



**January 2023**

**OUR MISSION:**

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

## Sunday Volunteers

Worship Greeters:  
Deacons:

### January 1:

Coffee: DeAnn & Kendall Weber  
Greeters: Robbie Morrison  
Nursery: Leah T. & Courtney D.  
Sunday School: Lesa M. & Alexis B.  
PowerPoint: Avyn Olson  
Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

### January 8:

Coffee: Peg & Gary Hartgerink  
Greeters: Ryan & Nancy Harvey  
Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson  
Sunday School: Tammy G. & Lesa M.  
PowerPoint: Avyn Olson  
Sound Tech: Robbie Morrison

### January 15:

Coffee: Nathan S. & Breck D.  
Greeters: Allan & Claudette Docter  
Nursery: Misty Bundle/Beth Sieck  
Sunday School: Lesa M. & Dawnelle D.  
PowerPoint: Tammy Goering  
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

### January 22:

Coffee: Jared & Brenda Brock  
Greeters: Linda DeBoer  
Nursery: Rick & Janelle DeBoer  
Sunday School: Dani Rasser  
PowerPoint: Jenn Childers  
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

### January 29:

Coffee: Linda D. & Pearl W.  
Greeters: Ryan Oden  
Nursery: Beth Sieck  
Sunday School: Lesa M. & Sandy N.  
PowerPoint: Avyn Olson  
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

Thank you for all your Service!!!!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Nursery

January 29-Need Helper

### Sunday School-3 years to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

January 22: Need Helper

### Movie in Gym at LLRC

January 15: Setup (3-5 people)

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the dates above, please email Beth Sieck at [church@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org).

## Birthdays

- 3 Dave Hobelman
- 6 Adam Weber
- 7 Shawn Gouldin
- 12 Aspen Docter  
Krista Riensche  
Laura Hilkemann
- 19 Sadie Dunse  
Marge Klein
- 28 Jacee Carlow
- 29 Joshua Starr  
Carol Burnley
- 30 Beau Henderson  
Isobel Olson
- 31 Brielle Lefferdink

## Wednesday Night Activities!!

The family meals, GKC, 4JC and The Fire will meet back on start on **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2023.



## Anniversaries

- 5 Randy & Amy Thimm (31)
- 16 Bruce & Deb Docter (40)



### **Rocky Mountain High Trip**

High schoolers get the opportunity to go to Rocky Mountain High this summer in Estes Park, CO July 22nd-25th! Come breathe the fresh mountain air and take in God's wonders at RMH. Students will hear from world-renowned speakers, participate in awesome recreations, and encounter transformational truth and the love of Jesus Christ. RMH is a youth conference held every three years geared toward high school students currently in grades 9th-12th and their adult leaders. It is organized by the Synod of the Heartland Youth Ministry office. Sign-ups will begin February 1st, 2023. Students will also have opportunities to earn scholarships to cover the funding through the rest of the program year. For more information about RMH, please visit [www.rockymountainhighinfo.com](http://www.rockymountainhighinfo.com)

### **Middle School Retreat**

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 retreat in Dayton, IA April 14th-16th, 2023. Don't let your youth miss this chance to attend MSR: *Unveiled!* This retreat is 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 on February 1st, 2023. For more information about the retreat, please visit [www.synodyouth.org/middle-school-retreat](http://www.synodyouth.org/middle-school-retreat)

### **A Day of Love Community Service Project**

On 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.

### **Sign-ups for Rocky Mountain High, Middle School Retreat, and Day of Love**

How do you sign-up for Rocky Mountain High, the Middle School Retreat, or A Day of Love? All of these event sign-ups will be available on February 1st, 2023. To sign-up and for any questions about RMH, MSR, or the community service project (A Day of Love), please contact Youth Pastor Robbie Morrison. \*Looking for adult female leaders to attend and help with these events.

### **Mentoring Class**

Youth Pastor Robbie Morrison is looking for youth Interested in confessing their faith through a Christian mentoring course. This course will help youths understand the core doctrine beliefs here at Living Life Reformed Church by navigating through scriptures in the Bible, better understanding creation, discussions about sin, the Holy Trinity, worship, and becoming a member of LLRC. This journey will also allow youths to explore their faith, grow in their relationship with Jesus, and develop a life-long relationship with a Christian mentor. If you have a 7th-12th grader at home who has not completed the mentoring class, this class is for them! Please reach out to Youth Pastor Robbie Morrison if you or your youth is at all interested or if you have any questions! Class dates and times are to be announced.

# Consistory Notes – December 13, 2022

(The November meeting minutes, and December/January Church Calendar were approved at the meeting)

Present: Gary Hartgerink, Kendal Weber, Brandon Cramer, Ron DeBoer, Doug Wieskamp, Luke Sieck, Robbie Morrison, Shawn Gouldin, Keith TenHulzen, Doug Goering, Dave Oltman, Chad TerMaat, Brett Wieskamp, Robbie Morrison, Dean Hestermann

Absent: Andy Johnson, Taylor TeKolste,

Opening prayer and Devotions: Scripture Matthew 5: 11-25 -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**

