



December 2022

OUR MISSION:

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

Sunday Volunteers

Worship Greeters: Doug, Gary, Kendall
Deacons: Brandon, Shawn, Dave, Taylor

November 27:

1st Sunday of Advent

Coffee: Doug & Sandy Nieveen

Greeters: Mel & Karen Harms

Nursery: Beth Sieck

Sunday School: Lesa M. & Dani R.

Power Point: Jenn Childers

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

December 4:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Coffee: Mark & Kathy Atterbury

Greeters: Savannah Engle

Nursery Leah T & Courtney D.

Sunday School: Lesa M. & Alexis B.

Power Point: Avyn Olson

Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

December 11:

3rd Sunday of Advent

Coffee: Diane & Bill Wieskamp

Greeters: Doug & Sandy Nieveen

Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson

Sunday School: Lesa M. & Tammy G.

Power Point: Avyn Olson

Sound Tech: Robbie Morrison

December 18:

4th Sunday of Advent

Coffee: DeAnn & Kendall Weber

Greeters: Mark TenHulzen

Nursery: Misty Bundle & Beth Sieck

Sunday School: Lesa M & Reagan C.

Power Point: Tammy Goering

Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

December 25:

Coffee: Mel & Karen Harms

Greeters: Robbie Morrison

Nursery: Beth Sieck

Sunday School: Lesa Morrison

Power Point: Jenn Childers

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Thank you for all your Service!!!!

Volunteer Opportunities

Nursery

December 25-Need Helper

January 15-Need Helper

January 29-Need Helper

Sunday School-3 years to 1st Grade

December 25: Need Helper

January 8: Need Helper

January 22: Need Helper

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the dates above, please email Beth Sieck at church@livinglifereformed.org.

Anniversaries

- 1 Glen & Lynn Gana (44)
- 29 Rick & Janelle DeBoer (32)
- 31 Jiggs & Mel Maendele (28)

Birthdays

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| 5 Colson Hestermann | 17 Chester Maendale |
| 7 Marge Helmink | 19 Heath Skeels |
| 10 Terran Goering | 21 Charlotte Mulder |
| 11 Izabella Hays | 23 Patti Wieskamp |
| 12 Samantha Henderson | 24 Larry Hafer |
| 13 Doyle Petersen | 25 Jesus☺ |
| 14 Hunter DeBoer | 26 Jaelyn Cejka |
| 15 Ilene Doctor | 29 Megan Auman |
| | 30 Jayci Osborn |
| | Thelma Schroeder |

Mary & Martha Circle

Wed, Dec 14,
12:00pm

Christmas Party!
Lunch at LLRC

4JC & the Fire

4JC and the Fire will continue to meet Wednesday, November 30th and once more Wednesday, December 7th at their regular times and place. 4JC at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center youth room and the Fire at 8:08pm also in the Family Life Center youth room. There will be no 4JC or Fire on Wednesday, December 14th. Instead, GKC will host their annual Christmas Program at 7pm in the sanctuary. We invite everyone to attend the GKC Christmas program. The following Wednesday, December 21st, all of the youth programs will be on Christmas break through Wednesday, January 4th. 4JC and the Fire will resume after Christmas break Wednesday, January 11th. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and safe travels!

A Day of Love Community Service Project

Saturday, February 18th, 2023, F Street Church in Lincoln will host a community service project, *A Day of Love*, for all middle school, high school, and adults to attend. Not only will you have the opportunity to choose which team and service project you would like to join but will also compete against other service project teams for a fun completion competition to motivate the amount of work that can be done in our neighboring community of Lincoln. This is an all-day event with a dinner and award ceremony at the end. 4JC and Fire attenders will earn full scholarships towards their retreat and summer conference by participating. This would also count towards any high school volunteer community service hours needed. For more information and to sign-up, please contact Youth Pastor Robbie.

Church Event Cancellations

The decision to cancel **Sunday Worship** will be made by 7:00 am Sunday and will be noted and an email announcement will be sent out.

Wednesday Evening activities or any other church events or meetings will be canceled if Norris Schools close or dismiss early.

We will try to notify you by email, but if you are unsure of the status of an event, please contact the church (402-791-5800).

Double Your Gift!

