

Living Life Reformed Church

Informational Bulletin

Join us for Saturday Night Services at 6:00 pm! This is a service similar to Sunday mornings but for those who aren't able to make it on Sundays and willing to wear a mask at all times on Saturday nights!

The Advent Wreath: The Advent wreath is made up of two basic parts: the wreath itself and the candles. The wreath is made of evergreen, either real or artificial. The circular shape represents eternity, for it has no beginning and no end. The evergreen was chosen as it symbolizes growth and everlasting life. There are four candles, three purple and one pink. They represent the four weeks of preparation. As another candle is lit each week, we are reminded of the growing light of Christ's presence. **The meaning of the candles is:**

1st Sunday, Purple candle: Represents HOPE

2nd Sunday, Purple candle: Represents PEACE

3rd Sunday, Purple candle: Stands for JOY

4th Sunday, Pink candle: Is a symbol of LOVE

The white candle in the center of the wreath is the Christ candle. It is white to represent purity and it is lit with the other four candles on Christmas Day (or Christmas Eve) to remind us that Christ has come as the light of the world. - from *rca.org*

Christmas Eve Service: Please join us as we celebrate the Advent season and Jesus, The Light of the World on **Thursday, December 24th** at 5:00pm. It is a great opportunity for families to come together to share the celebration of Christ's birth. Please wear a mask like you do on Sunday morning Service. An offering will be taken tonight for People City Mission.

Interested in Learning More About Living Life or the Possibility of Being A Member? Stay tuned for more details about a new class taught by Pastor Mark on Sundays after church beginning later in January!

Mentoring Class: Robbie Morrison, the new Interim Youth Director, is looking for students interested in confessing their faith through a Christian mentoring course. This course will help students understand the core doctrinal beliefs here at Living Life Reformed Church by navigating through scriptures in the Bible, better understanding creation, discussion about sinning, the Holy Trinity, worship, and much more! This journey will also allow students to explore their faith, grow in relationship with Jesus, and develop a life-long relationship with a Christian mentor. We will focus more on conversations and dialogue rather than lectures, or in other words, do life together! If you have a 7th to 12th grader at home who has not completed the mentoring class, this class is for them. Please reach out to Robbie Morrison if you or your student is at all interested! Robbie would like to get this course started by the end of January 2021, so please let him know as soon as possible. Please notify Robbie and if you have any questions. Robbie can be reached at [\(402\) 304-9049](tel:4023049049) or by e-mail, robbie.morrison@livinglifereformed.org.

Volunteers for Sound Technician!!!! Do you want to be a part of morning Sunday worship? We are looking for a sound technician for Sunday Morning because we have a worship service on Saturday and Sunday. If you need training it is available. Please contact Randy Sieck at 402-641-4264 or Beth Sieck at 402-791-5800 if you are interested.

Wednesday Night Activities!!! Just a reminder that family meals along with GKC, 4JC, and the Fire will be back on **Wednesday, January 6th, 2021**. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2021.

We would like to recognize our **Wednesday Night Supper Crew** who provide us with a delicious meal every week! They serve us with a smile and work endlessly to always have enough for the crowd. Thank you for all you do!!

Offering Envelopes: Family envelopes for 2021 are in your church mailboxes if you want to use them. **Please do not use your 2020 envelopes** after the first of the year. If you have questions, would like to sign up for weekly autopay, or would like to receive a box of envelopes for your weekly offerings, contact Kendall Weber (402-791-5026) or Beth Sieck (402-791-5800).

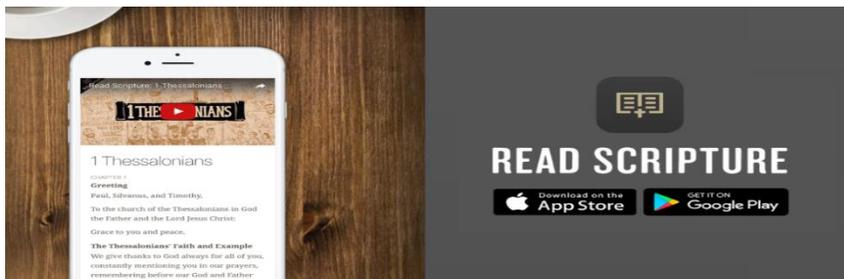
2020 Contributions: Sunday, December 27th, will be the final date for 2020 contributions. Any contribution received after noon on **December 27th, 2020** will be put to 2021 contributions. Thank you for your cooperation and giving.

Newsletter: The deadline for the January newsletter is December 28th. Please be sure to get information to Beth as soon as possible. The newsletter will be mailed and emailed to you on January 3rd, 2021!

Scrip Cards are back! Well, they never really left, but what HAS been normal for the past few months???!!!

For those of you not familiar with the Scrip program, everyone here has the opportunity to purchase gift cards from a huge variety of organizations at their face value and Living Life Reformed Church will get a percentage (which varies by the retailer) of that price which we put towards various missions. Yes, that's right, **no extra cost** for something that you would be buying anyway (groceries, gas, department store items, etc.)! Don't agonize over what to get for the rapidly approaching Christmas season - pick up Scrip gift cards! Jeff Gottwald and other members of the Great Commission Team will be at a table in the Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday morning worship. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff or any other member of the Great Commission Team.

How Will You Equip Yourself in 2021? In the bulletin this morning are different plans for Bible reading in 2021. There are paper guides to read from your bible in the fellowship hall table and information below about a bible reading phone app. Please consider the best way for you to grow in your relationship with God by daily reading his Word!



Read Scripture, Know Truth

The heart behind Read Scripture is that everyone would read the Bible for themselves and discover the truth and beauty of God's Word. Scripture is God's gift to us, lighting up our paths and drawing us into relationship with Him. Read Scripture is more of an invitation and a commitment than it is a product.

To this end, we are curating a year-long Bible reading plan and supplementing the reading with amazingly creative videos (produced by our friends at the Bible Project) that explain every book of the Bible, major theological themes of the gospel, and tips on how to read the Bible.

We are encouraging a new generation to study the Scriptures honestly—to pursue truth even when it doesn't agree with our natural impulses. The vision of Read Scripture is not to tell people what the Bible says, but to teach them how to discover truth for themselves in the Word.

What if thousands of people started their days alone with God, reading Scripture, and responding with adoration and action? It would change everything.

Giving Options!

Don't forget to contribute so that God's vision and ministry can continue in the days ahead. There are numerous ways to give financially. You could:

- 1) Drop your gift in the offering plate by the door on Sundays.
- 2) Signup to give through an automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your Farmers & Merchants Firth Account—talk to Kendall Weber (402-430-0348) if you would like to start this. The form needs to be emailed or mailed to Kendall for him to submit to the bank.
- 3) Check out the online giving options through our church website at livinglifereformed.churchcenter.com/giving This is a secure site with an easy set-up process.
- 4) "Or Text to Give": All you must do is text any dollar amount (example: \$20) to "84321" to give. There will be a quick set-up process needed that will tie your mobile phone to LLRC, your donation account (for year-end giving statements), and a payment source. After that initial set up, giving is as easy as sending a text message!

If you have questions about the online giving or text giving, contact Taylor at 402-450-4446.

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Dec 13th</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget Needs (51 Weeks)</u>
Offering	\$3,832	\$315,772	\$380,766 (\$7466 x 51)
SS		\$122	Norris Backpack Program
Building Loan:	\$614,609		