

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      March 31, 2024

**We Continue to Pray** for Cheryl Gouldin, Mike Brown, Nathan & Jamie DeJong's family, Corben Carlow, Betty Shullaw, and Sandy Omelia. Thank you for your Prayers!

**Pray for** Marvin Weber, who is back in the hospital.

**Pray for** wisdom for our church and the consistory as to what direction is leading us.

**The flowers on the stage are in honor of Allan & Claudette's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**There will be no children's church or kid's church this Easter Sunday!** Nursery is still available! Enjoy the message from the pastor this week. The children's and kid's churches will be back next week.

**If you have maintenance issues or problems with the building & grounds inside or outside**, please see a deacon. Our deacons are Shawn Gouldin, Randy Sieck, Brandon Oltman, Brandon Cramer, Keith TenHulzen, and Brett Wieskamp. They would be happy to help.

**Looking for Graduates:** If you or someone you know is graduating from high school or college this spring, please let Beth know so that we may pass along the good news through the bulletin and newsletter!



## Easter Events

### Easter Breakfast & Worship: March 31

8:30am – A special Easter brunch for everyone

9:30am – The celebration of Easter



## 4JC & The Fire Schedule

We will have normal youth group meetings, 6:30- 7:45pm, and a meal provided for the students at 6:00pm

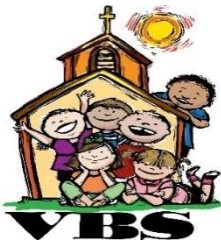
**April 24** - Last youth group meeting of the school year

Please let Pastor James know if you have any questions at [james.wilson@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:james.wilson@livinglifereformed.org).

## Youth Fundraiser—Auction & Pancake Feed

Sunday, April 14 following the morning service

We will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods for a free-will donation. Please plan to join us as the youth raise funds for the summer mission trip and camp. If you would like to donate items to be auction, please contact Pastor James at [james.wilson@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:james.wilson@livinglifereformed.org).



## Save the Date!

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

Mark your calendars for the evenings of Monday- Wednesday,  
June 3-5 evenings of lessons, crafts, skits and more.

Registration information for Pre-K (potty-trained) through current 6<sup>th</sup> graders is available by going to our website [livinglifereformed.org](http://livinglifereformed.org) and clicking on the scrolling banner for VBS!

Parents & high schoolers, we would love to have your help with VBS! We'll need teachers, assistants, area leaders, and more. If you are interested in helping, please email Beth at [church@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org).

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

<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday Worship Nursery</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Babies through 3-year-olds who are not yet ready for Kids Church.</li> <li>• Always staffed with 2 adults or an adult/high schooler combo.</li> <li>• Join our volunteer rotation! Contact Beth: <a href="mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org">church@livinglifereformed.org</a></li> <li>• A changing table and private place for moms are also available.</li> <li>• A great place to bring your child so you and others can focus on the morning message.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b><u>Jesus' Little Lamb Kids Church</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School for potty-trained 3YO to kindergarten during worship!</li> <li>• <b>Offering:</b> Please bring items for the Norris Area Food Pantry.</li> <li>• Please pick your child up from room 18 at the end of worship.</li> <li>• To join our teacher rotation, contact Kathy: <a href="mailto:kathyandmark1993@gmail.com">kathyandmark1993@gmail.com</a></li> <li>• Lesson plans &amp; special activities or crafts are provided each week for you.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b><u>Youth Sunday School</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</li> <li>• <b>Current Challenge:</b> Memorize The Lord's Prayer</li> <li>• <b>Offering:</b> Norris Food Pantry</li> <li>• Video Bible lesson and discussion</li> <li>• <b>Parent volunteers are welcome!</b> Contact Ron to join the rotation: <a href="mailto:ronderosa@windstream.net">ronderosa@windstream.net</a></li> <li>• Please pick up your children from the gym at the end of worship.</li> </ul>
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**We need you!**

We are looking for musicians. Do you play an instrument? We have opportunities to serve.

Do you like kids? We have childcare opportunities to engage in outreach at LLRC.

Do you have skills and abilities that can serve the church and serve the community? We want to know!

E-mail Beth with your skills!  
[church@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org)

**\*NEW\* Women's Fitness Class- REFIT- All fitness levels welcome. FREE to the entire community. Cardio-Dance.**

Launching April 8 from 9:00- 10:00am

Contact Tiffany Crawford with questions by email or cell phone below.

Email: [singin18@gmail.com](mailto:singin18@gmail.com)  
 Cell Phone: 402-770-0168

**Norris Food Pantry**

We greatly appreciate every donation to the Shepherd of the Hills Norris Area Food Bank. Here are a few items needed at this time: dry soup mix, powdered milk, instant mashed potatoes, soup crackers, and snack crackers. The donation box is located in the Fellowship Hall under the small table on the east wall. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Nieveen.

