



April 2022

OUR MISSION:

To grow a loving community equipped to take the message of Jesus to our 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 people need to be a part of a church or what God intended His church to be like?

Knowing the answer to those questions is quite helpful as we think about the future direction of our church. This purpose or pathway that all of us are on as we follow Jesus together is important for us to know so that we can pursue it more effectively. Here at LLRC, we call that our “Discipleship Pathway” and our Discipleship Pathway at LLRC can be summarized 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! This is our biblical mandate and joy to pursue, and it is helpful to organize our thoughts, plans, and ideas around these biblical purposes for the church.

Having these foundational purposes established, then we can 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? What would that idea or project be? This is what our leadership is doing as we think about the year ahead and make plans for the future.

I hope that as you hear about this Discipleship Pathway or are reminded of it, you would daily pray and seek to be a person who is always growing in your faith and looking for opportunities to Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share!

Mark

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Ron, Dean, Doug
Deacons: Andy, Luke, Brandon,
Shawn

April 3:

Coffee: Jared & Brenda Brock
Power Point: Myra Carlow
Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

April 10:

Coffee: Sandy & Doug Nieveen
Power Point: Avyn Olson
Sound Tech: Robbie Morrison

April 17: Easter

Coffee: Dave & Suzie Oltman
Power Point: Tammy Goering
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

April 24:

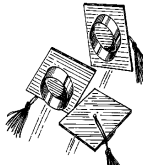
Coffee: Nikki K & Brandon O.
Power Point: Jenn Childers
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Thank you for your time!!



Looking for Graduates!

If you know someone who is graduating from high school or college this spring, let Beth know so we can pass along the good news! Write-ups on our graduates will appear in the May newsletter.



Mowing Volunteers! Would you like to join our church mowing rotation? You will need to mow the church & parsonage. It would involve one 2-week period that you would share with another family. Kendall Weber is setting up the 2022 schedule. If you are interested, please contact Kendall Weber by text, phone, or in-person at 402-430-0348 to get added to the schedule.

Mission Updates for April

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 for April of 2022 will go to the Parent Life Ministry.

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.



The 4JC & Fire

4JC & The Fire will continue through April every Wednesday! 4JC will meet from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Family Life Center youth room. The Fire will also meet in the same spot from 8:00-9:30 pm. We hope to see your youth there!

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 or contact Youth Pastor Robbie

4JC and The Fire April Wednesday Schedule:

Wednesday, April 6 - Regular lesson night

Wednesday, April 13 - Regular lesson night

Wednesday, April 20 - Regular lesson night

Wednesday, April 27 - Regular lesson night

Firth Mom's Group meets on Saturdays at 3:00 pm at Living Life Reformed Church gym. On Facebook, you can search Firth mom's Group where we post the dates we meet during the month. All you need to do is click on "Join" and we will approve your request. Any mom is welcome to come and join.



