

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



Welcome to Living Life Reformed Church Firth, Nebraska August 27, 2023

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Larry Arnold, Mike Brown, Stan Carlow, Allan Docter, Dawnelle Docter, Kathy Holm (Suzie Oltman's mom), Sally Jennings's Family, Edna Prange, Pearl Wieskamp, Jody Null's family & Nancy Buck (Jody's mom), Sarah Lefferdink & family, and the family of Gene Muff (Diane Wieskamp's brother). Thank you for all of your Prayers!

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS go to the family of Sally Jennings who passed away last Monday. The funeral will be held at LLRC on Tuesday, August 29th at 11:00am. A luncheon will follow the service. Please continue to pray for the family during this difficult time.

LLRC LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY is located just outside the east wing doors for those in need. If you know of someone needing Free Pantry items, please take food for them. Donations for the pantry should be left inside the church in the marked tote by the main entrance (NOT in the pantry). Please no expired food!! Monetary donations are also welcome and can be left in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Contact Peg Reutzel (402-791-3034) with any questions. Information sheets are available for those using or donating to the pantry.

BRANSON TRIPS!! A few seats are available for our **October 10-13** bus trip to Branson. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come along! For information, contact Linda DeBoer (402-440-4620) or Ilene Docter (402-560-4681).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVELYN ESSINK who turns 100 years young on August 31st! Haven Manor in Hickman is hosting an open house for Evelyn on Sunday, August 27, 12:30-2:30pm. You can drop by and wish her a Happy Birthday, or send a card to Evelyn Essink, Haven Manor, 730 Larkspur Drive, Hickman NE, 68372.

YOUTH PROGRAM NOTES

God's Kids Club Kick-Off is Sunday, August 27, 5:30-7:30 at the Rolla-Rena!!

Rolla-Rena, 1133 S 6th St, Beatrice (far south end of town just off Hwy 77)

LLRC has reserved the skating rink for our fall GKC Kick-Off! There's no cost to skate, and concessions are available for your purchase. Parents are required to stay at the event and are welcome to skate!

We are excited to welcome James Wilson as Youth Leader for our 4JC's & Fire programs!

I have been blessed to work with teenagers for about 20 years. After volunteering in a youth ministry, God called me into vocational ministry where I served 15 years as a youth pastor. In the midst of that, I served 2 years as a senior pastor and volunteer-led a district youth program for 8 years. It is a joy to see students come to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of who Christ is as we work through the Scriptures. God has blessed me with a wife of 24 years, Tami, and 4 children (Josh, Ben, Chris, and Abbi) who range in age from 17 to 11. James



There's Still Time to Register for GKC, 4JC, and The Fire!

Scan the QR Code or go to our website

www.livinglifereformed.org

Family Night Activities begin Wednesday, Sept. 13!
Family meals will be served 5:30-6:30pm

GKC Staff Meetings

- Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center
- Sunday, September 10 after morning worship in the Family Life Center

God's Kids Club

- Potty-trained 3& YO – 5th grade
- Meets 6:30-7:30pm

4JC's (For Jesus Christ)

- Middle school (Grades 6-8)
- Meeting time TBA

The Fire

- High school (Grades 9-12)
- Meeting time TBA



“Win the Day” with Pastor Nat!

Join Pastor Nat between Sundays to “Win the Day”! Pastor Nat unpacks God’s Word through video Bible teaching six days per week. Scan the QR code or click the link btbb.org/wtd. Join the community, and let’s Win the Day!

Spiritual Fitness Check-Up:

How are you doing spiritually? Scan the QR code or go to our website www.livinglifereformed.org to take the Spiritual Fitness Check-Up. You’ll get instant feedback and Bible content recommendations.



THE NURSERY IS OPEN! Our Sunday worship nursery is available for babies through 3-year-olds who are not yet ready for Children’s Church. This room is always staffed with 2 adults or an adult/high schooler combo. We’d love to add more volunteers to help expand our rotation, so please contact Beth at church@livinglifereformed.org to be added. As a reminder, we also have a changing table and private place for moms who might need to feed their babies.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10th! We’re excited that Kathy Atterbury has taken over as the coordinator for our Children’s Church! CC is a Sunday School time for potty-trained 3-5 year-olds during the morning worship so parents can focus on the message. Kathy has extensive experience working with elementary and younger age groups, and already has a weekly rotation of 2 adult volunteers scheduled through the end of the year! Thank you to all of our new volunteers, and we would love to add more teachers to spread out the rotation. Kathy has the curriculum and any special activities or crafts ready to go. You just show up and lead the kiddos! Contact Kathy or Beth for more information on joining our Children’s Church program!

NORRIS AREA FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

There are many in our community who benefit from the food provided by the Norris Area Food Pantry (located at the Shepherd of the Hills Church, 68th & Panama Rd). The Food Pantry shelves are in need of restocking as we head into the school year! The next time you’re at the grocery store, please consider picking up a few extra items to donate.

