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 Garry Nyenhuis

SERMON SUMMARY: This week we begin our preparation for Christmas by looking at the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus. It was always in God's plan to send His own Son to live on this earth, we can see that from Scripture. But now that Christ has come and gone, what do we celebrate for? What benefit do we have in reading the Old Testament passages that tell about something that already happened?

SCRIPTURE: We will seek answers together this week by focusing on Daniel 7:13-14, one of Daniel's many visions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: As we read, think of these questions:

- ⇒ What is authority?
- ⇒ Who holds authority of this world right now?
- ⇒ How does that impact your life?
- ⇒ Is there comfort in knowing Jesus is called the Son of Man in this passage? How can we be certain that His authority will never be taken away?

Be blessed as you prepare for Christmas this week!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR LOCAL BODY

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)

Second Sunday food donations will be collected next Sunday, Dec 10. Items will be placed in the Sheldon LW Food Closet and given to those in need and in partnership with Love, INC. Food items requested this month: cereal and/or oatmeal. Please place your donation in the cart that will be located in the front lobby.

If you would like to share a Christmas card with the entire congregation, please drop off a picture or send a scanned picture to jesse@livingwatersheldon.com and it will be included in a slideshow and shown before the service in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

THIS WEEK

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sun, Dec 3 9:30am Coffee Shoppe

10:00am Worship

Little Treasures (3 & 4 yr old Sunday School)

Wed, Dec 6 6:00-8:30pm OC GEMS Christmas Party OCCS gym

7:00pm Overflow (9th-12th gr youth) (OC)

<u>Thurs, Dec 7</u> 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.

EVENTS

<u>Mon, Dec 4</u> - 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.

GET INVOLVED

INFANTS

NURSERY: Nursery is available throughout the service for newborns thru 2 years

The nursery is located in the room next to the kitchen.

CHILDREN

LITTLE TREASURES: Sunday school for 3 & 4 year olds.

Meets in the large room by the nursery the first Sunday of each month

YOUTH

OVERFLOW: 9th-12th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesday (OC)

GEMS: Girls 4th-8th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm @ Immanuel CRC (SH)

1st and 3rd Wed evenings For more info contact Julie 712-230-2372

CADETS: Boys 4th-8th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm @ 1st CRC (SH) 1st and 3rd Wed evenings.

ADULTS/FAMILIES

SECOND SUNDAY: This is an ongoing project of collecting food items at the Sheldon Campus on the second Sunday of each month. Requested donations will be announced prior to the second Sunday. On the second Sunday, donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the front lobby area. The collected items will be placed in the Sheldon Living Water Food Closet and given to those in need and in partnership with Love, INC.

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Small groups of people who enjoy staying connected to each other by discussing life, studying scripture, playing, eating, serving, and investing in one another. Contact Shirley Elgersma shirleyelgersma@gmail.com

<u>7-4-3 GROUPS</u>: Groups of about 7 people gathering for a meal 4 times over a 3 month period. Contact Shirley Elgersma shirleyelgersma@gmail.com

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Bible study, fellowship and prayer for men -college-age or older. Meets 2x a month on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00pm. For more info, contact Dale Schmidt at dschmidt19@msn.com

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 local businesses. We are blest to be a blessing; may you reflect those blessings in this holiday season.

Ronda Noteboom and Sandie Van't Hof, Organizers