Family Movie Night

Featuring Jesus

A Theatrical Production by Sight and Sound Theatre

Sunday, April 10th

Living Life Reformed Church-Gym

Movie Starts at 6 pm

Free Admission-Popcorn and Beverages Provided

Consistory Minutes: March 8, 2022

Consistory Meeting

1. (Pastor Mark) Meeting opened with Video by Craig Groeschel - **How the Best Leaders Think, part 3**
 - a. **How do I best invest my time?**
 - b. **Who should I be investing in?**
 - c. **Where do I get my best return?**
 - The Best Leaders intentionally invest their time to achieve the desired results.
2. Prayer by Pastor Mark.
3. Strategic Leadership Team Project Updates (Worship, Grow, Serve, Share)
4. **Worship**
 - i. New Coffee Makers are here, with a new table to have the coffee pot on. Ordering 4 more carafes and new Mugs with lids.
 - ii. They are working on an updated connection card
 - iii. Announcement streaming on YouTube video. Also, may have streaming on TV screens in different areas of the church (Fellowship Hall)
 - b. Media updates
 - i. Scrolling announcements
 - ii. Working on a screen for the Fellowship Hall. Discussed the possibilities of repurposing the TV in the nursery or investing in a 70" screen.
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Building fund was a little bit off due to a Banking error
 - ii. The report was approved.
 - d. Feedback
 - i. Nice to see so many new faces in church on Sunday
5. **Grow**
 - a. SLT – (Ron)
 - i. Children's Church had 27 youth on Sunday
 - ii. What are the best tools to use for Children's Church?
 - iii. Ron could use more people to help – **Possibly use Right Now Media resources**
 - b. Youth update – (Robbie)
 - i. Chili cook-off –Proceeds will go to **(Middle school conference "Power Connection")**
 1. Wed March 23rd 6:00pm. Community event
 - ii. 4JC/Fire will continue until May
 1. Four Wednesday night meals are needed for about 20 people
 - iii. March 27th Dodgeball Tournament – Partnering with Campus Life – Chet M
 1. Community event free to all that want to attend
 - iv. Mentoring class will finish at the end of March
 1. Elders need to meet with the Mentoring class at an upcoming meeting. Class is currently meeting Fridays @5pm here at the church. Four teens will meet with an Elder. Two from the Carlow family and Two from the Bartek family. Doug W and Gary H can help.
 - v. New Members Class
 1. Professions of faith are possible for Easter Sunday for new Members.

Consistory Minutes: March 8, 2022 (Continued)

6. Serve

- a. SLT - Ron
 - i. Goal try to get 10 new people to volunteer to help in church for the year.
- b. Building and Grounds – Luke and Kendall
 - i. April 2 Church Clean-up
 - ii. Kendall and Luke will walk around Church to get a list of things to do
 - iii. Fiber optic will be coming into church this month
 - iv. CAT 6 Cable
- c. Care Team
 - i. No big updates – Please let Shawn or Doug know that there is a need

7. Share

- a. Results are in from Survey
 - i. 71 people took the survey
 - 1. Some good individual responses were received. Share team is reviewing the results and developing a plan to market to the community. **Lacy Stevens** was the iPad winner who was interested in more interaction in the community
- b. Outreach Team
 - i. 127 people showed up for the movie – Sight and Sound series (Next Meeting - April 10th Movie “Jesus”)
 - ii. Assist with Chili Cook-off
 - iii. Assist with Campus Life – Chet M
- c. Great Commission team
 - i. Brianna will be sharing her recent travels and missions on Sunday, March 27th
 - ii. Encouraging the community to come to church and join in the Wed night meals
 - iii. Talked about the survey and all the options that our community is asking for.

8. Other Items

- a. RCA Discussion
 - i. Pastor Mark attended a meeting with other Heartland Synod pastors and elders to talk about the current RCA division and current rumors.
 - 1. 40 churches have left the RCA and 12 other churches are petitioning to leave the RCA
 - 2. It was clarified that Global Mission money is specific only to Global Mission
 - 3. It was communicated that the RCA will work to keep assessment dues for churches low and that churches shouldn't be overconcerned with future speculation about rising costs of being in the denomination.
 - 4. It was communicated that the RCA does not own the property of its churches. The property is owned locally by those whose name is on the property deed.
 - 5. The consistory discussed different options for the future in terms of staying in the denomination or leaving. No decisions were made.

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- b. New Business
- c. NEXT MEETING APRIL 12th – Dale Assink will visit from 6-6:30pm
- d. Snacks – Brandon Cramer (April – Luke)
- e. Motion to adjourn was approved.
- f. Circle of Prayer

Elder's Meeting

- Discussed the spiritual life of the congregation and those in need of care
- Approved the membership requests of Mark & Kathy Atterbury and Tony Noble. Accepted the transfer of membership for Stacy Dorn.
- Approved the baptism of Jack for Justin & Sarah Birkett
- Discussed communion for Maundy Thursday

Deacons Meeting

New Business

- New Coffee Machines are here, and people are being trained to use them
- Luke will replace a light fixture in the Parsonage
- New Cameras are installed in the hall west of the Gym