## Worship

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items & Worship Experience Team (Chad)
  - a. Discussed the team's recommendation to refresh Fellowship Hall, inside and outside lighting along with interior and exterior signage.
- 2) Media Updates Relating to Worship (Robbie)
  - a. New TV in the Sanctuary, back wall.
  - b. Working on testing new email software
- 3) Giving and our Treasurer's Report (Taylor)
  - a. Reviewed November Financial Summary
  - b. All Approved November financial summary
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Worship?**

## Grow

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items and the Discipleship/Ed Team (Ron & Dean).
  - a) Update on Sunday church for youth. New groups are running smooth
- 2) Youth Update (Robbie)
  - a. Last meeting (December 7<sup>th</sup>), Next January 11<sup>th</sup>. Around 22 attending 4JC b. Fire-packed care packs for the homeless, drop-off ready when they see needy c. Possible bowling outing with Fire before next January's meeting
- 3) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Grow?**

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## Serve

- 1) Updates from SLT Action Items (Robbie)
  - a. How to provide an easy way for everyone to serve and understand the needs the church has
  - b. Clipboards sign-up sheet will continue
  - c. Group announcements from the pulpit
  - d. Added serve ops in bulletin and newsletters
- 2) Updates from the Building & Grounds Team (Luke & Kendall)
  - a. Retaining wall westside of church
  - b. Parsonage
- 3) Updates from the Congregational Care Team (Doug & Shawn)
  - a. Discussed Congregational Prayer needs
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Serve?**

## Share

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items (Andy)
- 2) Updates from the Share Team (Andy & Brandon)
  - a. Church had a float in the Firth parade
  - b. Last Movie Sunday, January 15th
- 3) Updates on Missions
  - a. Local Missions
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Share?**

## Other Items

- 1) New Business, Questions, Encouragements, etc.
- 3) Next meeting—January 10 at 6:30 pm. Devotions – Gary Hartgerink
- 4) Snacks – Gary Hartgerink (January - Gary Hartgerink)
- 5) Motion to Adjourn
- 6) Closing Circle of Prayer

## Elder's Meeting

- 1) Spiritual Life of the Congregation
  1. Discussed adding greeting time back into the Sunday Morning routine
  - 2) Pastoral Care Items
  1. Discussed the Pastor search

## Deacon's Meeting

- 1) Any Old Business to discuss?
  - a. Street Landscaping in the works.
- 2) Any New Business to discuss?
  - a. Church will donate \$500 to the Firth Fire Department for a new Ambulance.
  - b. Discussed the Christmas Eve service offering.

## God's Kid's Club

The God's Kids Club leaders and teachers would like to wish each and everyone a joyous New Year! We know that God is with us each step of the way as we enter a new year. We thank you for all your prayer support and for continuing to entrust us with your children as we seek to help them grow in their faith.

As always, we cherish your prayers and continued support of our weekly program. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023!

All words listed 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!**

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N	N	P	E	C	S	R	E	S	T	E	D	V	F	I
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## In the Beginning

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|---------------|-----------|
| Adam          | Afraid    |
| Animals       | Beginning |
| Birds         | Cherubim  |
| Create        | Creation  |
| Dark          | Disobeyed |
| Driven        | Earth     |
| Enmity        | Evil      |
| Fig           | Fig       |
| Flaming sword | Food      |
| Fruit         | Garden    |
| Genesis       | Good      |
| Heaven        | Helper    |
| Image         | Knowledge |
| Leaves        | Light     |
| Moon          |           |
| Old Testament |           |
| Plants        | Rested    |
| Seas          | Seed      |
| Serpent       | Seventh   |
| Sun           | Tempted   |
| Thistles      | Thorns    |
| Tree          | Voice     |
| Water         | Wise      |
| Woman         |           |
- From christianbibleference



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS – January

Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Wednesdays	5:30pm	Family Mealtime
	6:30pm	GKC, 4JC
	6:30pm	Bible Studies
	8:00 pm	The Fire
Fridays	6:00am	Men's Group at LLRC
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Thurs-Wed Dec 22 to Jan 4		NO School Christmas Break
Mon, Jan 2	12:00pm	"IF" Meeting Luncheon
Sun, Jan 8	9:30am	Installation/Ordination of Church Officers
Mon, Jan 10	6:30 pm	Consistory Meeting
Wed, Jan 11	1:30pm	Mary & Martha Circle @LLRC
	5:30pm	Family Meal, GKC, 4JC, Fire
Sunday, Jan 15	6:00pm	Movie at LLRC

## Church Event Cancellations

**Church Event Cancellations:**  
The decision to cancel **Sunday Worship** will be made by 7:00am Sunday and will be emailed out or on Facebook. Wednesday Evening activities or any other church events will be canceled if Norris Schools close or dismiss early. We will notify you by email, but if you are unsure of the status of an event, please contact the Beth Sieck at 402-480-0079.

## January Family Meal Schedule

**January 11:** Taco/Nacho Bar, Salad, Root Beer Floats  
**January 18:** Chili Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cinnamon rolls, Salad, Dessert  
**January 25:** Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Salad, Dessert

## Mary & Martha Circle

**Wednesday**  
**January 11 - 1:30pm**  
 Lesson: Peg Reutzel



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 January go to the Juvenile Justice Ministry.



Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
 "Ruth" 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

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**Wednesday Night**

**5:30-6:30pm:**

Fellowship Meal

**6:30-7:30pm:**

4JC's (Middle School)

**6:30-7:30pm:**

God's Kids Club (3yo-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**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

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