



# Welcome to Living Life Reformed Church in Firth, Nebraska July 31, 2022

## OUR MISSION:

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

**Faith in Action!** In today's skit, watch as Sin, Law, and Grace are personified to illustrate the freedom in Christ that the Apostle Paul describes in Galatians. Watch as a prisoner to sin desperately tries to escape. Will he be set free?

**GKC 2022-2023!!** 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-year-olds, 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 have a question. Please register your kids on the church website, [livinglifereformed.org](http://livinglifereformed.org), as soon as you can 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!

**The Norris Area Food Pantry** will be open every Saturday until noon. No appointment is necessary. The pantry is located at Shepherd of the Hills Church South of Hickman. The first two Saturdays have been successful and the pantry could use a restock!! Let us help them restock the pantry for the rest of the summer for the next couple of weeks. Any questions contact Sara Bartek by text at 402-432-5873. Thank you!!!

**Cards in the library!** The library offers a nice variety of cards! Browse the selection of birthday, get well, sympathy, anniversary, and other cards! The cards only cost 50 cents and you can put the money in the card box on the desk.

**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. A signup sheet in the fellowship hall is on the table if you are interested. Any questions please contact Beth Sieck at 402-480-0079 or Lesa Morrison at 402-440-8399.

**First Time Guest!** We are glad that you are here! Please check out our welcome center in the fellowship hall, fill out a connection card, and bring some information home about our church with you if it is your first time. We also have a gift for you to say thank you for coming to our church today.

## Church Information

**Phone:** 402-791-5800

**Email:** [church@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org)

**Website:** [livinglifereformed.org](http://livinglifereformed.org)

**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.

**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.

**We continue to pray** for Dick Wagner, Bruce Docter, Doug Goering, Dan Reisch who is Sandra's son-in-law, Rick McNeese (Mel Harm's brother-in-law), Claudette Docter, Vergene Vandergriend, and Sally Jennings

**Family Life Center!!!** If you would like to use the Family Life Center or the church facility, please contact Beth first to see if it is available. We will need everyone to sign new policies for gym usage for 2022. You can call or text Beth at 402-480-0079. Please leave your name if you get my voicemail. Thank you!!



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 various organizations at their face value. 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.

### **Giving Options!**

Don't forget to contribute so that God's vision and ministry can continue in the days ahead. There are numerous ways to give financially. You could:

- 1) Drop your gift in the offering plate by the door on Sundays.
- 2) Sign up to give through an automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your Farmers & Merchants Firth Account—talk to Kendall Weber (402-430-0348) if you would like to start this. The form needs to be emailed or mailed to Kendall for him to submit to the bank.
- 3) Check out the online giving options through our church website at [livinglifereformed.churchcenter.com/giving](http://livinglifereformed.churchcenter.com/giving)  
This is a secure site with an easy set-up process.
- 4) "Or Text to Give": All you must do is text any dollar amount (example: \$20) to "84321" to give. A quick set-up process will be needed that will tie your mobile phone to LLRC, your donation account (for year-end giving statements), and a payment source. After that initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message!

If you have questions about online giving or text giving, contact Taylor at 402-450-4446.

<b><u>Offering</u></b>	<b><u>July 24</u></b>	<b><u>July ACH</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Budget Needs (31 Weeks)</u></b>
Offering	\$2,456	\$6,815	\$199,511	\$232,404 (\$7497 x 31)
SS				\$39 Norris Backpack Program
Building Loan:	\$399,130			

## The Preparatory Service

Leader: Dear Family of God, in response to the directions of Jesus, we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning.

**Congregation: That we may celebrate the Lord's Supper properly, we must examine ourselves. Because of our sinfulness before our loving and just Heavenly Father, we come in penitence and humility before Him. With all our hearts, we believe that our sins are forgiven only by the death of Jesus on the cross and that His perfect righteousness is freely given to us, just as though we had been perfectly obedient ourselves.**

L: Father, our sincere intentions are to express thanksgiving to You in the totality of our lives; to walk in loving obedience before You, and to live in love and peace with our neighbor.

**C: Since these are our intentions, Father, we are sure that you will receive us in mercy and consider us worthy partakers at the table of Your Son, Jesus Christ. But according to the command of Jesus through the Apostle Paul, if we are continuing in unrepented sin, we will keep ourselves from the Lord's Table.**

L: Remember, dear Family of God, this command is not intended to distress the contrite hearts of God's people as if none of us could come to the Lord's Table unless we were without sin. We do not come to the Lord's Table to proclaim that we are righteous in ourselves, but to proclaim that we are conscious of our sinfulness and are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation.

**C: We do not feel that our faith is as strong as it should be. We do not serve God with as much enthusiasm as we should. Daily we must fight against the weakness of faith and fleshly temptations. We are, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, sorry for these weaknesses and sincerely desire to fight against them and be fully obedient to Jesus. Then we are at peace to believe that no sin or weakness which remains against our will in us, can hinder us from being received by God in mercy and from being made worthy partakers of His heavenly food.**

L: That we may now confess our sins before our loving and almighty God, let us come humbly and penitently before Him. Let us pray:

**UNISON: O Eternal God and most gracious Father, we come humbly and penitently before You. We confess that we have often and deeply sinned and rebelled against You. In judgment, we would deserve nothing but eternal death. We are not worthy to be called Your "Family", nor to come so freely to You in prayer. But Father, we trust in Your eternal love and mercy in Jesus, the Lamb of God. We plead Your forgiveness, not at all on our merit, but totally for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Your Son, and our Savior. AMEN!**