Check the expiration dates. They cannot accept outdated groceries!! They are in specific need of:

- Canned fruit, fruit juices, coffee, tea, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, snack items, Spaghetti-O’s, cake mixes, boxed potatoes, canned pork & beans, canned peas, canned chicken, both canned & dry soups
- Breakfast foods – cereal, breakfast bars, pancake mix, syrup
- Laundry soap, dish soap

There is a box in the Fellowship Hall labeled **Norris Area Food Pantry** for you to place items. Sandy Nieveen will transport items to the Food Pantry as the box fills. Thank you for sharing with others who can use a helping hand to keep their family fed. If you have questions, please get in touch with Sandy at 402-429-9319.

GIVING OPTIONS!

Please continue to give so LLRC’s vision and ministries can continue. There are numerous ways to give including...

- **Sunday Morning Offerings:** For special mission gifts, please note the mission in the memo line.
- **Automatic Withdraw** from your bank account. Contact Ken Weber (402-430-0348) for an ACH form.
- **Online Giving** thru our church website livinglifereformed.churchcenter.com/giving or the QR code→.
- **Text to Give** any dollar amount to "84321".



For more information about online or text giving, contact Deacon Chair Shawn Gouldin (402-440-3694)

This week’s schedule:

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| Sun, Aug. 27 | 9:30am | Morning Worship/Sunday School |
| | 5:30pm | GKC Kick-Off at Rolla-Rena |
| Tue, Aug. 28 | 6:30pm | Prayer Gathering |
| Fri, Sept. 1 | 6:00am | Men’s Group |
| Sun, Sept. 3 | 9:30am | Morning Worship/Sunday School |

Sunday Volunteers

| | <u>August 27</u> | <u>September 3</u> |
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| Elder: | Dean Hestermann | Gary Hartgerink |
| Greeter: | Brittany Hart | Ilene Docter |
| Coffee: | Gary & Peg H | Bruce & Deb D |
| PowerPoint: | Jenn Childers | Tony Noble |
| Video: | Randy Sieck | Matthew Sieck |
| Sound Tech: | Taylor TeKolste | Taylor TeKolste |
| Nursery: | Beth Sieck & Helper | Courtney D & Tammy G |
| SS 3-6years: | Beginning September 10 th ! | |
| SS 1st-5th Gr: | Ron D & Dean H | Ron D & Dean H |
| Mowing: | Mark T/Rick D | Mark T/Rick D |
| Contact the church office to join our volunteers! | | |



Birthdays

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| Sept 3 | Rhonda Powell Kelsi Prange |
| Sept 6 | Dave Rice |
| Sept 7 | Alexis Bryant |
| Sept 9 | Courtney Doeschot Mel Harms |
| Sept 12 | Knox Whalen |
| Sept 13 | Brenda Rice |
| Sept 14 | Jenn Childers Scot Null |
| Sept 15 | Brenda Brock Bruce Docter Grady Hays |
| Sept 17 | Charlotte Mulder |
| Sept 18 | Kelly Anderson Tyler Auman Ron DeBoer Peg Reutzel |
| Sept 20 | Marie Gouldin Teddy TeKolste |
| Sept 21 | Lena Hays Sandy Nieveen |
| Sept 22 | Jason DeBoer Jamie DeBoer Benjamin Rasser |
| Sept 23 | Tammy Goering |
| Sept 24 | Barb Nelson Keith TenHulzen |
| Sept 25 | Kristi Hulse |
| Sept 26 | Haley Morrison Ardith TeKolste |
| Sept 27 | Shelbi Prange |

Anniversaries

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| Sept. 15 | Josh & Haley Gillett (5) |
| Sept. 23 | Ron & Ardith TeKolste (69) |
| Sept. 24 | Brad & Kristi Hulse (18) |
| Sept. 26 | Chad & Amy TerMaat (14) |



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

We are no longer publishing a full monthly newsletter as the information included is mostly redundant with what we have in our weekly bulletin. However, on the last Sunday of each month, we will continue to share birthdays & anniversaries, and our church event calendar for the following month as an attachment to our weekly bulletin. Information about special events will remain in the bulletin so continue to read it each week! Copies of the monthly consistory minutes will be available on the Fellowship Hall table or contact Beth Sieck in the church office.

