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

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 Christmas card slideshow on Sunday mornings prior to worship.

#### TEACHER: Pastor Jason Van Wyk

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:15, Romans 16:20

SERMON SUMMARY: In this season of Advent, as we look ahead to Christmas, we will be studying Old Testament prophecies which anticipated that coming Messiah. Today we'll look at the promise of a savior found in Genesis 3:15.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- $\Rightarrow$  What are some of your favorite ways to prepare for celebrating Christmas?
- $\Rightarrow\,$  What does it say to you that we find this hopeful promise so early in Scripture?
- $\Rightarrow$  Where do you tend to get stuck in defeat or hopelessness?
- $\Rightarrow~$  What does the first promise of Jesus' victory mean in your life? LIFE APPLICATION:
- $\Rightarrow~$  Make a list of 3 or more ways you personally get stuck in defeat and despair.
- $\Rightarrow$  In prayer, ask God what freedom Jesus offers you in those moments.
- $\Rightarrow$  Live in the reality of the freedom and victory God has already given you.
- $\Rightarrow$  Give thanks for Christ's coming and Christmas and eagerly pray for His final return and ultimate victory.

## OUR FAMILY

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR LOCAL BODY

PRAY: Nicole Holtz has been hospitalized for an infection and will be in the hospital for the next ten days. Pray for Nicole's healing and for her husband, Nathan, as he cares for their young family during this time. (SH)

From Brad and Sheila Tebben: Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement during Brad's health issues and especially during his recent surgery to his nasal cavity. All went well at his follow up appointment on December 6. He has a slight infection but can start work again tomorrow. We ask for prayers that any headaches he still experiences are due to the packing and will be gone now that it has been removed. Also, asking for prayers as he goes back to work after six weeks off; strength for each day will be needed. (SH)

PRAY: Please pray for Amy Stark who will be undergoing surgery on Tuesday, December 12. (OC)

PRAISE: Justin and Alli Kroese were blessed with a baby boy, Klayton, who was born on November 15. Following his birth, Klayton needed special attention and was transferred to a Sioux Falls hospital. We celebrate that Klayton is now home with his parents and big brother, Jacob! (OC)

# THIS WEEK

<u>Sun, Dec 10</u>		Coffee Shoppe Worship
<u>Mon, Dec 11</u>	7:00pm	Council meeting (OC)
<u>Wed, Dec 13</u>	•	OC Cadets - OC Calvary CRC Overflow Christmas party (OC)

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

<u>Next Sunday, December 17</u> - beginning at 8:30am - breakfast is being planned at the Sheldon Campus. The Connections Team invites both campuses to join in this time of fellowship! We look forward to seeing everyone! Sign up is necessary - you can sign up through Friday (15th) by contacting Erica De Jong text - <u>712-230-2283</u> or email - <u>sedejong2011@gmail.com</u> The LW Connections Team

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Living Water Community Church. As a church, we are passionate about helping Christians be managers of all of God's gifts. 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

# **GET INVOLVED**

### <u>INFANTS</u>

**NURSERY:** Nursery is available throughout the service for newborns thru 2 years The nursery is located in the room next to the kitchen.

### <u>CHILDREN</u>

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

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

### <u>YOUTH</u>

**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.

**<u>COMMUNITY GROUPS</u>**: 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

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

### CONTACT ONE OF THESE MINISTRY LEADERS

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