



July 2021

OUR MISSION:

To grow a loving community of active followers of Jesus, equipped to take his love and message to the world.

Dear Church Family,

As believers in Jesus, the Bible says that we are created to be a part of a community of believers (a church), but did you ever wonder why? Did you ever stop and think about why it is important for people to be a part of a church or what God intended His church to be like?

These are some of the foundational questions that Scott Ball from The Malphurs Group asked a group of people from LLRC as we were trying to determine future directions for our church here in Firth. Before we could explore ideas or directions, we had to start with the purpose or pathway that all of us are on as we follow Jesus together. TMG calls this our “Discipleship Pathway”.

After much discussion and biblical reflection, we summarized this “Discipleship Pathway” at LLRC in four steps. Steps that all of us need and were created to practice together as a church and steps that we expect every follower of Christ to be pursuing to reach maturity and God’s plan for their lives.

These four steps could be defined quite simply as: Worship→ Grow→ Serve→ Share. This is our Discipleship Pathway! If someone asked you why you go to church? Or what is the purpose or pathway for believers at church? You could very simply tell them that we only have four goals or expectations. We expect that every believer will 1) Worship God, 2) Grow in Community, 3) Serve the Body (of believers), and 4) Share with Our World. Worship→ Grow→ Serve→ Share

LLRC longs for followers of Jesus to pursue maturity together by worshipping, growing, serving, and sharing the good news together! This is our biblical mandate and joy to pursue, and it is helpful to organize our thoughts and ideas around these biblical purposes for the church.

Once we had our foundational purposes established, then we could begin to talk about ideas or visions of how each one of these areas could be improved at LLRC. What if we could pursue one project or idea in each one of these Discipleship Pathway areas that would help us improve or grow?

That is something that you will be hearing more about in the days ahead! In the meantime, my prayer is that you will be a person who is always seeking to grow in your faith and looking for opportunities to Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share!

Mark

Mission Updates for June

Remember to get your Scrip Cards! 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. We have scrip cards to Cenex, Village Inn, Chilies, and Texas Roadhouse. Yes, that is right, no extra cost for something that you would be buying anyway (groceries, gas, department store items, etc.)! Members from the Great Commission Team will be at a table in the Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday morning worship with cards for purchase. All proceeds from June and July will go to the Norris Backpack Program.

Come Join Us! We want to welcome anyone else in the congregation that would like to be more closely involved with living out our vision for future mission in our church. Please feel free to ask Mike Brown if you any questions about this opportunity.

Summer Office Hours

This summer, the church office is open daily, but the hours may vary. If you plan to make a trip to the church, please call first – it is summer, and our schedules vary due to family activities. And remember, you can always email the church or call and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you!

RightNow Media

Our church has access to an extensive video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. Our church is always looking for ways to help you develop and strengthen your faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow. If you would like access to this resource (for the first time or you forgot your old password), let Beth or P. Mark know what email to send an invitation to. Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 12,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!

Sunday Volunteers

Elders: Tammy, Doug, Dean

Deacons: Glen, Dave, Taylor,
Andy

July 4:

Coffee: Linda D. & Pearl W.
Power Point: Avyn Olson
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck
Church Lock-Up: Luke Sieck

July 11:

Coffee: Dani & Luke Rasser
Power Point: Beth Olson
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen
Church Lock-Up: Dave Oltman

July 18:

Coffee: Claudette & Allan Docter
Power Point: Tammy Goering
Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste
Church Lock-Up: Chad Bryant

July 25:

Coffee: Nikki & Brandon Oltman
Power Point: Jenn Childers
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen
Church Lock-Up: Andy Johnson

Thank you for Service!

Mary & Martha Circle

Wednesday, July 14

Lesson:
Bonnie
Walvoord



Global Leadership Summit

There's still time to sign-up for The Global Leadership Summit August 5th - 6th, 2021, Thursday - Friday. LLRC will not host an in-person event this year but will offer a discounted on-line experience rate. Our discounted rate for our host site members is \$99 until Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 (11:59 PM CDT). Then the rate is \$129 per person.

A special discounted code was e-mailed to all regular attenders to apply to their registration. If you did not receive the e-mail, please contact Pastor Mark. To register guest and regular LLRC attenders, simply visit www.livinglifereformed.org, and click on the scrolling GLS banner. This will direct you to the registration process. Get your tickets today to access the lowest rates.

Everyone has the capacity to lead—because everyone has influence. Whether you're an executive or a student, 97 years old or 11 years old, you can experience growth when you invest in developing your leadership skills.

For more information about The Global Leadership Summit, please contact Robbie Morrison at his email address robbie.morrison@livinglifereformed.org.

