



# August 2022

OUR MISSION:

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

Dear Church Family,

The time has come for me to go! I know that sounds dramatic and perhaps a bit harsh but as I read the Bible, the thought of “going” is usually portrayed as a positive and exciting thing to do. In fact, from Genesis to Revelation, there is an ever-present call from God to “Go!”

Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Esther, Daniel, Jonah, Mary, Paul, and many others have all heard and heeded God’s bidding to “go.” And at the center of this “go” is Jesus, who left heaven on the greatest go-mission of all time, becoming flesh and blood in order to rescue us, the children he loves.

In the Gospels, Jesus himself was constantly “on the go,” bringing the fullness of God’s kingdom, and teaching others to joyfully go and do the same. He instructed the woman who anointed his feet with oil and the centurion with the sick servant to “go.” In parables, he revealed God’s nature as one who sacrificially goes in search of a lost sheep, a lost coin, or a lost son. And in the ultimate fulfillment of His go-mission, Jesus himself went to a cross to win our lives back for us.

Then, after swallowing up death in victory, we celebrate that our resurrected Lord gave the “Go! Command to His disciples. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” And in John 20:21, Jesus says: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so, I am sending you.”

God’s nature is “go.” As God’s people, we lose our core identity and purpose when we lose the habit of doing the same. But we’re at our best, individually, and together, as we receive the power of the Holy Spirit, and we go.

So don’t be discouraged but encouraged by my going and I pray that you will continue to “go” in your life. It may not mean moving to Chicago, but it will mean leaving a place of comfort and doing something new.

Thank you for being a blessing to me and my family and may God bless you richly as you continue to seek Him and are obedient to His call to go!

Mark

# August Volunteers

**Elders:** Kendall, Ron, Doug  
**Deacons:** Dave, Taylor, Andy, Luke

## August 7:

Coffee: Ilene Docter & Charlene T  
Power Point: Avyn Olson  
Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

## August 14:

Coffee: Mel & Karen Harms  
Power Point: Beth Olson  
Sound Tech: Robbie Morrison

## August 21:

Coffee: Jared & Brenda Brock  
Power Point: Tammy Goering  
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

## August 28:

Coffee: Mandy & Brandon Cramer  
Power Point: Beth Olson  
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

## Mowing Schedule

July 31-Aug 13: Bill Wieskamp  
Randy Sieck  
Aug 14-Aug 27: Brock Family  
Aug 28- Sept 10: Brandon Cramer  
Nathan Stuckendeyer

Thank you for your Service!



# God's Kids Club

God's Kids Club will be starting before we know it! Our first night will be Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Family meals will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with God's Kids Club from 6:30-7:30 p.m. God's Kids Club is for children who are 3-4 years old, and potty trained through 5th grade. God's Kids Club offers many ways to learn about God's Love including lessons, crafts, service projects, and music. We are still in need of volunteers. Please contact Kari Gottwald (402) 560-6682 or Mandy Cramer (402) 540-0303 if you are interested in helping or having questions.

Please register your kids on the church website, [livinglifereformed.org](http://livinglifereformed.org), as soon as you are able to help with planning and ordering materials.

## The 4JC and Fire!!!!

4JC & The Fire are a big part of our Wednesday Night programs for middle and high schoolers. 4JC (For Jesus Christ) is for all 6th through 8<sup>th</sup>-grade middle schoolers. The Fire is for all 9th through 12th graders. We'll start our new program year Wednesday, September 14. Our community meal will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by 4JC beginning at 6:30 pm and ending at 7:30 pm. The Fire will begin at 8:08, "don't be late!" and will finish around 9:30 pm. We'd love for new and returning students to fill out a quick updated registration form. This will help us keep you connected with more details for our program kickoff on September 14th. The 4JC & The Fire registration form can be found at [livinglifereformed.org](http://livinglifereformed.org) on the homepage scrolling banner. We're looking forward to an awesome year! Let us know how we can make it even better!

# Adam & Eve

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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!**

Abel	Ancestors
Ashamed	Beginning
Cain	Cherubim
Childbirth	Creation
Cursed	Death
Disobedience	Disobedient
Dominion	Earth
Enmity	Evil
Expelled	Fig
First	Forbidden
Fruit	Good
Happiness	Hid
Image	Innocence
Judgment	Knowledge
Likeness	Multiply
Nakedness	Punishment
Serpent	Tempt
Thistles	Thorns
Trees	Woman

From christianbiblereference.org

## Mission Updates for August



**RaiseRight**<sup>™</sup>

Formerly ShopWithScrip

For those of you not familiar with the Scrip program the name has changed to 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 <http://www.raiseright.com/brands> 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 July and August go to the Norris Backpack Program.

