

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 January 28, 2024

We Continue to Pray for Cheryl Gouldin, Mike Brown, Nathan & Jamie DeJong's family, Jody Null, Sarah Lefferdink & family, and Gene Muff. Thank you for your Prayers!

Pray for Tiffany & Landon Crawford as they have been battling high temperatures and sickness.

Pray for the "I've Got A Name" Ministry.

Thanks to so many of you who have raised me up in prayer, mowed, brought food, and cleared my driveway & walks after the snow before I could get to it Tuesday (I'm still looking for you - thanks!!). The treatment seems to be helping with my PSA number so far even though the cancer remains. Praise God and I thank him for my precious church family and true friends! Mike Brown

Celebration Sunday, January 28! Be sure to stay for the meal after worship to celebrate what we did in 2023!

Congratulations to Sarah & Justin Birkett on the birth of Wyatt John Birkett, born Saturday, January 20! Wyatt joins big sister and brother Clara & Jack. Sarah & Wyatt are doing well! We are thankful for God's miracles. Congratulations also to grandparents Diane & Bill Wieskamp, and great-grandma Pearl Wieskamp!

Are you in need of a gift even after the Christmas Season or do you have a project you're starting? The Great Commission Team still has some RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) cards left over that we'd love to see put to good use! We have cards for Barnes & Noble (\$25), Menards (\$100), and Village Inn (\$25) ready to go. Please text or call Mike Brown at 402-840-1478, email brownmalan@aol.com, or find Mike after Sunday morning services.

Women's Bible Study from 6:30 to 7:30pm during GKC 4JC, and fire. We are doing a 6-week study by Jenny Allen called The Good Gospel. Would love to have anyone join us in the library. Please contact Mary Jean at 402-450-8183 if you're interested.

Contribution Statement: Please check your mailboxes to get your contribution statements for 2023. Thanks, Beth

The Great Commission Team

Are you aware that:

- 1 out of every 10 individuals sold for sex in Nebraska is too young to buy alcohol.
- 900 Individuals are sold in the State of Nebraska per month, often multiple times.
- 200 individuals are sold in the City of Lincoln per month, often multiple times.
- 1 out of 250 female high school students in Nebraska enter the commercial sex trade every year.
- The average age of a child entering the commercial sex trade is 13 years old.
- 45% of individuals cross state lines to be sold for sex, whether traveling into or out of Nebraska

Paul Yates from "I've Got A Name" who spoke to us last Sunday on how they care for the victims of this area and are looking to put an end to this trafficking issue in Nebraska. This is our first focus mission for 2024 and we will be taking a free will offering during morning worship on Sunday, January 28. Please add "I've Got a Name" to the memo line on your check.

Family Life's Weekend to Remember

We all make investments for our future in one way or another...we invest in life and/or health insurance, we make financial investments, as well as investments in our careers or possibly an investment in our children's future education. Yet when was the last time you invested in your marriage? Check out the local getaways in Omaha and Lincoln or one of the many others around the country. If you are still undecided when you want to get away OR if you want to give it as a gift to a special couple, gift cards are also half off and can be used at a later date. Go to WeekendToRemember.com for more information or contact Terri Petersen (402) 310-2112 with questions. For more information and to register, go to: www.weekendtoremember.com and use group name LivingLife to register. You could make an investment that can impact generations to come.

Sunday Worship Nursery

- Babies through 3-year-olds who are not yet ready for Kids Church.
- Always staffed with 2 adults or an adult/high schooler combo.
- Join our volunteer rotation! Contact Beth: church@livinglifereformed.org
- A changing table and private place for moms are also available.
- A great place to bring your child so you and others can focus on the morning message.

Jesus' Little Lamb Kids Church

- Sunday School for potty-trained 3YO to kindergarten during worship!
- **Offering:** Please bring items for the Norris Area Food Pantry.
- Please pick your child up from room 18 at the end of worship.
- To join our teacher rotation, contact Kathy: kathyandmark1993@gmail.com
- Lesson plans & special activities or crafts are provided each week for you.