Consistory Minutes - June 14, 2021

Consistory Meeting

1. (Pastor Mark) Meeting opened with Devotions: Chapter 5 “Comeback Churches”: **John 17:18** 1) Of all the ideas and approaches mentioned in this chapter, which one inspires or motivates you? 2) Is there any help or training that we could offer at church to help our people reach out? 3) What else encouraged, moved, or spurred you on from this chapter?
2. Prayer by Pastor Mark.
3. Mission Statement: Members shared our mission statement, ***‘To grow a loving community of active followers of Jesus, equipped to take his love and message to the world’***
4. Strategic Planning Update – Can the Strategic Leadership Team pursue the implementation phase? Discussed vision on what is best for Living Life Reformed Church.
5. Update on future direction for church staffing: Discussed future youth director situation.
6. Team Updates

Congregational Care – Rick DeBoer and Doug Wieskamp

Discipleship/Education – Dean Hestermann and Ron DeBoer:

Will be starting children’s church this summer. Vacation Bible School is a go.

Worship – Chad TerMaat and Taylor TeKolste

Building/Grounds – Chad Bryant and Luke Sieck:

Will be taking down tree this Saturday.

Hospitality/Outreach – Andy Johnson and Dave Oltman

Great Commission Team – Tammy Goering and Glen Gana:

Discussed volunteer opportunities for F Street Church

Consistory Minutes - Continued

7. Treasurer's Report – (May) Taylor TeKolste

General Fund	\$64,719.37
Building Fund	\$13,634.32
Memorial Fund	\$12,182.61
Branson Fund	\$3,721.68
The Fire Account	\$10,668.51
4JC Account	\$3,015.00
Script Fund	\$321.51
White Earth Mission	\$3,483.00
Kitchen Fund	\$771.00

MSC May treasurer's report

8. Other business or questions?

9. Meeting date next month – July 12th

10. Snacks: Glen Gana (July)

11. Motion to adjourn

12. Circle of Prayer

Elder's Meeting

- Discussed Communion on July 18th and the upcoming Classis meeting July 23-24.
- Visited about members of the congregation who are in need of prayer.
- Prayed for those individuals in need of care.

Deacons Meeting

New Business

- Discussed Robbie's compensation
- Windows are leaking. Discussed installing gutters
- Went over estimates for retaining wall. Could be close to 7K.
- Will be taking down dead tree on southwest side of the church this Saturday (Chad/Luke)

Children's Church

Children's Church teacher Signup sheet is in the fellowship hall on the table. We would love to have an adult help lead on a Sunday that works for you. If you have any questions, please call or talk to Ron DeBoer at 402-890-2446.

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The Golden Rule

All the words listed are in the puzzle – left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle it. The leftover letters will form the **mystery answer!**

Blessings	Coat
Commandment	Curses
Disciples	Do Good
Father	Followers
Forgive	Friendship
Golden Rule	Jesus
Kindness	Luke
Mark	Mercy
Money	Most High God
Needy	New
Command	Others
Numbers	Perfect
People	Plank
Persecute	Praise
Poor	Receive
Pray	Shirt
Reward	Sons of God
Sinners	Thankful
Speck	Warnings
Virtue	

Sunday, August 15th

Church in the Firth Park



Birthdays

- 1 Amanda Docter
- 2 Brittany Hart
- 3 Lainey Johnson
- 4 Myra Carlow
Amy TerMaat
- 7 Brad Hulse
- 10 Glen Gana
Chad TerMaat
- 13 Kathy Carlow
- 16 George Becher
- 17 Jana Becher
- 18 Evie Becher
- 18 Mary Ann Doeschot
Sandra Wedding
- 20 Gus Becher
Sarah DeBoer
- 21 McKenna Becher
- 22 Phyllis Weber
- 24 Charlene TenHulzen
- 25 Lori Prange
- 27 Bonnie Walvoord
- 29 Jill Finke
- 31 Avyn Olson
Steve Childers

Anniversaries

- 6 Ashton & Samantha Henderson (9)
- 18 Doug & Patti Wieskamp (41)
- 19 Bill & Diane Wieskamp (35)
- 24 Will & Jordan Hays (11)
- 30 Jeff & Kristina Morrison (27)
Clark & Charlotte Mulder (45)
- 31 Andy & Lainey Johnson (11)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – July

Sundays	9:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Fridays	6:00am	Men’s Group at Homestead

Sun, July 4		Independence Day
Mon, July 12	7:00pm	Consistory Meeting
Sat, July 17	7:00pm	Movie at LLRC “Over Comer”
Mon, July 19	1:00pm	“IF” Meeting (Ilene Docter)



Movie on Saturday, July 17th

“Over Comer”

At Living Life Reformed Church

7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

With Free Popcorn and Water



Living Life Reformed Church
603 Russell, Box 295
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Sunday Morning

9:30-10:30am:
Worship Service

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9:00am-12:00pm

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