



June 2022

OUR MISSION:

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

Dear Church Family,

Leadership is critical in any church, school, or organization and so we often talk and preach about great leaders and leadership in our church. I think this is appropriate and biblical in Jesus' model of discipleship and the use of the gifts that God has given us, but I wonder if our pursuit of leadership is sometimes more like the world's model? I wonder if our view of leadership is more like that of the pagan Romans than that of Jesus?

During the Passover, Jesus' disciples were talking to Jesus about leading and leadership and asked him who would be the greatest among the disciples. So, let's eavesdrop on what might be the greatest conversation about leadership EVER:

"Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you, it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant." Luke 22:24-26 (NLT)

According to Jesus, the Eternal Son of God, leadership is about being a servant. And just in case we don't know what being a servant is, Jesus taught us to be a living example. Look at what Jesus does in John 13:4-5; 14 (NLT):

"So, he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him..."

"And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet."

As we look at these passages and others, my hope is that we realize that our leadership in the church is distinctly different than the leadership model that the world gives us. Each one of us is indeed called to lead and to use the gifts that God has given us for His purposes, but it is clearly a call to what I like to call "servant leadership". Leadership that seeks to serve others and care for their needs.

I have always sought to lead in this servant leadership approach that Jesus modeled perfectly and so I would challenge you to ask yourself: "Whose feet am I washing?" As Jesus said, "But among you, it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant."

For the glory of God's kingdom,
Mark

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Greeter: Kendall, Dean, Ron
Deacons: Brandon, Shawn, Dave,
Taylor

June 5:

Coffee: Mark & Kathy Atterbury
Power Point: Avyn Olson
Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

June 12:

Coffee: Ilene Docter & Peg Reutzel
Power Point: Jenn Childers
Sound Tech: Robbie Morrison

June 19: Father's Day

Coffee: Brandon & Mandy Cramer
Power Point: Tammy Goering
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

June 26:

Coffee: Dave & Suzie Oltman
Power Point: Beth Olson
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Mowing

May 22-June 4 Bill Wieskamp
Randy Sieck
June 5-June 18 Brock Family
June 19-July 2 Brandon Cramer
Nathan Stuckendyer

Thank you for your service!

Mary & Martha Circle

Wednesday, June 8

1:30pm

Lesson: Marge Helmink

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sundays	9:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Fridays	6:00am	Men's Group @ LLRC

Fri-Sat June 3-4

Reset Weekend
with Scott Ball

Mon, June 6	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene)
Tue, June 14	7:00pm	Consistory Meeting
Sun, June 19	9:30pm	Father's Day
Mon, June 27	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene)
Mon-Wed, June 27-29	5-8:30pm	Vacation Bible School

Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Suzie Oltman (37)
- 3 Gary & Sarah Lefferdink (16)
- 5 Chad & Tysha Bryant (23)
Dave & Kathy Hobelman (46)
- 7 Brad & Sara Bartek (19)
- 11 Lloyd & Edna Prange (64!)
- 12 Dean & Cheryl Hestermann (29)
- 17 Justin & Sarah Birkett (5)
- 19 Brad & Tracy Riensche (29)
- 24 Randy & Beth Sieck (16)
- 28 Cary & Lori Prange (36)
- 29 Larry & Julie Hafer (6)



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nyle Whalen
- 4 Diane Wieskamp
- 6 Amanda Null
- 10 Dave Oltman
- 14 Brianna Petersen
Alex Olson
- Addison Doeschot
- Riley Doeschot
- 15 Samuel TerMaat
- 16 Doug Goering
Alex Thimm
- 17 Riley Hestermann
Reagan Hestermann
- 20 Sheila Ebbers
Milan Coleman
- 21 Beth Sieck
Jerry Martin
- 23 Bentley Hart
- 24 Asa Docter
Jon VanDenBossche
- 28 Clark Mulder
- 29 Peg Hartgerink

Consistory Notes – May 11, 2020

Present: Pastor Mark, Robbie Morrison, Dean Hestermann, Doug Wieskamp, Chad TerMaat, Gary Hartgerink, Ron DeBoer, Kendall Weber, Brandon Cramer, Taylor TeKolste, Dave Oltman, Luke Sieck, and Shawn Gouldin

Absent: Andy Johnson

Notes: The March financial statement was approved by email since the last meeting. The April meeting minutes, and Church Calendar were approved via email prior to the May consistory meeting. A new devotional (Growing Up: A Lifelong Journey) was given to all for use in the remainder of 2022.

