

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



Welcome to Living Life Church Firth, Nebraska November 24, 2024

We Continue to Pray for Nathan & Jamie DeJong's family, Jackie Catholos, Marge Helmink, Deborah Sikyta, Don Adams, Cheryl Cramer, Cheryl Gouldin, Brad Bartek, and Mike Brown. Thank you for the Prayers!

Please pray for Cheryl Bork & Brent Kooiman (cousins of Suzie Oltman) who both have been diagnosed with cancer.

Please pray for Phyllis Johnson (son & daughter in Law) as she will be giving birth to twins soon.

Pray for the upcoming listening sessions at church.

Pray for everyone who will be traveling over Thanksgiving.

Pictorial Directory! If anyone would like a paper copy of the directory, please email Beth Sieck. A bound version will come out in January 2025 with new board members.

Budget 2025! In your church mailboxes is a summary of the upcoming budget. If you have not received a copy of the summary budget, please reach out to the church office. If you have questions about the budget, please come to either listening sessions on Sunday, November 24 or Monday, November 25 in the youth room. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 24

Family and friends are invited to join our Thanksgiving Celebration at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will praise God & thank him for everything he has given us.

Budget Listening Sessions

If you have questions about the 2025 Budget come to the youth room for either dates below.

Sunday, November 24 at 11:00am

Monday, November 25 from 7-8pm

Wednesday Family Night Reminders

On **November 27** there will be **NO Family Night**. Please enjoy time with your family during Thanksgiving. Look forward to seeing everyone on December 4.

Family Meeting Sunday, December 1


Come and get to know the candidates for Elders and Deacons for 2025 after worship. Bring your questions and hope to see everyone there.

Annual Congregational Meeting December 8, 10:45am

Plan to attend – and be in prayer for – our Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday after worship. During this meeting, we will discuss next year's budget and additional items, and members vote for 2 Elders and 2 Deacons to replace those going off at the end of the year. Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting and hear what is happening at our church but unable to vote. We would like to thank those going off the Consistory for their work on behalf of our church family: Deacons Brandon Cramer & Shawn Gouldin and Elders Kendall Weber & Gary Hartgerink



Epic is excited to announce their 2024 Christmas season of performances with a musical experience called 'A Weary World Rejoices'. A concert will be held in the sanctuary at Living Life Church on Sunday, December 8 at 6:00pm. Join us to celebrate!

<p><u>Sunday Worship Nursery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: beth.sieck@livinglifechurch.net • 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. 	<p><u>Sunday Kids Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 Year olds (potty trained) who are in Preschool & Kindergarten) Room 18 • Grade 1st to 3rd Grade -Youth Room • Check out the Resource table in the Fellowship Hall! • Please pick your child up from room 18 or YR at the end of worship. • Lesson plans & special activities or crafts are provided each week for you. 	<p><u>Kid's Church</u></p> <p>If you want to volunteer or have questions, please email Kathy with the email below. If we get enough volunteers, you will only have to teach once a month!</p> <p>Kathy Email: kids@livinglifechurch.net</p> 
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**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Service**

Please join us as we celebrate the Advent season with a special Candlelight Service **on Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00pm.** It is always a wonderful service and a great opportunity for families to come together to share the celebration of Christ's birth.

Norris Area Food Pantry
We are always grateful for your donations.

Here are a few items we are in need of:

Laundry Soap, Breakfast Food, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Juice, and any Hygiene Items.

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES BEFORE DONATING.
We are unable to put expired items on the shelves.



Sunday Mornings!
Starting on Sunday November 24 from 8:30am to 9:00am every week. We will meet in the library. This is open to everyone and will be led by a consistory member. We will pray for the church and the service.

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 or the QR code→.
- **Text to Give** any dollar amount to "84321."



For more information about online or text giving, contact any of the deacons.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Sun, Nov 24	9:30am	Morning Worship/Sunday School Communion
	11:00am	Budget Listening Session in YR
	6:00pm	New Life Group at Yvonne TeKolste's
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Service
Mon, Nov 25	7:00pm	Budget Listening Session in YR
Tue, Nov 26	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Wed, Nov 27	9:00 am	Refit Class at the Gym
Thurs, Nov 28		Happy Thanksgiving to All!
Fri, Nov. 30	6:00am	Men's Group (Youth Room)
Sun, Dec 1	9:30am	Morning Worship/Sunday School
	10:45am	Family Meeting after church



Sunday Volunteers

	<u>November 24</u>	<u>December 1</u>
Greeter:	Need a Greeter	Mark Atterbury
Coffee:	Nikki & Brandon O	Mark & Kathy Atterbury
PowerPoint:	Jason DeBoer	Tony Noble
Video:	Matthew/Ethan	Josh Gillett
Sound:	Randy Sieck	Keith TenHulzen
Nursery:	Sarah W & Sara B	Courtney D & Leah T
Kids Church:	Brenda R & Jess P	Sandy & DeAnn

Contact the church office to join our volunteers!