**GIVING OPTIONS!**

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

- **Sunday Morning Offerings:** Please note the mission in the memo line for special mission gifts.
- **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](http://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, March 31	8:30am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30am	Morning Worship Communion
Tue, April 2	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Wed, April 3	6:00am	4JC & The Fire
	6:30pm	Art of Marriage Class
Fri, April 5	6:00am	Men's Group (Youth Room)
Sun, April 7	9:30am	Morning Worship/Sunday School



**Sunday Volunteers**

	<b><u>March 31</u></b>	<b><u>April 7</u></b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Gary Hartgerink	Kendall Weber
<b>Greeter:</b>	Doug & Sandy N	Mark TenHulzen
<b>Coffee:</b>	Linda D & Pearl W	Sandy & Doug N
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenn Childers	Tony Noble
<b>Video:</b>	Josh Gillett	Ethan Sieck
<b>Sound:</b>	Keith TenHulzen	Taylor TeKolste
<b>Nursery:</b>	Beth S & Karen W.	Leah T & Courtney D
<b>KC 3-Kind:</b>	None Today	Brenda R & Jessica P
<b>SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Gr:</b>	None Today	Dean Hestermann

**Contact the church office to join our volunteers!**





## Sunday Volunteers

Deacons: Brandon O, Randy, Brandon C, Shawn

### April 7:

Elder: Kendall Weber  
Greeters: Mark TenHulzen  
Coffee: Sandy & Doug Nieveen  
PowerPoint: Tony Noble  
Video: Ethan/Matthew Sieck  
Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste  
Nursery: Courtney D & Leah T  
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Dani & Sarah B.  
SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Dean Hestermann

### April 14:

Elder: Bruce Docter  
Greeters: Brittany Hart  
Coffee: Suzie & Dave Oltman  
PowerPoint: Avyn Olson  
Video: Beth Olson  
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck/Ken Walls  
Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson  
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Haley G & Courtney D  
SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ron DeBoer

### April 21:

Elder: Doug Goering  
Greeters: Ilene Docter  
Coffee: Nikki & Brandon Oltman  
PowerPoint: Tammy Goering  
Video: Josh Gillett  
Sound Tech: Randy Sieck  
Nursery: Beth Sieck & Helper  
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Brenda R & Jess P  
SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lainey & Andy Johnson

### April 28

Elder: Mark Atterbury  
Greeters: Mel & Karen Harms  
Coffee: Nathan S & Breck D  
PowerPoint: Jenn Childers  
Video: Randy Sieck  
Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen  
Nursery: Kylie Stuckemeyer & Helper  
JLLKC Ages 3-K: Sandy N & DeAnn W  
SS 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ron DeBoer

Thank you for all your Service!!!!

### 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.

### Pastor Nat Crawford

[Nat.crawford@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:Nat.crawford@livinglifereformed.org)

### Pastor James Wilson

[James.wilson@livinglifereformedchurch.org](mailto:James.wilson@livinglifereformedchurch.org)

## Article from Pastor Nat

"I'll never be able to do that. I just don't have that gift." Have you ever heard someone say this? Have you ever said this? We all have!

Often, we think of tasks, goals, and activities we want to or know we should be doing, but we fall down into self-defeat. It's discouraging at times wanting to be part of something exciting, but something inside tells us we can't. An area that is usually at the top of the list for Christians is outreach and/or evangelism (I'll use the terms interchangeably).

But what if there was a way - a formula to do effective outreach that freed you from self-defeat and doubt? There is. Look at 1 Corinthians 3:5-9:

*After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.*

The Apostle Paul says, "We are only God's servants." We are simply workers in the field of missions. Apollos, he watered. Paul did some seed scattering. But it was not Paul or Apollos who made the seed take and grow. It was and is God alone. This gives you and me so much freedom. It gives us the freedom to use the outreach formula of Paul and Apollos.

### **PR + PL + HS = EO**

**PRAY (PR)** In Acts 26:18, Luke is recounting Paul's defense before King Agrippa. Paul is recorded saying his desire and prayer for his Jewish people is "to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me." Part of the watering for you and I is to daily pray for our friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, neighborhood, workplace and others who are far from Jesus. Pray that their hearts would be open to the gospel. Pray that God would open doors to love them and share our story and the gospel.

**PLAY (PL)** - This is probably the most fun element for me. In verse 6, Paul says, he planted and scattered seeds. Apollos watered. This obedience to the great commission: "Go make disciples of all nations..." One way to read this is "While going make disciples..."

- While you are grocery shopping, make disciples.
- While you are working at your cubicle, make disciples.
- While you are a student in class, make disciples.
- While you are living in your neighborhood barbecuing, make disciples.
- While you are hunting, make disciples.
- While you are watching your kids play team sports, make disciples.

Do you see how easy this is? Simply play. Play in the fields, hobbies, circles of influence, and mission fields, and simultaneously make disciples.

**HOLY SPIRIT (HS)** Paul reminds us that all we can and should try to do is pray and play. It is the work of God through the Holy Spirit that anyone gets saved. If anyone says, "I saved someone today" remind them they didn't save anyone. It was God alone. The Holy Spirit provides freedom. The Holy Spirit is the one who prompts us to share the gospel and He is the one who softens the hearts and lets the gospel seed take root.

**EFFECTIVE OUTREACH (EO)** The result of Praying and Playing and letting the Spirit do His work is effective outreach. It's effective because we get to do our natural, everyday part. It takes all the fear away because we get to do what we love with the people we love. God does the rest.

**Question: What are your natural mission fields? What will you do differently in your outreach now that you know all you need?**