



# February 2022

## OUR MISSION:

To grow a loving community equipped to take the message of Jesus to our world.

Dear Church Family,

In Genesis 1, at the height of the Creation story, God says, “Let us make man in our own image.” An amazing revelation, but what difference does it make? Recently, I was asked what it meant to me, that the people I’m trying to minister to are “made in the image of God.?” Below are my notes and thoughts on this topic and I hope they encourage and spur you on as you seek to love and serve others as well!

Truly believing that people are made in the image of God affects how I treat them. This can mean small things like intentionally acknowledging a person’s presence in the room even when I am busy or preoccupied with others. It can also mean spending time with that person without having a task or agenda for them.

When you see a person as being made in the image of God, you respect them as a person even if you have differing opinions or perspectives on things. You listen to them and seek to understand them better even if you don’t agree with their viewpoint or perspective.

Valuing them as made in the image of God can also naturally lead you to protecting them from harm and caring for their needs. Instead of valuing that person according to what they have, who they are, or what they can do, their value comes from the fact that God created them.

Believing that God created them leads you to seeking out the Design of the Creator. What purposes did God have in creating this person? What designs does he have in giving them their personality and attributes? And how can I as a person giving pastoral care help that person find out?

A person made in the image of God, despite their sinfulness and broken condition in this broken world is designed to be healthy and develop as a person and be fruitful or productive in their lives. How can I as a person giving pastoral care help them move towards God’s design?

If this person has truly been created in the image of God, then that also means that there is a hope for them that goes beyond me and their current life. A hope that points them towards a future glory with a new body that has been prepared for them by the same Creator who made them in the image of God.

In His Love, Hope, and Truth,

Mark

# Anniversaries



- 20** Breck & Courtney Doeschot (6)  
**28** Dave & Gloria Rice (57)

# Birthdays

- 1** Brian Walvoord  
Bill Wieskamp  
Clara Birkett
- 2** Lauren Dunn
- 3** Kari Gottwald
- 4** Hudson Walvoord  
Dennis Ebbers
- 7** Kathy Hobelman
- 9** Rod TeKolste
- 10** Vergene Vandergriend
- 12** Mark TenHulzen
- 14** Barb Martin
- 15** Ethan Sieck
- 18** Raelena Spencer
- 22** Brynlee Cramer
- 23** Kendall Weber
- 24** Steve Anthony

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

Worship: Dean, Doug, Gary  
 Deacons: Dave, Taylor, Andy, Luke

### February 6:

Coffee: Diane & Bill Wieskamp  
 Power Point: Avyn Olson  
 Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

### February 13:

Coffee: Peg & Gary Hartgerink  
 Power Point: Beth Olson  
 Sound Tech: Robbie Morrison

### February 20:

Coffee: DeAnn & Kendall Weber  
 Power Point: Tammy Goering  
 Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

### February 27:

Coffee: Mark & Kathy Atterbury  
 Power Point: Jenn Childers  
 Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

## Wednesday Family Night Meals

**February 2:** Ham, Cheesy  
mashed potatoes, Corn,  
Salad, Dinner roll, Dessert

**February 9:** Breakfast  
Casseroles, Pancakes,  
French Toast, Applesauce

**February 16:** Pizza,  
Garlic rolls, Salad, Dessert

**February 23:** Meatloaf,  
Mashed potatoes/gravy,  
Green Beans, Salad,  
Dessert



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – February

<b>Mondays</b>	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
<b>Wednesdays</b>	5:30pm	Fellowship Meal
	6:30pm	GKC, 4JC, Women's Bible Study
	8:08pm	The Fire
<b>Fridays</b>	6:00am	Men's Group at LLRC
<b>Sundays</b>	10:45am	New Member Class

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<b>Tuesday, Feb 8</b>	7:00pm	Consistory Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Feb 10</b>	1:30pm	Mary & Martha Circle
<b>Friday, Feb 11</b>		No School Norris
<b>Monday, Feb 14</b>	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting
		<b>Valentine's Day</b>
		<b>No School Norris</b>