Youth Sunday School

- 1st Grade through 5th Grade
- **Current Challenge:** Memorize The Lord's Prayer
- **Offering:** Norris Food Pantry
- Video Bible lesson and discussion
- **Parent volunteers are welcome!** Contact Ron to join the rotation: ronderosa@windstream.net
- Please pick up your children from the gym at the end of worship.

Church Event Cancellation

The decision to cancel **Sunday Worship** due to weather will be made by 7:00am Sunday. It will be posted online, and an email announcement will be sent to our church family.

Wednesday Evening activities or any other church events or meetings will be canceled if Norris Schools close or dismiss early due to weather.

We will try to notify you by email, but if you are unsure of the status of an event, please contact the church (402-791-5800) or please check our LLRC Facebook page.

Come to Wednesday Family Night for the Fellowship & Wonderful Food!!



Jan 31: Taco/Nacho Bar, Salad, Dessert

(The meal is subject to change)

LLRC Little Food Pantry



- Located outside the east doors.
- Please leave donations for the pantry inside the church in the marked tote by the main entrance (NOT in the Pantry)
- Please do not bring expired food!
- Monetary donations are also welcome. Note LLRC Food Pantry in memo line.
- Contact Peg Reutzell (402-791-3034) with any questions

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 Withdrawal** from your bank account. Contact Ken Weber (402-430-0348) for an ACH form.
- **Online Giving** through 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 the Deacons.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Sun, Jan 28	9:30am	Morning Worship/Sunday School Communion
	11:00am	Celebration Sunday w/Meal
Tue, Jan 30	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Wed, Jan 31	5:30pm	Family Night!
	6:30pm	GKC, 4JC, The Fire
	6:30pm	Bible Study (Andy J/Pastor Office)
	6:30pm	Bible Study (Mary Jean T/Library)
Fri, Feb 2	6:00am	Men's Group (Youth Room)
Sun, Feb 4	9:30am	Morning Worship/Sunday School

Sunday Volunteers

	<u>Jan 28</u>	<u>Feb 4</u>
Elder:	Doug Goering	Mark Atterbury
Greeter:	Ilene Docter	Mel & Karen Harms
Coffee:	Linda D & Pearl W	Bill & Diane W
PowerPoint:	Jenn Childers	Tony Noble
Video:	Randy Sieck	Josh Gillett
Sound:	Taylor TeKolste	Taylor TeKolste
Nursery:	Kylie S & Helper	Courtney D & Leah T
KC 3-Kind:	Sandy N & DeAnn W	Dani R & Brenda R
SS 1st-5th Gr:	Ron DeBoer	Dean Hestermann

Contact the church office to join our volunteers!





FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the last Sunday of January! Please read through the newsletter to see the birthdays & anniversaries, our church event calendar, and information about special events. Copies of the monthly consistory minutes are available on the Fellowship Hall table or contact Beth Sieck in the church office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – February

Birthdays

- 1 Bill Wieskamp
Clara Birkett
- 2 Lauren Dunn
- 3 Kari Gottwald
- 4 Hudson Walvoord
Dennis Ebbers
- 5 Lisa Toelle
- 7 Kathy Hobelman
- 9 Rod TeKolste
- 10 Vergene Vandergriend
- 12 Mark TenHulzen
- 14 Barb Martin
- 16 Mark Atterbury
- 17 Nat Crawford
Jamie DeJong
- 15 Ethan Sieck
- 22 Brynlee Cramer
- 23 Kendall Weber

Anniversaries

- 20 Jason & Angie Barber (31)
Breck & Courtney Doeschot (8)
- 28 Dave & Gloria Rice (59!)

Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Wednesdays	5:30pm	Family Mealtime
	6:30pm	4JC & Fire
	6:30pm	God's Kids Club
	6:30pm	Women's & Men's Bible Study
Fridays	6:00am	Men's Group at LLRC

Tuesday, Feb 6	6:30pm	Consistory Meeting
Friday, Feb 9		No School Norris
Monday, Feb 12		No School Norris
Wednesday, Feb 14		Valentine's Day
	1:00pm	Mary & Martha Circle
Sunday, Feb 18	9:30am	Baptism after worship
Sunday, Feb 25		Communion
	11:00am	Family Meeting with meal



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!**

In the Beginning

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

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Sunday Volunteers

Deacons: Brett, Keith, Brandon O., Randy

February 4:

Elder: Mark Atterbury
Greeters: Mel & Karen Harms
Coffee: Bill & Diane Wieskamp
PowerPoint: Tony Noble
Video: Josh Gillett
Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste
Nursery: Courtney D & Leah T
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Dani R & Brenda R
SS 1st-5th Grade: Dean Hestermann

February 11:

Elder: Dan Rice
Greeters: Need a Greeter!
Coffee: Peg & Gary Hartgerink
PowerPoint: Avyn Olson
Video: Beth Olson
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck
Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Haley G & Courtney G
SS 1st-5th Grade: Ron DeBoer

February 18:

Elder: Gary Hartgerink
Greeters: Need a Greeter!
Coffee: DeAnn & Kendall Weber
PowerPoint: Tammy Goering
Video: Matthew/Ethan Sieck
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck
Nursery: Beth Sieck & Helper
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Dawnelle & Brent D
SS 1st-5th Grade: Lainey & Andy Johnson

February 25:

Elder: Kendall Weber
Greeters: Allan & Claudette Docter
Coffee: Kathy & Mark Atterbury
PowerPoint: Jenn Childers
Video: Josh Gillett
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen
Nursery: Kylie Stuckemeyer & Helper
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Sandy N & DeAnn W
SS 1st-5th Grade: Dean Hestermann

Thank you for all your Service!!!!

God's Kid's Club

We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19. We are thrilled to continue to have a large group of children each week at GKC. Throughout the spring, the children will continue to work on memorizing Bible verses, hear Bible stories, and learn more about the love of Jesus!

Our first semester GKC offering was donated to the Norris Area Food Pantry. We are so happy to help this local cause.

As GKC comes to a close in mid-March, we are looking forward to having a celebration night, more details to come! Mark your calendars for March 13th. That is our Celebration Night and our final evening of GKC for this school year. We are also excited to have the GKC kids sing during the regular Sunday morning church service on March 17th. The kids will be ready to share some of the songs they've been working on, so you won't want to miss it! After the children sing, they can attend Children's Church during the sermon if they want. We will be sending more info about this to the GKC families soon.

4JC & Fire Information

Wednesday Evenings

The youth have begun a study of the Sermon on the Mount on Wednesday evenings. This study began looking at how Jesus came in ministry teaching a message of repentance and we've been discussing the importance of replacing our sinful behavior with that which is holy. In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addressed a lot of practical topics to daily life for the students, and in each passage, Jesus helps us to understand that the root of each sin issue begins in the heart. Please be in prayer for the students and leaders as we discuss what it looks like to live out Christ's commands from the inside out.

Summer Camp

This summer the youth will be attending the Challenge Conference in Kansas City, July 1-5. This is an excellent opportunity for your students to grow in their understanding of Christ, spend time in fellowship and worship, and have an opportunity serve. We will be stopping at Worlds of Fun on our way home as well. Parents should have received an informational email. If you did not receive the email, please contact Beth. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Pastor James.

Baptism, Sunday, February 18

Do you want to get baptized? Please contact Pastor Nat if you are interested.

Email: Nat.crawford@livinglifereformed.org

Sunday Morning

9:30-10:30am:

Worship Service &
Livestream on YouTube



Wednesday Night

5:30-6:30pm:

Fellowship Meal

6:30-7:45pm:

4JC's (Middle School)
Fire (High School)

6:30-7:30pm:

God's Kids Club (3yo-5th Grade)

6:30-7:30 pm:

Men & Women's Bible
Studies

To Contact Us:

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

Church Office Hours: 9am-12pm

Need to get ahold of our Pastors?

Email or call the office and leave a message with Beth.

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