



April 2023

OUR MISSION:

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

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Deacons: Andy, Luke, Brandon, Shawn

April 2: Palm Sunday

Elder: Ron DeBoer

Greeter: Savannah Engle

Coffee: Doug & Sandy Nieveen

PowerPoint: Tony Noble

Video: Ethan/Matthew Sieck

Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

Nursery: Leah T & Courtney D

SS 3-6years: Dani R & **Helper**

SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H

April 9: Easter Sunday

Elder: Bruce Docter

Greeters: Ryan & Nancy Harvey

Coffee: Sandy & Doug Nieveen

PowerPoint: Avyn Olson

Video: Beth Olson

Sound Tech: Robbie Morrison

Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson

SS 3-6years: Tammy G & **Helper**

SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H

April 16:

Elder: Gary Hartgerink

Greeters: Allan & Claudette Docter

Coffee: Dave & Suzie Oltman

PowerPoint: Tammy Goering

Video: Robbie Morrison

Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

Nursery: **Need 2 volunteers**

SS 3-6years: Dawnelle & Brent D

SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H

April 23:

Elder: Dean Hestermann

Greeter: Linda DeBoer

Coffee: Nikki & Brandon Oltman

PowerPoint: Jenn Childers

Video: Ethan/Matthew Sieck

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Nursery: Rick & Janelle DeBoer

SS 3-6years: Sandy N & **Helper**

SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H

April 30:

Elder: Doug Goering

Greeter: Ryan Oden

Coffee: Nathan S & Breck D

PowerPoint: Jen Childers

Video: Avyn Olson

Sound Tech: TBA

Nursery: **Need 2 volunteers**

SS 3-6years: **Need 2 volunteers**

SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H

Mowing Season is Here!

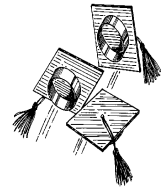
Would you like to join our church mowing rotation?

This will involve mowing around the church & parsonage 1-2 times during a single 2 week period that you share with another family. Brett Wieskamp

is setting up the 2023 schedule now so if you're able to help, please contact him in person or at 402-440-4717 to be added to the summer schedule.



Looking for Graduates!



If you know someone graduating from high school or college this spring, let Carol or Beth know so we can pass along the good news! Recognition of our graduates will appear in the May newsletter.

“Blessed
are those who
have not seen
and yet have
come to
BELIEVE.”

John 20:29, NRSV



Middle School Retreat: *Unveiled*

17 of our 4JC middle schoolers will attend their middle school retreat called, *Unveiled*, from Friday, April 14th through Sunday, April 16th. Youth Pastor Robbie, Janelle DeBoer and Alexis Bryant, will lead the youth on this exciting retreat. The Heartland Synod Youth Ministries hosts this event in Dayton, IA at the Hidden Acres Christian Center. Synod Ministries partners with Northwestern college students to plan a weekend filled with worship, large group sessions, breakout sessions, recreation and games. Please pray for our students as they travel to and from MSR 2023.

The Fire: High School Youth Group

The Fire will continue to meet through the month of April and into early May. The high schoolers are currently working through the Gospel of John, preparing to finish after Easter. The Fire will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 8:08, don't be late, in the Family Life Center Youth Room. All freshmen through seniors are welcome to come and encouraged to invite friends!



THE FIRE

Save the Date!!

We're so excited to announce the dates for our summer Vacation Bible School!!

Mark your calendars for the evenings of Monday-Thursday, June 26-28 for 4-days of lessons, crafts, skits and more.

Registration information for Pre-K (potty-trained) through current 5th graders will be available soon!

And for parents & high schoolers, we would love to have your help with VBS! We'll need teachers, assistants, area leaders and more.



Watch for additional announcements as we get closer to the dates!