# Consistory Notes – January 10, 2022

**Notes:** December minutes and February Calendar items were approved via email prior to January's consistory meeting.

## Consistory Meeting

1. (Pastor Mark) The meeting opened with Devotions: A Craig Groeschel video began a series on *How the Best Leaders Think*. Godly leadership and being a student-learner were the main topics for this video.
2. Prayer by Pastor Mark.
3. Mission Statement: Members shared our mission statement, **"To grow a loving community, equipped to take the message of Jesus to our world"**. Discipleship Pathway: **Worship – Grow – Serve - Share**
4. Any Quick Strategic Leadership Team Project Updates?
  - **Share team:** Ordered iPad – Postal ok to send mass mailings for survey...
  - **Worship/Serve Team:** *Sermon series. "Shaped to make a Difference" beginning January 23<sup>rd</sup>.*
  - **Grow Team:** *Rick DeBoer will lead a new small group during the S.H.A.P.E. series*
5. **Youth and Media Update (Robbie):**
  - a. Round One (Multi-entertainment facility in Lincoln near Gateway Mall) event with our youth, Hope church's youth and F street church's youth. 31 kids total plus leaders from each church.
  - b. Robbie will be meeting, this week, with the youth Leaders from Hope and F Street Churches to plan more events together.
  - c. Chet Maendele had a Campus Life barn party at the Wieskamps barn. Many Norris and Freeman kids attended.
  - d. Chet is using the church for Campus Life "Office Games" this month.
  - e. 4JC (12 kids showed up for a Pizza party) It was encouraging to see that many kids when there was no GKC and Family Meals.
  - f. The Fire met last week. The youth led the process of establishing goals for 2022 for the Fire.
  - g. Mentoring class will be starting soon with 4 students currently signed up.
  - h. In regard to Media, our church is now recognized as a non-profit organization by Google This allows free additional features with Google and Google Workspace. These updated e-mail options better suit the larger e-mail groups.
  - i. A New Staff page has been added to the website featuring Pastor Mark, Beth, Robbie.

Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) Worship Team has been working on establishing goals and ideas for the website

## 6. Team Updates

**Congregational Care** – Doug Wieskamp and Shawn Gouldin

- Several of our church family fighting Covid were mentioned.

**Discipleship/Education** – Dean Hestermann and Ron DeBoer

**Worship** – Chad Ter Maat and Taylor TeKolste

**Building/Grounds** – Luke Sieck and Kendall Weber

**Hospitality/Outreach** – Andy Johnson and Brandon Cramer

**Great Commission Team** – Gary Hartgerink and Dave Oltman:

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## *Consistory Notes – January 10, 2022 – Continued*

### 7. **Budget discussion/approval: December treasurer's report**

- a. Taylor discussed the December 2021 Financial summary. **All Present approved**

### 8. **Other business:**

- a. Discussed security options for the facility and the Gym, including cameras or the possibility of a Card system to allow admittance into the facility with a time sensitive system to allow admittance. Discussed the possibility of a Church Security team. Discussed the possibility of locking doors during church. Is there a need to have a formal security team established? First responders in church, Gods Kids Club. Safety protocol for child pick up at GKC? What are the needs of the church to have a security team? We will talk to those in our church who have expertise in this area. The deacons will also discuss some security options.
- b. **Firth Food Pantry:**  
The Great Commission Team is seeking a Food Pantry similar to the remote book library to accept food donations. The GCT, in partnership with the Building & Grounds team will determine the best spot on the church property for this and finalize other details. **The consistory unanimously approved the pursuit of this idea.**
- c. Monthly meeting. Discussed Meeting earlier moving meeting up to 6pm. Meetings on Tuesdays may be better for meeting times. 6pm winter. 7pm summer
  - i. Next Meeting is Feb 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.
  - ii. Empowerment / Control with Craig Groeschel (Devotions)

### 9. Snack – February (Kendall Weber)

### 10. **Prayer requests and Circle of Prayer:** Those in need of healing were prayed for along with schools, local State and Federal government.

### **Elder's Meeting:** Ron, Doug, Chad, Kendall, Gary, Dean

- Discussed and prayed for those in need of care in our church family.
- Approved a request for baptism from Luke and Dani Rasser for their son Benjamin on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed the Elder's role of loving all people and yet holding to the truth of God's Word in that love.
- Will discuss membership for our annual Classis report next month

### **Deacons Meeting:** Luke, Dave, Brandon, Taylor, Andy, Shawn

- Old Business
  - An iPad has been ordered for the Share Team's project.
  - A new coffee machine will be ordered by Taylor for the Worship Team.

