

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

Today we celebrate Communion. Anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is invited to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those who may not be ready to participate in the Lord's Supper are welcome at any of the stations to take a grape and receive a blessing.

TEACHER: Pastor Jason Van Wyk

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:15, Romans 16:20

SERMON SUMMARY: This Sunday begins the season of Advent. As we look ahead to Christmas, we will be studying Old Testament prophecies which anticipated that coming Messiah. We'll begin with the first promise of a savior found in Genesis 3:15.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ⇒ What are some of your favorite ways to prepare for celebrating Christmas?
- ⇒ What does it say to you that we find this hopeful promise so early in Scripture?
- ⇒ Where do you tend to get stuck in defeat or hopelessness?
- ⇒ What does the first promise of Jesus' victory mean in your life?

LIFE APPLICATION:

- ⇒ Make a list of 3 or more ways you personally get stuck in defeat and despair.
- ⇒ In prayer, ask God what freedom Jesus offers you in those moments.
- ⇒ Live in the reality of the freedom and victory God has already given you.
- ⇒ Give thanks for Christ's coming and Christmas and eagerly pray for His final return and ultimate victory.

NOTES:

## OUR FAMILY

PRAY: Jesse Allen, son of Tonya Masquat, had tests at Dakota Dunes on Friday; following test results, pray that the family will have clear direction going forward. (OC)

PRAY: April Sunday requests prayers for her dad who is hospitalized in Sioux Falls and is dealing with multiple health issues. The family asks for prayers for strength and peace during this time. (OC)

To bless a family living at The Bridge at Christmas time, please choose a tag from the Christmas Angel Tree located in the lobby fellowship area. After purchasing your gift, place your label on the gift and return the item(s) to the tree by December 21. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Roberson at [tblifeskills@gmail.com](mailto:tblifeskills@gmail.com).

If you would like to share a Christmas card with the entire congregation, please drop off a picture or send a scanned picture to [secretary@livingwateroc.com](mailto:secretary@livingwateroc.com) and it will be included in a slideshow and shown before the service in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

TODAY		THIS WEEK	
<u>9:30am</u> COFFEE SHOPPE			
<u>10:00am</u> WORSHIP		<u>Wed, Dec 6</u>	
LITTLE TREASURES (3 & 4 yr olds)		6:00-8:30pm OC GEMS	
Watch for slides on screen to dismiss		Christmas Party OCCS gym	
<u>11:00am</u>		7:00pm OVERFLOW (OC)	
● JAM (TK-5th gr)		<u>Thurs, Dec 7</u>	
Watch for slides on screen to dismiss for JAM - Parents pick up children at Motor Inn bldg at noon		Men's Bible Study Group will be going to the Gospel Mission in Sioux City. Any men, college age or older, who would like to participate, please contact Pastor Jesse or Dale Schmidt at 712-324-1117.	
● WAVE (6th-8th gr)			
Meets in large upstairs classroom			
● STAY AND PRAY			
SW corner of Worship Center			

## EVENTS

Mon, Dec 4 - 7:30pm - Gospel Mission Christmas Concert - OC Living Water  
Featuring "Siouxland Discovery Barbershop Chorus and Quartets" - singing some of your favorite carols and popular Christmas songs. A free will offering will be received; proceeds will go to the Gospel Mission.

Sat, Dec 9 - 9:00-11:00am - ATLAS Christmas Store - Orange City's City Hall gym (125 Central Ave S) Questions or interested in volunteering? Please call ATLAS at 737-4090. See detailed info in the blue announcement sheet or stop by the Welcome Center for info.

## Stewardship Team Update

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Living Water Community Church. As a church, we are passionate about helping Christian's be managers of all of God's gifts. We continue to be blessed financially at LWCC.

Here are a few highlights:

LW Cash-Flow Update - The Living Water accounts at Northwestern Bank had a current cash position of \$86,743.98 on October 31, 2017.

- It costs LWCC approximately \$1,300 to operate on a daily basis
- So with our cash balances, we have about 67 days of operating money
- The Stewardship Team has a goal of getting up to greater than 75 days of operating cash

Building Debt Update - We currently have one loan-one to the Sheldon Christian School Foundation for \$100,000.

- Our debt to equity (the amount of debt based on the market value of our two campuses) is very strong
- We are very healthy from a debt perspective

GRACE/Fair Share Update - Our GRACE/Fair Share obligation for this school year (2017-18) is \$104,862 (59 Students).

- As of October 31, we have paid the schools \$31,000 or 30%
- The remaining balance is \$73,862 or 70% as of October 31, 2017

Please remember LWCC in your end-of-the-year giving, and continue to pray for the many ways that you and others can serve Living Water physically, spiritually, and financially as we work to grow God's Kingdom.

The Stewardship Team

### Thanksgiving Day CommUNITY Meal 2017 - THANK YOU!

The 8th Annual Thanksgiving Day CommUNITY Meal at Living Water was again an amazing outpouring of unifying support from this community! Thank you, THANK YOU, to the many servant-hearted volunteers who served, who provided, who prayed for this event - for God's presence to be wrapped around it, and those who received a meal. We were humbled and blest to hear many personal stories that day, and we KNOW He showed up. We are grateful for your donations of time, food, and money. We stand amazed. We could not have done this without you!

We served 510 meals that day, yes, that's 510!! That number includes 178 takeout and delivery to individuals and families, local businesses and law enforcement. The meal was provided in part from donations from the following local businesses: Don's Food Center, Fareway, Food Pantry, Hatchery, HyVee (LeMars), Perspective Insurance, Pizza Ranch, Pluims Publishing and WalMart. Please thank them for their vital role in making this meal happen. We are blest to be a blessing; may you reflect those blessings in this holiday season.

Ronda Noteboom and Sandie Van't Hof, Organizers