



# Living Life Reformed Church

## July 2023

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

**Dear Church Family,**

Outraged. This was the sentiment of a woman at Sam's Club. After Christmas, I was returning an unneeded Christmas gift. While waiting in line, I witnessed a woman go from calm to cruel in a matter of seconds. What was the cause of the offense? She would need to return a broken item at the counter. Then proceeded to pick out a replacement and checkout as she usually would. She criticized this employee for the inconvenience and incompetence of the organization.

When it was my time to approach the counter, I said, "I am sorry. I'm not sure what's going on beneath the surface of that woman, but that was a first-world problem."

My friend, pastor, and author, Dr. Michael Frisina, told me, "Unless you're being shot at, cold, drenched, and without resources, you're having a good day." As a former Army Officer, he would know the truth of this statement.

So why do so many people in America and around the world, including Christians, have their joy robbed by the slightest of inconveniences? The answer is found in 2 Corinthians 2:14-16.

Paul writes, "Therefore, we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (CSB).

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### Daily Devotions with Pastor Nat

Join Pastor Nat between Sundays to Win the Day! Nat unpacks God's Word through video Bible teaching six days per week. Join the community, and let's grow together!

## **SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Deacons: Shawn, Brett, Keith, Andy

### **July 2:**

Elder: Bruce Docter

Greeters: Mark Atterbury

Coffee: Doug & Sandy Nieveen

PowerPoint: Tony Noble

Video: Randy Sieck

Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

Nursery: Courtney D & Helper Needed

SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cody Auman

Mowing: Mark T & Rick D

### **July 9:**

Elder: Gary Hartgerink

Greeter: Allan & Claudette Docter

Coffee: Luke & Dani Rasser

PowerPoint: Avyn Olson

Video: Beth Olson

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson

SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cody Auman

Mowing: Mark T & Rick D

### **July 16**

Elder: Dean Hestermann

Greeter: Linda DeBoer

Coffee: Brandon & Nikki Oltman

PowerPoint: Tammy Goering

Video: Matthew/Ethan Sieck

Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

Nursery: Beth Sieck & Haley Gillett

SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cody Auman

Mowing: Andy J & Nathan S

### **July 23**

Elder: Doug Goering

Greeters: Alex & Beth Olson

Coffee: Bruce & Deb Docter

PowerPoint: Jenn Childers

Video: Ethan/Matthew Sieck

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Nursery: Dani & Luke Rasser

SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cody Auman

Mowing: Andy J & Nathan S

### **July 30**

Elder: Kendall Weber

Greeters: Rod TeKolste

Coffee: Mark & Kathy Atterbury

PowerPoint: Jenn Childers

Video: Randy Sieck

Sound Tech: Matthew/Ethan Sieck

Nursery: Beth Sieck & Helper

SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cody Auman

Mowing: Brock Family

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Paul was no denier of hardship. He knew it well. He didn't dismiss it or trivialize it. Instead, he walked through it while keeping his focus on eternity with Christ. That is the problem. We focus on the problem and not the promise. We dwell on the trial and not the triumph. We embrace the temporary and not the eternal.

Paul went from earthly influence and affluence to heavenly purpose and wealth.

When I look at 2 Corinthians 2, I'm reminded that many of us today face various seasons of life. Some are financially flush but live as spiritually bankrupt. Some are troubled but resourced. Some are blessed but burned out. The question is, how should we respond to each event and season? Focused on the eternal weight of glory.

A job promotion pales in comparison to a passport to paradise. A full savings account is diminished by a room in the house of God. Trials of various kinds are light compared to the "absolutely comparable eternal weight of glory." So today, live with eternity in mind.

Let us "seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Col. 3:1). May we fix our "hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:13). It's my prayer to live on purpose. You were saved for more than what this world offers or threatens. Live with eternity in mind. Live generously. Live intentionally. Why? Because according to 1 Corinthians 3:21, "Everything is yours."

Pastor Nat Crawford

## LLRC Free Food Pantry!!

**Suggested items for the pantry: (Please note that this list will change according to need so check back often)**

Applesauce & Pudding Packs	Granola Bars
Baby Food	Instant Potatoes
Boxed Potatoes	Jelly
Boxed Soups	Juices
Boxes of Raisins	Kleenex
Bread	Macaroni and Cheese
Cereal (cold & hot)	Nut Butters
Chapstick	Nuts and Seeds
Coffee	Paper Towels
Cooking Oil	Pasta
Crackers	Personal-care products
Diapers	Popcorn
Dried Beans	Protein Bars
Dried Fruits	Rice & Other Whole Grains
Dried Milk	Hand Sanitizer
Face Masks	Shampoo & Conditioner
Flour	Spices
Fruit Snacks	Tea
Granola	Toilet Paper
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste	

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Dropoff: Monday Through Friday  
9:00am to 11:30am or during  
Sunday morning worship

**PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF  
DONATIONS IN THE BOX**

Home Phone: (402) 791-3034  
Cell Phone: (402) 310-7032  
[pjreutzet@gmail.com](mailto:pjreutzet@gmail.com)



## Branson Bus Trips!

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

Oct. 10-13 & Nov. 28-Dec 1

Information packets for both trips are available on the table in the fellowship hall. SEATS ARE

LIMITED! If you have questions, please see Linda DeBoer or Ilene Docter soon.