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## Consistory Notes – January 10, 2022 – Continued

### New Business

- Security System—Discussed the very limited options for a key-pad system on our doors.
- A Camera Security System was unanimously approved by the Deacons using Building and Grounds Funds
- A Church Secretary Desk upgrade was unanimously approved by the Deacons using – Building and Grounds Funds
- Luke will explore the possibility of a lock for the kitchen counter doors in the new addition.
- Taylor will find out how Bible study small group resources are funded and if they have a budget item.
- Next month, the deacons will discuss Spring landscaping and the parsonage fence.



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

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### In the Beginning

Adam	Afraid
Animals	Beginning
Birds	Cherubim
Create	Creation
Dark	Disobeyed
Driven	Earth
Enmity	Evil
Fig	Fish
Flaming sword	Food
Fruit	Garden
Genesis	Good
Heaven	Helper
Image	Knowledge
Leaves	Light
Moon	
Old Testament	
Plants	Rested
Seas	Seed
Serpent	Seventh
Sun	Tempted
Thistles	Thorns
Tree	Voice
Water	Wise
Woman	

## Activity Cancellations

If Norris Public Schools are closed or dismiss early due to poor weather, all church events will be canceled that evening. We will try to notify families by email. If you are unsure of the status of any church event, please call Beth Sieck at 402-480-0079

## Mary & Martha Circle

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 pm

Lesson: Marian Mulder

## 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 typically have cards for Hy-Vee, Super Saver, and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club, but check the Scrip Card table in the Fellowship Hall or <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/shop/product/browse> or a list of over 600 available merchants! 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 January & February go to the Juvenile Justice Ministry.

**Meal Train for Vanessa Meloche** who is having back surgery on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Her husband, James, is away at training during this time of her surgery. They have three little kids and two of the kids attend GKC on Wednesday nights. Hopefully, we can provide meals to make her recovery a little easier. The link to the meal train is <https://mealtrain.com/rq01rw>. Also, you may scan the QR code below with your cell phone and it will take you right to that page. Thanks!



For:

Vanessa Meloche

Visit this link or scan the QR Code:

[mealtrain.com/rq01rw](https://mealtrain.com/rq01rw)



# Parents of Youth and Congregational Sponsors

Nothing brings youth together like good snacks! One way to support our youth and youth programs is helping provide snacks! If you're interested in providing a weekly snack to the 4JC and FIRE programs, please contact Robbie Morrison for more information at [robbie.morrison@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:robbie.morrison@livinglifereformed.org)! Thank you!

## Power Connection 2022 for Middle Schoolers!

Attention middle school parents! Our youth have an incredible opportunity for the Holy Spirit to transform their beliefs into a lifestyle of faith in Jesus through a weekend conference in St. Paul, MN July 29th - 31st! Don't let your youth miss this chance to attend Power Connection 2022! Power Connection is an event for middle school students currently in grades 6th - 8th and their adult leaders. It is organized by the Synod of the Heartland Youth Ministries. Registration opens in January, so you have plenty of time to arrange for this opportunity! For more information about Power Connection 2022, please visit [www.powerconnectioninfo.com](http://www.powerconnectioninfo.com) or contact Youth Pastor Robbie.

## God's Kids Club!!

We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

This spring throughout the GKC lessons, the children are learning about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our first semester GKC offering totaled \$387.52, and we are thankful to be able to donate this to the Norris Area Food Pantry. We hope to complete a service project to share with others in the community our love for Jesus.

As GKC comes to a close in mid-March, we are looking forward to having a celebration night, more details to come!

Mark your calendars for March 18th. That is our Celebration Night and our final evening of GKC for this school year.



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**Firth, NE 68358**



**Wednesday Night**

**5:30-6:30pm:**

Fellowship Meal

**6:30-7:30pm:**

4JC's (Middle School)

**6:30-7:30pm:**

God's Kids Club (3yo-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**7:45-9:00pm:**

The Fire (High School)

**Sunday Morning**

**9:30-10:30am:**

Worship Service and

Livestream on You Tube

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