



Living Life Reformed
CHURCH

Welcome to Living Life Reformed Church in Firth, Nebraska January 8, 2023

OUR MISSION:

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

Preaching this Sunday, January 8th is Randy Blumer.

Please join us on Sunday, January 8th as we celebrate the baptism of Navy Dee Whalen. We also celebrate with Marissa & Nolan Whalen who will be joining our church.

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.

Wednesday Night Activities! The family community meal, GKC, 4JC, and The Fire will meet this **Wednesday, January 11^h, 2023**. We look forward to seeing everyone back.

Meal Train for the Oltman Family. If you would like to help the Oltmans by providing a meal, please do so through the Meal Train, <https://mealtrain.com/6v56dz>, or scan the QR code below. To respect the privacy of The Oltman family, we ask that you do not currently deliver the meals to their house. Please plan a meal that can be left out, refrigerated, or frozen (to reheat), and deliver the meal to Living Life Reformed Church. Please leave a note with your name and any reheating instructions. The Oltmans will pick up the meals from Living Life. Meals can be dropped off and delivered Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, or Sunday 9:00 am – 11:00 am. For other special delivery times and days, please contact Robbie Morrison (402) 304-9049 or Beth Sieck (402) 480-0079.



Are you looking for meaningful work? Do you have the heart to serve others? We are looking for a few special people to care for an amazing woman, in her home (Firth area). She needs a one-hour visit each morning and evening. We can be flexible on the times. Pick the shifts that fit your schedule. She is witty, sharp-minded, and very independent...just needs a little help. Caregiving experience is not necessary, we can train. Call Guardian Angels Homecare for more information: at 402-474-4000; or apply online: guardianangelsnebraska.com/career-opportunities

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 are interested or have any questions! Class dates and times are to be announced.

The nursery! We are looking for volunteers to help during morning worship for the children who are not potty trained until the age of 3. A sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall is on the table if you are interested. Please see Beth Sieck for more information.

Children's Church for ages 3 to 6 who are potty trained in room 18! Children will be dismissed after our worship music and prayer time. We are looking for Sunday school teachers to help. Please see Lesa Morrison for more information.

Children's Church in the youth room! Children ages 7 to 13 years old will be dismissed after our worship music and prayer time. Please see Ron DeBoer for more information.

Our Search Committee members for our pastor search are Rick DeBoer, Jeff Gottwald, Lori Prange, Alexis Bryant, Ilene Docter, and Brett Wieskamp. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeff Gottwald. Thank you.

We continue to pray for Dick Wagner, Bruce Docter, Red Klein, Oltman Family, and Gene Muff and family (Diane Wieskamp's brother).

Purchase Requests: If you need to or have purchased an item for a program or activity, please contact Luke Sieck. Please remember that approval needs to be given before an item is purchased. Once purchased, you will need to fill out a purchase request (available in the copier room) and put it in Luke's consistory mailbox for approval and reimbursement. Thank you for your cooperation.

Church Event Cancellations: The decision to cancel **Sunday Worship** will be made by 7:00 am 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 try to notify you by email, but if you are unsure of the status of an event, please contact the church office.

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) Signup 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 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 Shawn Gouldin at 402-440-3694.

<u>Offering</u>	<u>January 1</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget Needs (2 Week)</u>
Offering	\$7,312	\$7,312	\$15,790(\$7895 x 2)
SS			\$39 Norris Backpack Program
Building Loan:	\$375,219		

Volunteers for next Sunday, January 15

Coffee: Nathan S. & Breck D.

Greeter: Allan & Claudette Docter

Nursery: Misty Bundle & Beth Sieck

Sunday School: Lesa Morrison/Dawnelle Docter

PowerPoint: Tammy Goering

Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

Video Tech: Ethan Sieck

Church Information

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THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

PRAYER: (In Unison)

Almighty and loving God, who by your Holy Spirit has led your Church, and promised through your Son Jesus Christ, to be with your Church to the end of the world, continue to direct us by your Holy Spirit so that what we do at this time may lead to your glory and praise, people coming to know you and growing a loving community of active followers of you, and being equipped to take your love and message to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

LEADER: Brothers and Sisters in Christ we have chosen and elected from among our Church family, leaders to serve as Elders and Deacons and we will proceed in the name of our Lord to install them as either an Elder or Deacon at the Living Life Reformed Church.

MEMBERS: We recognize that Jesus Christ is the head of His Church, which is made up of many members with a variety of gifts. The purpose of these gifts is that the whole Church may be built up and serve our Lord together in unity. To enable His Church to grow into Christlikeness, He has provided gifts. To the Pastor, he gives gifts for the ministry of the Word, prayer, and sacraments; to Elders gifts for the ministry of shepherding, discernment, and ministering to those with spiritual needs; and to Deacons gifts for the ministry of mercy, compassion, and material maintenance. As these ministries are united in Christ, they accomplish God's purposes for His Church.

LEADER: Scripture teaches that those chosen to the office of Elder are called along with the pastors to watch over you as people who must give an account to God. Scripture also teaches that Deacons are responsible for the ministry of caring for the poor, needy, and suffering in our church and community in a thoroughly Christian manner, representing God's love and mercy in Christ.

MEMBERS: As the three offices of deacon, elder, and pastor are united in Christ, so also in the church one office is not separate from the others. The pastor does not serve without the elder and neither without the deacon. Together they enable the whole mission of the church. Everything in the church will be done decently and in order when faithful people are called to their position and responsibly fulfill their charge.

PRESENTATION AND VOWS:

Do you reaffirm the promises you made to this family of God when you confessed your faith in Christ publicly and when you became a member of this church? **(I DO)**

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's Church and therefore by God Himself to serve as Elder or Deacon? **(I DO)**

Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God that reveals the only way to salvation through the saving work of Jesus Christ; rejecting all teachings contrary to what the Word of God teaches? **(I DO)**

Elders: Will you shepherd God's flock that is under your care – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; encouraging the spiritual growth of the Living Life Reformed family?
(I WILL, THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH!)

Deacons: Will you represent the love and care of Christ; gathering and distributing the offerings of His people, ministering to those who are in need, and being a good steward over the resources of this congregation?
(I WILL, THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH!)

Will you, Elders and Deacons, be loyal to the mission and work of the Reformed Church in America as reflected in this statement – a *thousand churches in a million ways doing one thing* – following Christ in mission, in a lost and broken world so loved by God? **(I WILL)**

ORDINATION & PRAYER:

PROMISES OF THE LIVING LIFE REFORMED FAMILY TO SUPPORT THESE LEADERS:

Do you the members of the Living Life Reformed Church, receive these leaders as your Elders and Deacons in Christ's Church?
(WE DO)

Will you pray for them, respect them, and follow them as they follow Christ so that their ministry will be a joy, not a burden?
(WE WILL)

DECLARATION AND EXHORTATION: