

Welcome to Living Water Community Church on Easter Sunday!
Today we celebrate our risen Savior!

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18

SERMON SUMMARY: To remind us of our reason to celebrate, we will look at John 20:1-18 as the empty tomb is discovered and Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.

Reading through this passage, think through some of these things:

- What does the context (what has happened before and what is happening during) mean for this passage? Why is it important to know the "backstory"?
- What are the different reactions on Easter Sunday (Mary's, John's, Peter's)? What do these reactions show us?
- Mary stays, other disciples go; what is the relevance of their actions?
- In the "second half," Mary is asked a basic question, "Why are you crying?" What is this question setting up?
- Why is Jesus speaking Mary's name significant?
- What is the basis of Mary's testimony?

This Easter account is a living and active word. In it, we are directed to the Word, Jesus Christ. How is it moving you this morning? Here are some possible ways to allow the word to work through you as you meet the Word:

- Read the story of Jesus' resurrection every day this week, taking time to reflect on the specific information of each gospel account. You will find the story in the following passages:
 - ⇒ Matthew 28:1-10
 - ⇒ Mark 16:1-20
 - ⇒ Luke 24:1-12
 - ⇒ John 20:1-18
- What basic question is Jesus presenting you with this morning? Could it be "why are you crying?" Answer Him, through prayer, journaling, speaking out loud to Him or speaking with a trusted brother or sister in Christ.
- Are you mistaking Christ for something or someone else?
- What is the basis of your testimony? Like Mary, are you able to clearly speak "I have seen the Lord!"? If so, are you speaking it? If not, why not? Is it time to share your "I have seen the Lord" story?

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

Today, April 21:

- **Little Treasures will meet**
- **JAM will meet today; dismisses at 11:30am**
- **NO SS small groups/or WAVE today**

Next Week (April 28) we will witness and celebrate the baptism of Huxley Kuiken, son of Dan and Dani Kuiken. (OC)

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP

10:20am LITTLE TREASURES 3-5 yr olds time to worship God meets in Upper Room watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to check your child in at the table in the lobby

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

WAVE - NOT MEETING TODAY

11:10am JAM PRAISE & WORSHIP

meets in the large room (next to the kitchen) dismisses at 11:30am
Parents pick up your children in the JAM room

Sunday School small groups - NOT MEETING TODAY

5:00pm All Orange City Christian Reformed congregations will gather at Immanuel CRC for the annual Easter evening worship service. Pray that we may give glory to God and receive God's blessing as we worship together, united in Christ.

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Thurs, May 2-Day of Prayer - Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held at Sheldon Living Water Community Church; serving will begin at 6:15am and the program will end by 7:30am. There will be a free will offering at the door for the cost of the meal. RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED - RSVP to Barb Hibma at 712-541-1502 by text or call or email ghibma@centurylink.net

Sat, May 4-Grill out @ OC Campus - Mark your calendars and spread the word! There will be burgers on the grill, along with a campfire and yard games for the whole family. Mark your calendars as we continue to build relationships!

Sun, May 5 - GEMS Evening Worship @ OCLW

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues, April 23

7:00pm - Women's Bible Study @ SH Campus

Wed, April 24

6:45pm-GEMS-final mtg for the year @ OC Immanuel
Theme Wrap-up; hand out badges

6:50pm-Cadets @ OC Calvary CRC

7:00pm - Overflow @ OC Campus

Thurs, April 25

7:00pm - Worship Team Practice @ OC Campus

**EXCITING NEW OPTION
ELECTRONIC GIVING!**

One of the things introduced by the Stewardship team was an exciting new option available through Planning Center for electronic giving. We are currently under a 3-day free trial and would encourage you to try it out and then share your feedback! You can set up your account one of these three ways:

⇒ **Online: Visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving>** (You will need to set up your account on this secure website through several steps, follow the prompts).

⇒ **On your phone: Install the "Church Center App"** and then look for Living Water under the search option. Once installed and verified (through a text code), you will be able to make donations through the app anytime!

⇒ **Text: Text any amount (ex: \$20) to "84321"** and follow the prompts to set up your account.

Please contact Administrative Deacon, Brittany Foreman, (dan_brittanyforeman@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns about online giving!