Because He Lives, I Can Live

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All the words listed below 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!**

Abraham	Angels
Baptism	Bethesda
Betrayal	Blessed
Calvary	Counselor
Deliverer	Devil
Elizabeth	Father
Heaven	Holy Spirit
Jesus	Jordan
Joseph	Lord
Mary	Passover
Redeemer	Redemption
Revelation	Risen
Sacrifice	Salvation
Savior	Servant
Sin	Tabernacle
Temple	The Light
The Truth	The Way
The Word	Trinity

From christianbiblereference.org

April Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 John Dorn | 14 Stacy Dorn |
| 4 Terri Petersen | Grant Morrison |
| 5 Judeen Price | 15 Stan Carlow |
| 6 Sayre Burnley | Jeff Spencer |
| 7 Breck Doeschot | 16 Luke Sieck |
| 9 Allen Klein | 17 Joanna Johnson |
| Sarah Birkett | 24 Sally Jennings |
| 10 Claudette Docter | 25 Hank Henderson |
| 11 Ryan Gouldin | 26 Avery Morrison |
| Sara Bartek | 27 Marley Brock |
| 12 Chelsea Walvoord | 30 Remy Sullivan |

Anniversaries

- 2 Dallas & Jessica Pears (11)
- 22 Dan & Brenda Rice (33)
- 26 Allen & Marge Klein (59)

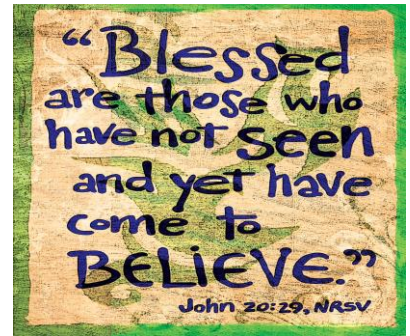
Mary & Martha Circle

Wed, April 14, 1:30pm

Lesson: Bonnie Walvoord

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon, March 29	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene Docter)
Sun, April 10	9:30am	Palm Sunday
	7:00pm	Afterglow
Tue, April 12	7:00pm	Consistory Meeting
Wed, April 13	1:30pm	Mary & Martha Circle
Thurs, April 14	7:00pm	Maudy Thursday Service
Fri, April 15		No School
Sun, April 17	8:30am	Easter Breakfast at LLRC
	9:30am	Easter Worship Celebration
Mon, April 18		No School
	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene Docter)
Fri, April 22		No School



Branson Trip!

Want to go with us to Branson? Our church is sponsoring a bus trip to Branson, Missouri on November 15-18, 2022. Please pick up all the information on the table in the fellowship hall. If you still have questions, see Linda DeBoer, Kathy Carlow, or Ilene Docter.

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Sunday Morning

9:30-10:30am:

Worship Service and
Livestream on You Tube

To Contact Us:

Church Office Hours:

9:00am-12:00pm

Mark Starr:

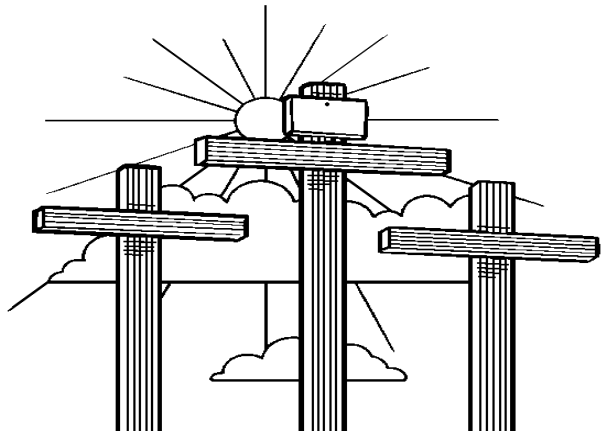
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HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday: April 14, 7:00 pm

Invite friends and family to our Service
at LLRC

Easter Worship: April 17

8:30 am—Easter Breakfast

9:30am ---The celebration of Easter

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