Consistory Minutes: March 14, 2023

(The February meeting minutes and Church Calendar were approved at the meeting)

Present: Kendall Weber, Ron DeBoer, Gary Hartgerink, Doug Goering, Keith TenHulzen, Luke Sieck, Shawn Gouldin, Brett Wieskamp, Brandon Cramer, Andy Johnson, Robbie Morrison

Absent: Taylor TeKolste, Dean Hestermann, Bruce Docter

Opening Prayer

Devotions: Kendall Weber Romans 13: 1-5 Role of Christians and government

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

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

Meeting was started

Worship

- 1) Discussion regarding Nat Crawford and potential contract. Went through the contract with those present.
 - a. Motion and support for the contract was given, vote was taken and passed. Contract was then signed by those present.
- 2) Updates from the SLT Action Items & Worship Experience Team (Kendall & Keith)
- 3) Media Updates Relating to Worship (Robbie)
 - a. Tony Noble will now join the team doing PowerPoint.
 - b. New software installed that the church can use for mass emails
- 4) Giving and our Treasurer's Report (Shawn)
 - a. Review Data from February
 - b. Motion and 2nd to accept, vote was taken and passed.
- 5) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Worship?**

Grow

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items and the Discipleship/Education Team (Ron & Dean)
- 2) Youth Update (Robbie)
 - a. Fire will continue through May 17, average attendance of 7 students
 - b. 4JCs will end March 29, average attendance of 19 students
 - c. 17 students attended the "Day of Love" with "F" Street Church and participated in 11 service projects
 - d. 7 students will attend Rocky Mountain High this summer
 - e. Chili Cook-off and auction March 22
- 3) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Grow?**

Continued...

Consistory Minutes: March 14, 2023 (Continued)

Serve

- 1) Updates from SLT Action Items (Robbie)
 - a. Trying to show church needs in the bulletin
 - b. Clipboards will still be used to get volunteer signups
- 2) Updates from the Building & Grounds Team (Luke & Brett)
 - a. Will be working on the mowing list for 2023
- 3) Updates from the Congregational Care Team (Bruce & Gary)
 - a. Lots of good news from people that have medical concerns
 - b. Trying to form a list of members that are missing services
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Serve?**

Share

- 1) Updates from the SLT Action Items (Andy)
 - a. Bible Trivia night is done and now looking at trying to expand it
- 2) Updates from the Share Team (Andy & Brandon)
- 3) Updates on Missions
 - a. Seems we are collecting more money with the special offerings than we were raising with the script cards
- 4) Encouragements, Feedback, or Evaluation on **Share?**

Other Items

- 1) New Business, Questions, Encouragements, etc
- 2) Next meeting – April 11th at 6:30pm
- 3) Snacks & Devotions (April: Keith TenHulzen)
- 4) Motion to Adjourn
Motion to close this portion of the meeting, 2nd and vote passed
- 5) Closing Circle of Prayer

Elder's Meeting

- 1) Discussed the Spiritual Life of the Congregation
- 2) Will offer communion on Maundy Thursday

Deacon's Meeting

- 1) Any Old Business to discuss?
- 2) Any New Business to discuss?
 - a. **Easter Sunday, Deacons will serve Breakfast 8:30am – 9:15am.**
 - b. Rock wall west of church update: Andy Johnson will complete the wall during the week of March 20. We will need help with the river rock to fill in the remaining voids.
 - c. There is a roof leak in the Life Center. Luke will evaluate the leak and re-tar as needed.
 - d. Church clean-up day: Andy will put together a list of items outside that are areas of need, also some possible planting locations.
 - e. Luke will look at netting options for above the storage rooms in the Life Center. (This will help to prevent balls from getting stuck above the rooms)

Because He Lives, I Can Live



All the words listed below 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!**

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| Abraham | Angels |
| Baptism | Bethesda |
| Betrayal | Blessed |
| Calvary | Counselor |
| Deliverer | Devil |
| Elizabeth | Father |
| Heaven | Holy Spirit |
| Jesus | Jordan |
| Joseph | Lord |
| Mary | Passover |
| Redeemer | Redemption |
| Revelation | Risen |
| Sacrifice | Salvation |
| Savior | Servant |
| Sin | Tabernacle |
| Temple | The Light |
| The Truth | The Way |
| The Word | Trinity |

