

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



# Welcome to Living Life Church Firth, Nebraska July 28, 2024

**We Continue to Pray** for Nathan & Jamie DeJong's family, Dave Rice, Janelle DeBoer & Family, Elijah Walls, Deborah Sikyta, Peg Reutzel, and Mike Brown. Thank you for the Prayers!

**Pray for the** upcoming August 4 congregational vote to move to the EFCA.

**Pray for** Brad Bartek who has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis and that treatment will stabilize his symptoms.

**Pray for** Dale & Kris Taylor and their family as they mourn the loss of his father.

**Donations New Location!** The Transformations, Operation Christmas Child, and Norris Food Pantry are now located in the connection area. The Food Pantry donations are located down the east hallway by the door.

## Sunday, August 4 at 7:00pm Congregational Family Meeting

We will be voting for our church to move to the EFCA. Absentee ballots are available for anyone who cannot attend the meeting. Please see Beth Sieck in the Fellowship Hall before or after church.

A quorum of 50% of members must be present and/or vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots shall be available through the morning service on August 4th, 2024. Ballots must be turned in by 11 AM on August 4, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Church Board (Consistory) members."



## Women's Fitness Class- REFIT-

All fitness levels are welcome. FREE to the entire community & Childcare is included with pre-registration by Friday.

Cardio-Dance!

Monday 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

## The Youth Summer Events!

### August 5—Meeting at the Church

- Read and discuss 1 John 5



### August 7—Fun-Plex

- More logistic details in a later email  
- Cost: \$20 per student, \$10 if they bring a visitor(s) and \$10 for each visitor

Watch your email for more details on specific events, and please contact Pastor James with any questions at [james.wilson@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:james.wilson@livinglifereformed.org).

## Firth Splash Pad Hours



Closed on Monday

Tuesday & Thursday 11am - 2pm

Wednesday & Friday 4 - 7pm

Saturday & Sunday 1 - 6pm

Labor Day 1pm- 6 pm

## LLRC Pictorial Directory

We are doing a pictorial directory this year!!! If you need your picture taken by Randy or Beth Sieck, please contact them to get it done. If you would like to submit a picture by email, please email a picture of your family to [church@livinglifereformed.org](mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org) with your family name in the subject line. Excited to see all your smiling faces!

## 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!

<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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade during worship!</li> <li>• Check out the Resource table in the Fellowship Hall!</li> <li>• Please pick your child up from the Youth room 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>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be taking a break for the summer and will be sitting in the sanctuary during church.</li> <li>• If anyone wants to help Kathy Atterbury during the summer contact her by email.</li> </ul> <div align="right" data-bbox="1175 403 1398 499"> </div>
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<p align="center"><b>Norris Area Food Pantry at Shepherd of the Hills Church</b></p> <p>There is always a need to help those less fortunate with food and household items. Here is a list of a few items the pantry is in need of:      Progresso soup, boxed dinners, juice, deodorant, laundry soap and dish soap.</p> <p>Please consider contributing to the box in the fellowship hall designated for the Norris Area Food Pantry at Shepherd of the Hills Church. Your donations are always greatly appreciated!</p>	<p align="center"><b>We need you!</b></p> <p>We are looking for musicians. Do you play an instrument? We have opportunities to serve.</p> <p>Do you like kids? We have childcare opportunities to engage in outreach at LLRC.</p> <p>Do you have skills and abilities that can serve the church and serve the community? We want to know!</p> <p align="center">E-mail Beth with your skills!  <a href="mailto:church@livinglifereformed.org">church@livinglifereformed.org</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>SHOEBOX MISSION PROJECT</b></p> <p><b>JULY</b> we are collecting SCHOOL SUPPLY ITEMS for the shoebox mission project. A tote is designated to put your donated items in the connection area.</p> <p>Suggestions of items needed are:      Smaller journals, pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, markers, highlighters, and colored pencils</p> <p>You may have more ideas that would fit in the shoebox.      Just a reminder that no liquids can be put in the boxes.</p>
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**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 Barb Nelson (402-821-8264) 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 any Deacon.

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# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the last Sunday of July! 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 by the mailboxes or contact Beth Sieck in the church office.

## Birthdays

- 2 Jeremiah Bartek  
Linda DeBoer
- 3 Troy Schroeder
- 6 Allie Morrison  
Kathy Anderson  
Trent Toelle
- 11 Gary Hartgerink  
DeAnn Weber
- 12 Edna Prange
- 15 Gracen Crawford
- 16 Marjorie Coleman
- 19 Kimberly Henderson
- 22 Janelle DeBoer  
Justin Birkett
- 26 Samuel Johnson
- 27 Brandon Cramer  
Gloria Rice  
Marvin Weber
- 29 Max TerMaat  
Simon Crawford  
Karen Harms
- 31 Kash Hart

## Anniversaries

- 2 Doug & Sandy Nieveen (44)
- 8 Kelly & Kathy Anderson (37)
- 9 Doyle & Terri Petersen (38)  
Brian & Steph Auman (27)
- 16 Milan & Marjorie Coleman (66)
- 17 Gary & Peg Hartgerink (51)
- 23 Stan & Kathy Carlow (50)
- 24 Keith & Charlene TenHulzen (41)
- 26 Ron & Carol DeBoer (29)
- 28 Cory & Brittany Hart (14)
- 30 Mel & Karen Harms (10)  
Shawn & Marie Gouldin (27)