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December

Birthdays

- 4 Charlotte Adams
- 5 Colson Hestermann
Levi Oltman
- 7 Brenden Walls
Marge Helmink
- 9 Tami Wilson
- 11 Izabella Hays
- 12 Samantha Henderson
- 13 Doyle Petersen
- 15 Ilene Docter
- 20 Ben Wilson
- 21 Charlotte Mulder
- 23 Patti Wieskamp
- 25 Jesus☺
- 27 Abbi Wilson
Navy Whalen
- 30 Thelma Schroeder

Anniversaries

- 1 Glen & Lynn Gana (46)
- 29 Rick & Janelle DeBoer (34)

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - December

Tuesdays	6:30pm	Prayer Gathering
Wednesdays	9:00am	Refit Class
Fridays	6:00am	Men's Group at LLRC
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Sun, Dec 1	10:45am	Family Meeting after Church
Wed, Dec 4	5:30pm	Family Night
Sat, Dec 7	4:00pm	Firth Old Fashioned Christmas
Sun, Dec 8	10:45am	Congregational Meeting
	6:00pm	Epic Christmas Concert
	7:00pm	Afterglow Bible Study
Mon, Dec 9	1:00pm	"IF" Meeting (Ilene Docter)
Tue, Dec 10	6:30pm	Church Board Meeting
Wed, Dec 11	12:00pm	M&M Circle Lunch & Meeting
Sun, Dec 15	9:30am	GKC Christmas Program
Wed, Dec 18	6:30pm	Connect Christmas Party
Dec 23-Jan 6		NO SCHOOL/ Norris Christmas Break
Tue, Dec 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wed, Dec 25		Merry Christmas!! Office Closed Communion
Sun, Dec 29		Communion
Wed, Jan 1		No Family Night Activities



We put together 168 BOXES!! Thank you to all who came to the packing party and all who donated items and money for our church mission project.

We have left the donation box up for anyone who has items that they would like to donate for next year. In January we will be starting our month to month suggestions for donations that we will be collecting. If you run across a great deal that you think will be great for filling shoeboxes and you want to donate them, we take any items anytime of the year. We will just put them in the appropriate containers which we store for next November's packing party.

Items we cannot accept are candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; drink mixes; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Church Event Cancellations

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 LLC Facebook page.

2024 Contributions

On Sunday, December 29, will be the final date for 2024 contributions. Any contribution received after **December 29, 2024**, will be put into 2025 contributions. Thank you for giving.

Sunday Volunteers

Deacons: Brandon C, Shawn, Brett, Keith

December 1:

1st Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Mark Atterbury

Coffee: Mark & Kathy Atterbury

PowerPoint: Tony Noble

Video: Josh Gillett

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Nursery: Courtney D & Leah T

Kids Church: Sandy N & DeAnn W

December 8:

2nd Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Doug & Sandy Nieveen

Coffee: Diane & Bill Wieskamp

PowerPoint: Karen Wedding

Video: Matthew Sieck

Sound Tech: Ken Walls

Nursery: Sam & Ashton Henderson

Kids Church: Dani R & Renee C

December 15:

3rd Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Mark TenHulzen

Coffee: DeAnn & Kendall Weber

PowerPoint: Jason DeBoer

Video: Josh Gillett

Sound Tech: Randy Sieck

Nursery: Beth Sieck & Abbi Wilson

Kids Church: Kathy Atterbury

December 22:

4th Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Brittany Hart

Coffee: Jared & Brenda Brock

PowerPoint: Jenn Childers

Video: Matthew Sieck

Sound Tech: Keith TenHulzen

Nursery: Sarah Walls & Sara Bartek

Kids Church: Sarah W & Hailey G

December 29:

Greeters: Ilene Docter

Coffee: Breck Doeschot

PowerPoint: Tony Noble

Video: Josh Gillett

Sound Tech: Ken Walls

Nursery: Beth Sieck & Helper

Kids Church: Brenda R & Jess P

Thank you for all your Service!!!!

In His Image

Psalm 139:14

Parents Night Out for Kids with Special Needs & Younger Siblings

DATE: Friday, December 13, 2024

TIME: 6:00-9:00PM

Activities include:

Pizza for the kids!

A holiday Movie screening

Delicious Snacks

A festive craft activity

Please rsvp by 12/8/2024 at: Livinglifechurch.net/events

Come and enjoy a worry free night while we spread holiday cheer and ensure your kids have a memorable evening!

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Ken Walls by email walls.kenneth2005@gmail.com or by phone at 360-406-1034.

CONNECT

Upcoming Connect Schedule

December 4—Regular Meeting

December 7—Bowling

December 11—Regular Meeting

December 18—Christmas Party

December 25 & January 1—No Meeting

January 8—Regular Meeting times & place, but with a Game Night

January 15-April 30—Regular Meetings

Bowling

Saturday, December 7 -Watch your email for finalized details

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30pm-8:00pm in Youth Room. Bring around a

\$5 wrapped gift (\$10 max)

There will be snacks provided

Wednesday Evenings

Our Wednesday evening ministry has been going very well as we have explored the book of James. Please continue to pray that the students would allow God's Spirit to connect His Word to their hearts to see their lives transformed.

Rides Home

With the youth going 30 minutes longer than the children, we know some students have had to leave at 7:30 when GKC finishes. If your student(s) need a ride home, please contact Pastor James as we would be happy to work with you to keep your kids in attendance.

God's Kids Club

God's blessings are abundant as we have continued to welcome so many faces attending GKC throughout the fall!

Wednesday, November 27-No evening activities. Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, December 11 for a Happy Birthday Jesus celebration for GKC!

The kids will be celebrating with music, crafts, and a snack.

On Sunday, December 15 we would like to invite all of our GKC children to sing during the Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to drop your child/children off to their GKC classroom by 9:15am. Following the children's performance, they are invited to attend Children's church during the sermon. We hope you can all attend!

Wednesday, December 18-January 1-Merry Christmas! No GKC

Wednesday, January 8-GKC resumes!



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