From christianbiblereference.org

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – April 2, 9:30am

Children participate in the “March of the Palms” at the beginning of the service, followed by a very special performance from EPIC

Maundy Thursday – April 6, 7:00pm

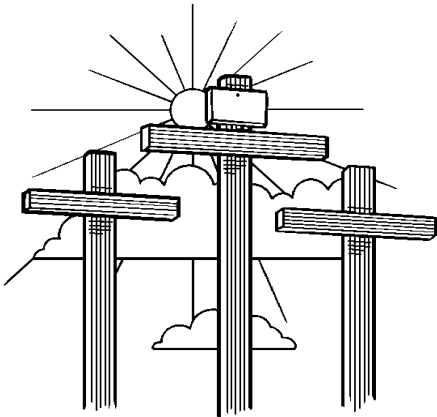
Commemoration of Christ’s final Passover. Communion will be served. Friends & family are invited to join us.

Good Friday Community Service – April 7, 7:00pm

Hosted by Panama Presbyterian Church. A dessert reception will follow.

Easter Worship – Sunday, April 9

8:30pm – Easter Breakfast
9:30am – The Celebration of Easter



April Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Jared Brock | 14 Stacy Dorn |
| 2 John Dorn | Grant Morrison |
| 4 Terri Petersen | Alissa Thiemann |
| 5 Judeen Price | 15 Stan Carlow |
| 7 Breck Doeschot | Jeff Spencer |
| 9 Allen Klein | 16 Luke Sieck |
| Sarah Birkett | 17 Joanna Johnson |
| 10 Claudette Docter | 24 Sally Jennings |
| 11 Ryan Gouldin | 25 Hank Henderson |
| Sara Bartek | 26 Avery Morrison |
| 12 Chelsea Walvoord | 27 Marley Brock |

Anniversaries

- 2 Dallas & Jessica Pears (12)
- 9 Nathan & Kylie Stukendyer (1)
- 22 Dan & Brenda Rice (34)
- 26 Allen & Marge Klein (60!)

Mary & Martha Circle Wed, April 12, 1:30pm

Lesson: Peg Reutzel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Group
Wednesdays	8:08pm	The Fire
Fridays	6:30am	Men's Group
Sun, April 2	9:30am	Palm Sunday/EPIC Concert
Thurs, April 6	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri, April 7	7:00pm	Good Friday @ Panama Presby No School/Norris
Sun, April 9	8:30am	Easter Breakfast at LLRC
	9:30am	Easter Worship Celebration No School/Norris
Mon, April 10		
Tue, April 11	6:30pm	Consistory Meeting
Wed, April 12	1:30pm	Mary & Martha Circle
Fri-Sun, April 14-16		Middle School Retreat/Iowa
Sun, April 16	7:00pm	Afterglow Bible Study/Linda D
Mon, April 17	1:00pm	"1F" Meeting/Ilene Docter
Mon, April 21		No School/Norris

Branson Bus Trips!

Our church is hosting TWO bus trips to Branson, MO this year!

Oct. 10-13 &

Nov. 28-Dec 1

Information packets for both trips are available on the table in the fellowship hall. We're only taking 1 bus for each trip so seats will be limited! If you have questions, please see Linda DeBoer or Ilene Docter soon.

Firth Mom's Group

A fun group that occasionally meets in the Family Life Center gym and around Firth for fun activities for kiddos. Search Facebook for the "Firth Mom's Group" and click "Join" to request to follow the group. They'll post events as they are scheduled. Any mom & their kiddos are welcome to join!



Living Life Reformed Church
603 Russell, Box 295
Firth, NE 68358



Sunday Morning

9:30-10:30am

Worship Service
(In-person or Livestream on YouTube)
Children's Church during worship

To Contact Us

Church Office Hours

9:00am-12:00pm

Pastor Nat Crawford

Nat.crawford@livinglifereformed.org

Robbie Morrison

402-304-9049

Robbie.morrison@livinglifereformed.org



Phone: 402-791-5800 ● Email: church@livinglifereformed.org
Website: livinglifereformed.org ● Facebook: Living Life Reformed Church | Facebook