For the rest of 2022, your generosity in paying for the Family Life Center will be doubled! An anonymous donor has promised to match any gift given to the Church Building Fund until the end of the year, up to \$50,000! Please designate your gift as going to the "Building Fund" and then know that it will be matched! If you are giving online, please let Kendall Weber know that it should be applied to the building fund. Thank you for your generosity and vision for this great facility and how it can be used by the community and in the ministry of our church!

Congressional Meeting November 13, 2022

Opening Prayer Gary Hartgerink

Roll Call and Appointment of tellers

- LLRC Members Brian Auman, Clark Mulder, Cody Auman, and Brenda Brock were appointed to tally votes
- Brian Auman assisted and Confirmed Vote Count
- A Quorum was established 79 Members Present
- Congregation voted to suspend current by-laws regarding absentee voting

Election of Officers:

- Elders elected into office: Doug Goering and Bruce Doctor voted
- Deacons elected into office: Keith Tenhulzen and Brett Wieskamp
- Thank you to the Elders finishing their term this year: Doug Wieskamp and Chad TerMaat
- Thank you to the Deacons finishing their term this year: Dave Oltman and Taylor TeKolste

Rick DeBoer: Update with SLT Teams. Grow Group update:

- Be on the lookout for a list of bible study Groups. Lists will have information including the Leader, meeting times, Location, and Bible study focus area.
- Update from Chad TerMaat read by Rick DeBoer: Team is working on worship experience to include. Updated signage inside and outside along with facility updates.

Andy Johnson – Share Team update. Goal to share our message with our community.

- Sight and Sound theater – Movies in the gym
- Trunk-or-treat – 350-400 over 8k raised for a local family of need
- Goal to collect 50 newcomer cards. We have 20 with ½ the year
- Expand our outreach just outside the Firth zip code
- We would love any assistance with church volunteer
- Read Letter from Pastor Mark

Jeff Gottwald Search team updates - for Pastor

- 19 people have applied. Looking for Prayers in this process
- Shepard Staff is actively in the interviewing process
- Team will meet to review candidates. Watching sermons and reviewing the application information

Taylor TeKolste – Financial Report

- Anonymous donor will match gifts and give up to 50K
- Reviewed Building Loan Balance
- Reviewed the Current church financials for the 2022 budget
- Reviewed the 2023 Proposed budget highlights
- Open the floor to questions

Motion and support 2022 financial report– All Approved

New Business

Motion and approve our 2022 minutes: All approved

Motion to Adjourn.

Closing Prayer. Gary Hartgerink

Point of Discussions: November 8, 2022

Opening prayer and Devotions: Scripture Ephesians 2:8-10 -Gary Hartgerink

LLRC Mission Statement: **"To grow a loving community, equipped to take the message of Jesus to our world"**

Discipleship Pathway: **Worship→Grow→Serve→Share**

Rick DeBoer / Taylor TeKolste Search Team update - discussed the Malphurs Group updates: Douglas and Greg with (Shepard Staff), Informed our Search Team that they are narrowing the field and the Search Team will provide Monthly updates as they are available.

Worship

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items & Worship Experience Team (Chad)
 - a. **Working on first-time visitors' experience**
 - b. **Facilities update signage inside and outside and better lighting inside and outside.**
- 2) Media Updates Relating to Worship (Robbie)
 - a. **New CAT (5) cable ran in the sanctuary and working on cable to a TV in Fellowship Hall**
 - b. **More and more youth helping with Media on Sunday**
- 3) Giving and our Treasurer's Report (Taylor)
 - a. **Reviewed the October Treasurer Report - approved by all**
 - b. **Donor has offered to match funds given up to 50k for the building fund.**
 - c. **Reviewed Annual LLRC budget for 2023**
 - i. **Reviewed the 2023 proposed budget - approved by all)**
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Worship?**

Grow

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items and the Discipleship/Education Team (Ron & Dean).
Ron working on providing a list of groups and times they are meeting, and who is in the group. 6-8 weeks schedule on and off. Added a few grow groups.
- 2) Youth Update (Robbie)
 - a. **Nursery will have a room moving to a few different rooms.**
 - b. **Service options, Middle schoolers and high schoolers helping with Congressional Meal.**
 - c. **F Street, Hope Church, and LLRC on Feb 18th will work on a service project. Funds raised will go to High school Rocky Mountain High trip.**
- 3) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Grow?**