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!**

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|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Abel         | Ancestors   | Image      |
| Ashamed      | Beginning   | Judgment   |
| Cain         | Cherubim    | Likeness   |
| Childbirth   | Creation    | Nakedness  |
| Cursed       | Death       | Serpent    |
| Disobedience | Disobedient | Thistles   |
| Dominion     | Earth       | Trees      |
| Enmity       | Evil        | Innocence  |
| Expelled     | Fig         | Knowledge  |
| First        | Forbidden   | Multiply   |
| Fruit        | Good        | Punishment |
| Happiness    | Hid         | Tempt      |
| Thorns       | Woman       |            |

From christianbiblereference.org

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – August

<b>Mondays</b>	9:00am	Refit Class
<b>Tuesdays</b>	6:30pm	Prayer Group
<b>Fridays</b>	6:30am	Men's Group
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Sun, Aug 4	7:00pm	Congregational Family Voting Meeting
Mon, Aug 5	11:00am	Youth Group Event
	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene D)
Wed, Aug 7	9:30am	Youth Group Event Fun Plex
Sun, Aug 11	7:00pm	Afterglow Bible Study
Tue, Aug 13	6:30pm	Consistory Meeting
Wed, Aug 14	1:00pm	Mary & Martha Circle
Thurs, Aug 15		First Day of School at Norris
Sun, Aug 25	9:30am	Communion
Mon, Aug 26	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene D)

## Adam & Eve

M	J	T	S	S	E	N	I	P	P	A	H	T	F	C
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## SHOEBOX MISSION PROJECT

**August** we are collecting books for the shoebox mission project. There is a tote designated to put your donated items in the fellowship hall by the kitchen.

Suggestions of items needed are: Soft cover children's picture books, Bible stories, easy-read books, pocket Bibles, etc. We would also like some bookmarks.

You may have more ideas that would fit in the shoebox. Just a reminder that no liquids can be put in the boxes.

## Sunday Volunteers

Deacons: Brett, Keith, Brandon O, Randy

### **August 4:**

Greeters: **Need a greeter**

Coffee: Doug & Sandy Nieveen

PowerPoint: Tony Noble

Video: Josh Gillett

Sound Tech: Taylor TeKolste

Nursery: Courtney Doeschot & Leah TeKolste

JLLKC Ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Kathy Atterbury

### **August 11:**

Greeters: Allan & Claudette Docter

Coffee: Dave & Suzie Oltman

PowerPoint: Karen Wedding

Video: Randy Sieck

Sound Tech: Ken Walls

Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson

JLLKC Ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Brenda R & Jessica P

### **August 18:**

Greeters: Linda DeBoer

Coffee: Breck Doeschot

PowerPoint: Tammy Goering

Video: Josh Gillett

Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

Nursery: Beth Sieck & Abbi Wilson

JLLKC Ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Haley G & Sarah W

### **August 25:**

Greeters: **Need a greeter**

Coffee: Peg & Gary Hartgerink

PowerPoint: Jenn Childers

Video: Matthew Sieck

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Nursery: Sarah Walls & Sara Bartek

JLLKC Ages 3-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Sandy N & DeAnn W

### **Mowing Schedule**

July 28- Aug 10: Kendall W & Mel H

Aug 11-Aug 24: Doug N & Tony N

Aug 25- Sept 7: Doug W & Brett W

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

### **Pastor James Wilson**

James.wilson@livinglifereformed.org

### **Interim Worship & Associate Pastor Donald Adams**

donald.adams@livinglifereformed.org

## **God's Kids Club**

God's Kids Club will be starting before we know it! Our first night will be Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Family meals will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with God's Kids Club from 6:30-7:30 p.m. God's Kids Club is for children who are 3 years old and potty trained through 5th grade. God's Kids Club offers many ways to learn about God's Love including lessons, crafts, service projects, and music. We are still in need of volunteers. Please get in touch with Kathy Atterbury (402) 540-1319, Mandy Cramer (402) 540-0303, or call the church office if you are interested in helping or have questions.

Details to come in the church bulletin and on the website on how to register your child!

## **The Youth**

### Youth Conference:

Thank you again for all your prayer and financial support of our trip to Kansas City earlier this month. The trip was excellent! The students thoroughly enjoyed the worship and lessons and engaged well in the small group times and in fellowship with each other and other groups. Most of the group came home with a sense of the Lord leading them to deny themselves and live for His glory. Please continue to pray that would be the case.

### Summer Youth Group:

We have been meeting every other Monday through the summer and studying the book of 1 John. Each week we have had a great turn out and the students are doing well to join the discussion. They seem to be growing in their knowledge of the Lord, and they are engaging one another more and more in fellowship to build relationships. Please pray that the Lord would continue to stir their hearts toward Him and to care for one another.

### Fun-Plex:

The Youth will be going to Fun-Plex in Omaha on Wednesday, August 7. Please register your High School and Middle School students by Monday, August 5, on the church website.

### Youth Group:

We will resume weekly youth group meetings on Wednesday, September 11. Please register your High School and Middle School students on the church's website to help us plan. We are planning for the youth to meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm this school year.

## **Wednesday Family Night is coming soon, and we are excited!**

### **Family Meals**

Begin Sept. 11 and will serve 5:30-6:30pm

### **God's Kids Club.**

September 11 at 6:30-7:30pm

### **The Youth 6-12 Grade**

September 11 at 6:30-8:00pm

Please register online at our website for the Youth & GKC coming soon!  
Invite your friends to join you!

### **Sunday Morning**

**9:30-10:30am:**  
Worship Service & Livestream on YouTube