents Bill & Diane Wieskamp. Praise God for the gift of this child!

Newsletter: The February newsletter is now available in your mailboxes! Be sure to check out all the great activities coming up this month. The deadline for the March newsletter is **Monday, February 25th**! This is a great time to get your late spring, early summer activities listed so everyone can get them on the calendars.

2019 Germany - Global Missions: Please pray for Diane Mulder & the Praise Orchestra as they share the Gospel of Christ in word & music throughout central and northern Germany Feb 1-11. Also, please email notes of encouragement and prayers to her at DianesOnAMission@gmail.com.

2019 Mission Trip Donation Request: Ian and the crew are planning our annual Mission Trip to White Earth Indian Reservation in Minnesota (**June 8-15**), and they have identified some special gifts that we would like to take to our friends in the area! If you have any blankets (kids or adult), gently loved or new stuffed animals, or books, and back packs, please bring them in and we will begin to assemble our trip goods. If you have any questions about joining us on the trip this year, please see Ian, or grab an information packet in the fellowship hall.

2019 Mission Trip applications for the White Earth Indian Reservation are on the narthex table! Applications & \$100 down payment are due **February 13th**. Please be sure to grab a form and ask Ian Opfer any questions you might have! Several fundraising opportunities will be available to assist with the trip cost.

Power Connection (PC): Friday, July 26th – Sunday, July 28th This youth conference, held at Bethel University in Minneapolis, MN, is for 4JC students (6th-8th grade)! The goal of Power Connection is to provide an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to transform the beliefs of students and adult leaders into a lifestyle of faith in Jesus Christ. Cost for this trip is \$250 with fundraising opportunities available! Register online at synodyouth.org by **February 14th** If you have a desire to participate in one of these trips this summer, but may not be able to afford it, please talk with Ian, our youth pastor! We want you to go on these trips, and will do everything we can to make that happen! We also have scholarships available for those who communicate a need. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Ian at [402.770.1775](tel:402.770.1775) or email at ian@livinglifereformed.org.

Bible Study!! Join the Bible study class, led by Rick DeBoer, which meets each week after church in room 6 at 10:15am. The current study is in the book of Joshua. All ages welcome!

Carnival Planning! If you would like to be part of this year's carnival planning team or would like to share ideas to make the carnival better. You may talk to Tracy Riensche or Monica Starr. The carnival is on **Friday, February 22nd**.

Family Night Carnival!!! Got the winter blues? Then it's time to get out of the house! Bring the whole family and all your friends to the Carnival! Living Life Reformed Church will host its 4th Annual Carnival on **Friday, February 22**, 6-8:30 pm. There is fun for everyone: carnival games with prizes, Bingo for adults and older kids, and Supper at our concession stand! Come and have some fun! Proceeds will go toward the White Earth Mission Trip.

More Fun!! How about fun for the kids on **Friday, February 15th**!! Camp Solaris is sponsoring a Valentine's Day event from 3:30-9:00pm for 4-year-olds thru 6th graders at Lincoln Berean Church. An evening meal will also be provided! Cost is \$15 per child if you register on or before February 5; \$20 per child on or after February 6. Register at CampSonshineMemories.org/registration-process or call 402-423-8746. Pre-registration IS required.

Attention GKC Families!!! We are challenging the kids at GKC to be sure they bring an offering. We are wanting to be a blessing to Brianna Petersen and her mission work with our God's Kids Club offering. Can you let them find some extra change around the house, maybe search the couch cushions or your vehicles? Another idea is to have them do a few extra chores around the house or do an act of kindness for grandparents, neighbors or friends to earn some extra money to share as their offering. Thank you in advance for your help with this endeavor!!! GKC Staff

Church Directory: Thank you to everyone who handed in their directory updates! We have held off printing until everyone could be included. You still have a chance to make any changes to your family information. If you are not currently in our directory please see Beth for a form or any questions. We would love to add you to our church family! The directory will be printed in the next couple of weeks.

Pictorial Directory!! On February 10th & 13th will be the vary last opportunities to have your picture taken for the LLRC pictorial directory. Photos will be taken in Fellowship Hall February 10th from 8:00am-9:00am and Wednesday evening February 13th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Don't miss these opportunities if you want to be added to the pictorial directory."

Vacation Bible School at Camp Solaris! We are so excited to announce that we are once again partnering with Camp Solaris for our Summer Vacation Bible School activities! Kids ALWAYS have a blast at Camp Solaris as they get the opportunity to run and play in God's great outdoors. Camp will run July 1-3, and more information to come soon. Registration forms will be available soon. Please contact Brenda Carlow if you would like to volunteer by phone at 402-440-4617 or email at bcarrow@lps.org. Mark your calendar.

groups

“Clean or Unclean?”—Mark 7:1-23

Clean and Unclean Before God

- 1) We Are All _____
- 2) Our Uncleanness Comes From _____
- 3) _____ Can Make Us Clean

Questions For Discussion

- 1) In the beginning, from the book of Genesis we see that God made the world and He created man and what did God say about His creation?
- 2) So, from the creation story, is it accurate to say that man's character was created or inherently good? Is this still true? Why or why not?
- 3) In Luke 18:18-19, a man calls Jesus “good”. What is Jesus' response?
- 4) In your opinion, why is it important for people to accurately see mankind through both the creation story and the story of the Fall in Gen. 3. Does it matter? How is it helpful or how does it affect your life and world?
- 5) What would you say Jesus is trying to teach the Pharisees and his disciples in this text?
- 6) While we would not want to identify with the Pharisees, how might we resemble them with our actions or lives?
- 7) What is one application you could take from this week's message?

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!