Serve

- 1) Updates from SLT Action Items (Robbie)
 - a. **There are 35 different volunteer options within our church. From Mowing to Sunday service involvement. Everyone is welcome**
- 2) Updates from the Building & Grounds Team (Luke & Kendall)
 - a. **Parsonage Needs**
 - b. **Working on the Wall on the West Side of Church (Street)**
- 3) Updates from the Congregational Care Team (Doug & Shawn)
 - a. **Discussed Congregational Prayer needs**
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Serve?**

Point of Discussions: November 8, 2022

Share

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items (Andy)
- 2) Updates from the Share Team (Andy & Brandon)
 - a. **Movie “Samson” Sunday, November 13th, 6 pm.**
 - b. **Trunk-or-Treat donations raised over \$8000**
- 3) Updates on Missions
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Share?**

Other Items

- 1) New Business, Questions, Encouragements, etc.
- 2) Congregational Agenda, Budget (Taylor)
- 3) Next meeting—December 13 at 6:00 pm Devotions
- 4) Snacks – Dean Hestermann (December-Dean Gary Hartgerink)
- 5) Motion to Adjourn
- 6) Closing Circle of Prayer

Elder’s Meeting

- 1) Spiritual Life of the Congregation
- 2) Pastoral Care Items

Deacon’s Meeting

- 1) Any Old Business to discuss?
 - a. Street Landscaping in work.
- 2) Any New Business to discuss?
 - a. Thank you to Robbie

Wednesday Family Meals

November 30: Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

December 7: Pizza, Garlic Rolls, Salad, Dessert

Family Meals will be back on Wednesday, January 11, 2023! Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

God’s Kids Club

God’s blessings are abundant as we have continued to welcome new and previously attending children to GKC throughout the fall.

The kids have been working hard on learning memory verses, songs, and parts for the GKC Christmas Program. We would love to see our church family on December 14 at 7 p.m. as the children present, “A Baby in Bethlehem.” Please bring a dozen cookies or bars to share for a time of fellowship after the program.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas season with your family and friends! GKC will resume on January 11, 2023.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - December

Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Fridays	6:00am	Men's Group at LLRC
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Saturday, Dec 3	4:30pm	Firth Old Fashioned Christmas
Wednesday, Dec 7	5:30pm	Family Meal, GKC, 4JC, The Fire
Sunday, Dec 11	7:00pm	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday, Dec 12	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene Docter)
Tuesday, Dec 13	7:00pm	Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, Dec 14	12:00pm	M&M Circle Lunch and Meeting
	7:00pm	GKC Christmas Program
Wednesday, Dec 22-Jan 4		NO SCHOOL NORRIS Christmas Break
Saturday, Dec 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, Dec 25		Merry Christmas!!

**Epic Vocal
Ensemble Presents**

His Light In Us

Where:
Living Life
Reformed Church

When:
Sunday, December
11th at 7 pm

Holiday Youth Schedule for December

Wednesday, December 14-- God's Kids Club Christmas Program at 7:00 pm.

Family Meals & GKC, 4JC, and The Fire will resume on January 11, 2023!

Noel

November 15-18, 2022, Branson Bus Trip

Thank you for your prayers for this year's Branson trip. We had a "wonderful getaway with wonderful people." That's the way one of the passengers described our getaway according to the evaluations that were returned.

Both buses voted "The Hughes Brothers Morning Show" as their favorite show. This particular show has been voted the favorite most often over the years partly due to the fact that their show consists of ALL Christmas songs and always includes "the reason for the season" with a live Nativity scene. All the little children who participate in this show steal our hearts.

The Grand Jubilee was voted the least favorite show, but the Grand Country Buffet was by far voted the favorite place to eat!

We received lots of suggestions for places/shows to visit next year. The evaluations also indicated that the group would like to go twice next year, but with only one bus each time. Be watching for the 2023 Branson dates coming soon.



RaiseRight™

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 various organizations at their face value. Living Life Reformed Church will get a percentage (which varies by the retailer) of the price 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 December go to the Norris Area Food Pantry.

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Wednesday Night

5:30-6:30pm:

Fellowship Meal

6:30-7:30pm:

4JC (Middle School)

6:30-7:30pm:

God's Kids Club

6:30-7:30pm:

Adult Bible Studies

8:00-9:00pm:

The Fire (High School)

Sunday Morning

9:30-10:30am:

Worship Service &

Livestream on YouTube

To Contact Us:

Church Office Hours:

9:00am-12:00pm

Robbie Morrison:

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Holiday Events

**Christmas Eve
Service**

December 24