# Consistory Minutes – July 12, 2022

**Notes:** The June meeting minutes, and July/August Church Calendar were approved by email prior to the meeting.

**Devotions:** Pastor Mark opened in prayer followed by devotions in our book *Growing Up: A Lifelong Journey—* Conversation Two: Knowing God. We reflected on the reading and scripture from Ephesians 1:15-23 followed by conversations about paying attention to God and alignment of our lives with God's gracious way.

**Mission Statement:** Consistory reviewed the LLRC mission statement by saying it together.  
**"To grow a loving community, equipped to take the message of Jesus to our world"**

**Discipleship Pathway:** Pastor Mark mentioned LLRC's discipleship pathway

**Worship→Grow→Serve→Share** Strategic Leadership updates were given in these areas throughout the meeting.

## Worship (God)

- 1) Chad TerMaat gave updates on the Worship Project Planning
  - a. Current team members: Chad Ter Maat, Stacy Dorn, Kendall Weber, and Luke Sieck
  - b. The Worship Project Planning is seeking another female member with interior design interest
- 2) Chad TerMaat gave updates on the Worship Experience Team
  - a. Worship facilitators and WEX leaders will meet 7/14/22 at 6:30pm to discuss future worship order prep prior to Sunday services
- 3) Robbie Morrison gave updates on Media Relating to Worship
  - a. Created videos for Vacation Bible School
  - b. Shared videos on the new Fellowship Hall big screen during VBS/piloted for Wednesdays
  - c. Robbie is continuing education on SEO (search engine optimization) modules through Church Marketing University to help with future web traffic for LLRC's website
  - d. Testing congregational mics for YouTube Livestream audio
- 4) Taylor presented the Treasurer's Report
  - a. 50% of the way through the year and are currently sitting at 54.6% of budget or \$16,081.74 over budget
  - b. General Fund income is up 7.9% YOY or \$12,100.20
  - c. Kendall made a motion to correct May 22, 2022's General Fund Balance of \$22,714.00 to \$22,713.40 (difference of .60 cents) **MSC Approved.**
  - d. The June Treasurer's Report Summary was also approved

## Grow (In Community)

- 1) Ron DeBoer gave an update on Children's Church on Sunday mornings
  - a. Encouraged by the attendance and success of Children's Church.
  - b. Facilitated by high school and college students
- 2) Robbie Morrison gave an update on the Youth and events
  - a. LLRC's Firth Fun Day float in the parade was a success with LLRC kids involved
  - b. Robbie set-up a 9 Square game in the park after the parade and met new kids
  - c. VBS was another successful event with high school and middle schooler volunteers
  - d. VBS attendance was an increase from last year and is growing
  - e. Robbie leaves with the middle schoolers and leaders for Power Connection July 29th in St. Paul, MN returning July 31st. A parent, student, and leader meeting will be held at LLRC July 21st to cover trip details.

# Consistory Minutes July 12, 2022

## Serve (The Body)

- 1) Luke Sieck and Kendall Weber gave updates on the Building & Grounds Team
  - a. Luke and Kendall are working on solutions to stop water coming into the basement of the parsonage (possible exterior concrete work)
  - b. Parsonage outdoor sprinklers are working well
  - c. Kendall is seeding where the southwest tree was removed on LLRC's property
  - d. Luke and Kendall plan to assess work needed in the parsonage after the Starrs depart.

## Share (With Our World)

- 1) Andy Johnson gave updates from the Share Team
  - a. Andy would like to gather previous outreach members and new Share Team members together as a new group to discuss the Share Project Planning
  - b. Share Team is hosting a Community Sunday Movie Night event August 14th at 6pm in the LLRC gym. Showing Sight & Sound's performance of Moses
- 2) Gary Hartgerink updated the consistory on the Great Commission Team Plans for the future
  - a. Savannah Clapper will be sharing about her local Oikos church plant in Lincoln at LLRC 7/17/22 during our morning worship. A special offering will also be taken for that mission.

