



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!

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 sin, 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 Sunday morning Worship? 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 this **Wednesday, January 6th, 2021**. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2021.

Newsletter: The January newsletter was emailed this week. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please email Beth at church@livinglifereformed.org. The deadline for the February newsletter is January 25th. Please be sure to get information to Beth as soon as possible. The newsletter will be mailed and emailed to you on January 31st, 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 is right, **no extra cost** for something that you would be buying anyway (groceries, gas, department store items, etc.)! Do not 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.

Church Event Cancellations: The decision to cancel **Sunday Worship** will be made by 7:00am Sunday and will be emailed out. A cancellation message will be left on the church answering machine. Wednesday Evening activities or any other church events will be canceled if Norris Schools close or dismiss early. We will try to notify you by email, but if you are unsure of the status of an event, please contact the church office.

How Will You Equip Yourself in 2021? In the bulletin this morning are different plans for Bible reading in 2021. There are paper guides for bible reading on 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.

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) Sign up 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 27th</u> | <u>Dec ACH</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>Budget Needs (1 Weeks)</u> |
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| Offering | \$11,635 | \$7,591 | \$339,857 | \$7019 (\$7019 x 1) |
| SS | | | \$122 | Norris Backpack Program |
| Christmas Eve Offering | was \$1,346 | | | |
| Building Loan: | \$614,609 | | | |

THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

PRAYER: (In Unison)

Almighty and loving God, who by your Holy Spirit has led your Church, and promised through your Son Jesus Christ, to be with your Church to the end of the world, continue to direct us by your Holy Spirit so that what we do at this time may lead to your glory and praise, people coming to know you and growing a loving community of active followers of you, and being equipped to take your love and message to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

LEADER: Brothers and Sisters in Christ we have chosen and elected from among our Church family, leaders to serve as Elders and Deacons and we will proceed in the name of our Lord to install them as either an Elder or Deacon at the Living Life Reformed Church.

MEMBERS: We recognize that Jesus Christ is the head of His Church, which is made up of many members with a variety of gifts. The purpose of these gifts is that the whole Church may be built up and serve our Lord together in unity. To enable His Church to grow into Christlikeness, He has provided gifts. To the Pastor he gives gifts for the ministry of the Word, prayer, and sacraments; to Elders gifts for the ministry of shepherding, discernment and ministering to those with spiritual needs; and to Deacons gifts for the ministry of mercy, compassion, and material maintenance. As these ministries are united in Christ, they accomplish God's purposes for His Church.

LEADER: Scripture teaches that those chosen to the office of Elder are called along with the pastors to watch over you as people who must give an account to God. Scripture also teaches that Deacons are responsible for the ministry of caring for the poor, needy, and suffering in our church and community in a thoroughly Christian manner, representing God's love and mercy in Christ.

MEMBERS: As the three offices of deacon, elder, and pastor are united in Christ, so also in the church one office is not separate from the others. The pastor does not serve without the elder and neither without the deacon. Together they enable the whole mission of the church. Everything in the church will be done decently and in order when faithful people are called to their position and responsibly fulfill their charge.

PRESENTATION AND VOWS:

Do you reaffirm the promises you made to this family of God when you confessed your faith in Christ publicly and when you became a member of this church? **I DO**

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's Church and therefore by God Himself to serve as Elder or Deacon? **I DO**

Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God that reveals the only way to salvation through the saving work of Jesus Christ; rejecting all teachings contrary to what the Word of God teaches? **I DO**

Elders: will you shepherd God's flock that is under your care – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; encouraging the spiritual growth of the Living Life Reformed family?
I WILL, THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH!

Deacons: will you represent the love and care of Christ; gathering and distributing the offerings of His people, ministering to those who are in need, and being a good steward over the resources of this congregation?
I WILL, THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH!

Will you, Elders and Deacons, be loyal to the mission and work of the Reformed Church in America as reflected in this statement – *a thousand churches in a million ways doing one thing* – following Christ in mission, in a lost and broken world so loved by God? **I WILL**

ORDINATION & PRAYER:

PROMISES OF THE LIVING LIFE REFORMED FAMILY TO SUPPORT THESE LEADERS:

Do you the members of the Living Life Reformed Church, receive these leaders as your Elders and Deacons in Christ's Church? (If so, then say, "We do!")

WE DO

Will you pray for them, respect them, and follow them as they follow Christ so that their ministry will be a joy, not a burden?

WE WILL

DECLARATION AND EXHORTATION:

Who would want to be? →

What really is? →

Why am I? →

Why would I want to be? →



- Join Pastor Mark after church at 10:45, beginning on January 17th as he facilitates a 7-week discussion on being a church member!
- This discussion class is for church members and anyone slightly interested in being one!
- Those who are not current members of our church will not be pressured into being one!
- Attendees will receive a free copy of the book, I Am A Church Member by Thom Rainer. Talk to Beth Sieck if you might need childcare.
- Talk to Pastor Mark if you have further questions about this class which will meet in Room 6!