## Vacation Bible School Hero Hotline!!

We had a great turnout at VBS - averaging more than 60 kids in attendance each night! Wonderful meals were served to the families and staff to start the evening. All the kids enjoyed Bible lessons, crafts, karate, line dancing, recreational activities, and most of all having fun with kids their age and learning about God. We were blessed with,

and want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers.

Thanks again for sharing your kids with us!



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## The Golden Rule

All the words listed are in the puzzle – left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle it. The leftover letters will form the **mystery answer!**

Blessings	Coat
Commandment	Curses
Disciples	Do Good
Father	Followers
Forgive	Friendship
Golden Rule	Jesus
Kindness	Luke
Mark	Mercy
Money	Most High God
Needy	New Command
Numbers	Others
People	Perfect
Persecute	Plank
Poor	Praise
Pray	Receive
Reward	Shirt
Sinners	Sons of God
Speck	Thankful
Virtue	Warnings

## Children's Church taking a break.

Children's Church is Sunday School time for potty-trained 3-6-year-olds held during the morning worship so parents can focus on the pastor's message. We're currently looking for someone to lead! This would involve setting up the rotation of those willing to lead a Sunday or two and help organize the curriculum for a 30-minute class. An option is using past VBS materials with an easy story, craft, and games for each week. We're also looking for additional teachers to join the rotation as a couple of our current teachers have brand-new babies! All materials would be provided for you, and the class currently averages 5-8 kiddos.

**Please Note:** During the month of July CC will not be offered. We'll start back up again as soon as we get a coordinator and a couple more teachers. The kids are welcome to join the older children in the youth room or come into the nursery where we will entertain them with a bible video and coloring pages. If you are interested in joining our Children's Church Program, please contact Beth in the church office. Thanks so much!



## The Nursery is Open!

We're looking for volunteers to help in our nursery during Sunday morning worship for babies through 4-year-olds who are not yet ready for Children's Church. If you would like to join our rotation, please contact Beth at [church@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org) to get added. As a reminder, we have a changing table in the nursery and a private place for moms who might need to feed their babies.

# Birthdays

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|----|---|----|---|
| 2  | Brittany Hart                             | 19 | Merritt Koehn                                   |
| 3  | Lainey Johnson<br>Brent Docter            | 20 | Sarah DeBoer<br>Luke Rasser                     |
| 4  | Myra Carlow<br>Amy TerMaat                | 22 | Phyllis Weber<br>Nolan Whalen                   |
| 7  | Brad Hulse                                | 24 | Charlene TenHulzen                              |
| 10 | Glen Gana<br>Chad TerMaat<br>Nikki Oltman | 25 | Lori Prange                                     |
| 13 | Kathy Carlow                              | 26 | Kathy Atterbury                                 |
| 18 | Mary Ann Doeschot<br>Sandra Wedding       | 27 | Bonnie Walvoord                                 |
|    |   | 31 | Avyn Olson<br>Steve Childers<br>Gary Lefferdink |

# Anniversaries

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| 6  | Ashton & Samantha Henderson (11)                               |
| 7  | Brent & Dawnelle Docter (6)                                    |
| 11 | Nolan & Marissa Whalen (12)                                    |
| 18 | Doug & Patti Wieskamp (43)                                     |
| 19 | Bill & Diane Wieskamp (37)                                     |
| 22 | Merritt & Judy Koehn (6)                                       |
| 24 | Will & Jordan Hays (13)  |
| 30 | Jeff & Kristina Morrison (29)<br>Clark & Charlotte Mulder (47) |
| 31 | Andy & Lainey Johnson (13)                                     |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – July

Sundays	9:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Fridays	6:00am	Men's Group at LLRC

Tue, July 4		4 <sup>th</sup> of July – Office Closed
Sun, July 9	7:00pm	Afterglow Bible Study
Tue, July 11	6:30pm	Consistory Meeting
Wed, July 12	1:30pm	Mary & Martha Circle
Mon, July 17	1:00pm	"1F" Meeting (Ilene D)
Sa-W, July 22-26		Rocky Mountain High Retreat
Sun, July 30	9:30am	Communion

## Lincoln City Libraries Summer Reading

Community Center  
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am  
Bookmobile Downtown Firth  
July 8 & 22 2:00-4:45pm

Register for the summer reading challenge for tickets & prizes! [LincolnLibraries.org](http://LincolnLibraries.org)

## Monthly Consistory Minutes

The consistory voted at the May meeting that we will no longer publish the Consistory Minutes in the newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy of the approved June minutes, copies will be in the fellowship hall, or email the church at

[church@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org) after the Tuesday, July 11 meeting. If you have any questions, please see a member of the consistory.

## Summer Hours

This summer the church office is open daily, but the hours may vary. If you plan to make a trip to the church, please call first - it's summer, and our schedules vary due to family activities. And remember, you can always call, or email and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you!

Mary & Martha  
Circle  
Wednesday, July 12  
Lesson: Marge  
Coleman



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**Sunday Morning Worship**

**9:30-10:30am**

In-person or Livestream on YouTube

Children's Church during worship

**To Contact Us:**

**Church Office Hours**

Summer Hours will vary. Please call ahead before coming to church

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