## Other Items

- 1) Gary Hartgerink discussed Leadership Transition Items
  - a. Exploring the details of either an Interim Pastor option or a Ministry Search Firm option with Pulpit supply during the pastoral vacancy. Will be pursuing the details of both options in the next month
  - b. Will ask a representative from The Shepherd Staff (a ministry search firm) to join our next consistory meeting to discuss options and answer questions.
  - c. Quinn Tirrel will be LLRC's RCA Moderator and will attend monthly consistory meetings starting in August, along with other moderator duties
- 2) Our August consistory meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
  - a. Quinn's Dissolution of Relationship with Pastor Mark and other questions will be at beginning of that meeting.
  - b. Planning to talk with a Representative from Shepherd's Staff around 7:30pm if those arrangements can be made.
  - c. Devotions: *Growing Up: Conversation Three*
- 3) Pastor Mark encouraged the consistory to think about the best way to communicate going forward
- 4) Snacks were provided by Taylor (Leah) (August—Dave)
- 5) Motion was approved to adjourn, and we had a closing Circle of Prayer.

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## Consistory Minutes– July 12, 2022

### Elder's Meeting

- 1) Discussed the Spiritual Life of the Congregation
- 2) Celebration of Communion was planned for Sunday, August 7th

### Deacon's Meeting

- 1) Approved pulpit supply to be increased to \$200 plus mileage for guest pastors
- 2) Approved a free will offering for Savannah Clapper on 7/17/22. Deacons will pass the plates.

**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.

## Mary & Martha Circle

**Wed, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
1:30pm**

Lesson: Sandra  
Wedding



Family Movie Night at LLRC

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

“Moses” 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

# Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Jeremiah Bartek   | 19 Kimberly Henderson |
| Linda DeBoer        | 20 Alex Riensche      |
| Randy Thimm         | 22 Janelle DeBoer     |
| 3 Troy Schroader    | Justin Birkett        |
| 6 Allie Morrison    | 24 Mark Starr         |
| Kathy Anderson      | 26 Olivia Hegler      |
| 11 Gary Hartgerink  | 27 Brandon Cramer     |
| DeAnn Weber         | Gloria Rice           |
| 12 Edna Prange      | Marvin Weber          |
| Samual Johnson      | 29 Max TerMaat        |
| 15 Chris Finke      | Karen Harms           |
| 16 Marjorie Coleman | 31 Kash Hart          |

# Anniversaries

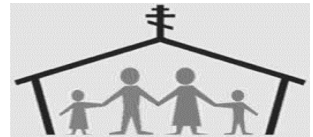
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| 2  | Doug & Sandy Nieveen (42)       |
| 8  | Kelly & Kathy Anderson (35)     |
| 9  | Doyle & Terri Petersen (36)     |
|    | Brian & Steph Auman (25)        |
| 11 | Lesa & Roby Morrison (4)        |
| 16 | Milan & Marjorie Coleman (64)   |
|    | Scott & Jody Null (31)          |
| 17 | Gary & Peg Hartgerink (49)      |
|    | Alex & Beth Olson (20)          |
| 23 | Stan & Kathy Carlow (48)        |
| 24 | Keith & Charlene TenHulzen (39) |
| 26 | Ron & Carol DeBoer (27)         |
| 28 | Brittany & Cory Hart (12)       |
| 30 | Mel & Karen Harms (8)           |
|    | Shawn & Marie Gouldin (25)      |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – August

Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Fridays	6:00am	Men's Group at LLRC
Mon, Aug 8	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene)
	6:00pm	Consistory Meeting
Wed, Aug 10	1:30pm	Mary & Martha Circle
Thu, Aug 11		1st Day of School (Norris)
Sun, Aug 14	6:00pm	Movie in the Gym
Mon, Aug 29	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene)

## The Nursery is Open!!!

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.



## Wednesday Activities Schedule!

Our Wednesday night routine is just around the corner, and we are SO excited!

### 4JC's (Middle School)

Kick Off Sept. 14 at 5:30 pm

### The Fire (High School)

Kick Off Sept. 14 at 5:30 pm

### God's Kids Club.

Kick Off Sept. 14 at 5:30 pm

Family Meals begin Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> and will serve 5:30-6:30pm

Register online on our website. Invite your friends to join you!

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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:**

320-262-9952

mark@livinglifereformed.org

#### **Robbie Morrison:**

Robbie.morrison@livinglifereformed.org

*faith*  
**Faith**

For great is His love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the  
Lord endures forever.

Psalm 117:2

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