Consistory Meeting

- 1) The meeting opened with devotions from **Psalm 139:23-24** and a **Craig Groeschel video called:**
How the Best Leaders Think #5--Think Inspiration, Not Motivation. Pastor Mark prayed.
- 2) We reviewed the LLRC Mission Statement and Discipleship Pathway: "**To grow a loving community, equipped to take the message of Jesus to our world**"
Discipleship Pathway: **Worship→Grow→Serve→Share**
- 3) Rick DeBoer summarized highlights of the Strategic Leadership Team in this past year including new small groups and points of connection.
Scott Ball will be here **June 3rd** (6pm-9PM) **June 4th** (9am-12pm then 1pm-3pm) for the "Reset Weekend with Consistory and Strategic Leadership team members.

Worship (God)

- 1) Robbie gave some media updates including VBS advertising, a new TV in the Fellowship Hall, and the transfer of a TV to the nursery. Robbie will be working on the church website during the summer and fiberoptic will be coming to the church soon from Allo at no cost.
- 2) The April Treasurer's Report Summary was approved.
- 3) Memorial Day will be observed on May 29th in church and Mark Atterbury will be sharing after church that Sunday.

Grow (In Community)

- 1) Four high school students will be helping with Children's Church in June, July, and August with two helpers each Sunday.
- 2) Robbie gave a youth update including a successful Pizza party/Bowling trip, a kick-ball tournament, and a Corn Hole Tournament in partnership with Campus Life. Robbie will be giving daily devotionals to our graduating seniors this month.

Consistory Minutes: Continued

Serve (The Body)

- 1) A Mowing Schedule will be released May 16
- 2) The Congregational Care team is visiting people with special needs or in care facilities

Share (With Our World)

- 1) “Joseph” movie will be shown May 15th. Sunday, June 26th will be the date for “Jonah”

Other Items

- 1) Next meeting—June 14th at 7:00pm Devotions: *Growing Up: Conversation One*
- 2) Snacks –June--Andy
- 3) Motion to Adjourn and Closing Circle of Prayer

Elder’s Meeting

- 1) Discussed the Spiritual Life of the Congregation

Deacon’s Meeting

- 1) Discussed the Parsonage fence and replacing a damaged panel
- 2) Capped Water Line on West Side of church
- 3) Discussed Children’s Church and a summer intern position
- 4) Discussed how the cost of the Scott Ball visit has been covered by donations



Nursery is open again!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help during morning worship for the kids that are not old enough for children’s church or just want to come and play in the nursery. There will be a signup sheet in the fellowship hall on the table if you are interested. Any questions please contact Beth Sieck at 402-480-0079 or Lesa Morrison at 402-440-8399.



Branson Trip! There is STILL ROOM on the bus to Branson! Please consider going with us on November 15-18, 2022. Pick up information on the table in the narthex or see Linda DeBoer, Kathy Carlow, or Ilene Docter if you have any questions. It’s always a great time of entertainment, laughter, and fellowship.

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Names in the Bible

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!**

Aaron	Abraham	
	Absalom	
Adam	Angels	
	Benjamin	
Cain	Elijah	Elisha
Esau	Esther	Ezekiel
Gabriel	Isaac	Jacob
James	Jared	Jesse
Jesus	Jethro	Joel
Jonah	Jonathon	Joseph
Joshua	Judah	Lucas
Luke	Malachi	Mathew
Micah	Moses	Naomi
Noah	Obadiah	Phillip
Rachel	Rueben	Ruth
Salome	Samuel	Seth
Silas	Stephon	Tabitha
Tamar	Timothy	Vashti
Zilpah		

Family Movie Night at LLRC

Sunday, June 26

“Jonah” starts at 6 pm

A Theatrical Production by Sight and Sound
Theatre

Movie for the Kids in the Youth Room

Free Admission-Popcorn and Beverage Provided



Mission Updates for June



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

For those of you not familiar with the Scrip program the name has changed Raise Right, 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. They also have a new mobile app. 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> for 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 May and June go to the Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center.

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.

Firth Mom's Group

meets on Saturdays at 3:00 pm at the Living Life Reformed Church gym two times each month. 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.

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!

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 call or email and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you!

Firth Fun Day
June 25,
2022
4:00-8:30pm
Parade and
Games
Fireworks will
close the event
in the evening

Vacation Bible School at LLRC June 27 to June 29

This year we are partnering with Firth Bible Church for VBS at LLRC. VBS will be held in the evening 5 to 8:30 pm. The meal will be served from 5 to 6 and then we gather outside at 6 to begin. If you are interested in teaching, helping a teacher, or helping with the event, please email Beth Sieck at church@livinglifereformed.org.

Please register your child by the QR code below as soon as you can to help us with our planning!



We welcome 3 & 4-year-olds, but they need to be potty trained prior to registration. VBS is for students in grades Pre-K to 5th grade (at the end of this past school year 2021-2022).

If you have any questions regarding the VBS, please call the church office at 402-791-5800, Monday through Friday 9 to 12 pm. Also, you can email Beth at church@livinglifereformed.org. We hope to see your kids at this fun event!

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Address Service Requested



Sunday Morning

9:30-10:30am:
Worship Service

Livestream on YouTube

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