September Schedule of Events

On-Going Activities

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| Tuesdays | 6:30pm | Prayer Gathering |
| Wednesdays | | Beginning September 13 |
| | 5:30pm | Family Meals |
| | 6:30pm | God's Kids Club |
| | TBA | 4JC's |
| | TBA | The Fire |
| Fridays | 6:00am | Men's Prayer Group (Youth Room) |
| Sundays | 9:30am | Morning Worship & Sunday School |

Special Events

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| Mon, Sept. 4 | | Labor Day (Office Closed) No School at Norris |
| Tue, Sept. 5 | 6:30pm | Consistory Meeting (Rescheduled) |
| Wed, Sept 6 | 6:30pm | GKC-Mandy Cramer (Family Life Center) |
| Thu, Sept. 7 | 7:00pm | Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sun, Sept 10 | | Nomination Ballots in Boxes 3 rd Grade Promotion |
| | 9:30am | Adult Baptisms |
| | 10:30am | GKC-Mandy Cramer (Family Life Center) |
| | 11:30am | Afterglow Bible Study |
| Wed, Sept 13 | 7:00pm | Mary & Martha Circle (Lesson: Bonnie) |
| | 1:30pm | Family Nights Begin!! |
| Sun, Sept 17 | 5:30pm | Visitors Sunday (Youth Room) |
| Fri, Sept 22 | 10:30am | No School at Norris |
| Sun, Sept 24 | 9:30am | Communion |
| Mon, Sept 25 | | No School at Norris |

Leadership is Essential!!

All Active church members will have Nomination Ballots for Elders and Deacons in their church mailbox on **Sunday, September 10**. Please read the information and qualifications carefully, be in prayer for those you'd like to nominate to our consistory and return your nominations to the ballot box in the Fellowship Hall no later than **Sunday, October 8**. If you have any questions, please contact any elders, deacons, or Pastor Nat. The Congregational Meeting will be in **November 2023**.

Budget Time is Here!

The Deacons are in the process of planning the 2024 Church Budget. Group and Committee leaders are asked to turn in your 2024 proposed budget requests to Luke or Shawn by **September 30**. To help the Deacons to evaluate your budget proposal, please also turn in a short explanation of your budget request.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Deacons: Brett, Keith, Andy, Luke

September 3

Elder: Doug Goering
 Greeters: Ilene Docter
 Coffee: Bruce & Deb Docter
 PowerPoint: Tony Noble
 Video: Randy Sieck
 Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste
 Nursery: Courtney D & Tammy G.
 SS Ages 3-6: Starting September 10th.
 SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H
 Mowing: Mark TenHulzen/Rick DeBoer

September 10

Elder: Kendall Weber
 Greeter: Mel & Karen
 Coffee: Jared & Brenda Brock
 PowerPoint: Avyn Olson
 Video: Beth Olson
 Sound Tech: Randy Sieck
 Nursery: Dani Rasser & Luke Rasser
 SS Ages 3-6: Haley G & Courtney G
 SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H
 Mowing: Doug Nieveen/Tony Noble

September 17

Elder: Ron DeBoer
 Greeter: Need a Greeter!
 Coffee: Linda D & Pearl W
 PowerPoint: Tammy Goering
 Video: Josh Gillett
 Sound Tech: Randy Sieck
 Nursery: Beth Sieck & Helper
 SS Ages 3-6: Dani R & Sarah W
 SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H
 Mowing: Doug Nieveen/Tony Noble

September 24

Elder: Bruce Docter
 Greeters: Mark Atterbury
 Coffee: Doug & Sandy Nieveen
 PowerPoint: Jenn Childers
 Video: Ethan/Matthew Sieck
 Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen
 Nursery: Beth Sieck & Helper Needed
 SS Ages 3-6: Brent & Dawnelle Docter
 SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron D & Dean H
 Mowing: Brock Family

Thank you for all your help!

To Contact Us:

Please call before coming over to be sure the office is open.

Church Office Hours: 9am-12pm

Need to get a hold of our Pastors?
 Email or call the office and leave a message with Beth.

Pastor Nat Crawford

Nat.crawford@livinglifereformed.org

Pastor James Wilson

James@livinglifereformedchurch.org

Upcoming Adult Baptism Services

When: Sunday, September 10th

Contact Email for Pastor Nat: nat.crawford@livinglifereformed.org

Baptism Sunday, September 10th after worship. Baptism is an important step in the life of a believer. If you'd like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Nat by email to receive an application and learn more about what is involved with adult Baptisms.

Special Sundays for our Visitors

When: Sunday, September 17th

Contact Email for Pastor Nat: nat.crawford@livinglifereformed.org

If you've come once or just visiting LLRC, we'd love to meet you face-to-face. Join our pastors and consistory members on Sunday, September 17th after worship in the youth room to learn more about our church and you can share your story as well.

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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!**

Alpha and Omega
 Amen
 Author of Life
 Bread of Life
 Chief Shepherd
 Christ
 First and Last
 Great Shepherd

I Am
 Image of God
 King Eternal
 King of Kings
 King of the Ages
 King of the Jews
 Lamb of God
 Lord of All

Man from Heaven
 Our Holiness
 Our Protection
 Our Redemption
 Rabbi
 Righteous One
 Son of Man