

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

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 7

It is December 22 and we are getting so close to Christmas day! Are you excited? Are you nervous? Are you anticipating a big celebration? Are you looking forward to a quiet moment? Are you ready?

The closer we come to the day designated to remember Jesus' birth, it seems more difficult to actually remember Jesus birth. We are distracted, busy, or overwhelmed. We could be saddened by what goes on around us, we could be disappointed by strained relationships or by commercializing the season.

So today, on the third Sunday of advent, just days before Christmas, I'd like to invite you to pause and seek God. Take a moment with me and look at His word in 2 Samuel 7.

Here, just like us, David desires something good; but he finds out that isn't God's plan. Let's especially pay attention to verse 16 this morning, another promise God makes in this Advent season. As we focus on this verse, think about these questions:

Why not David? Why the mention of punishment for the next generation? What does it mean to have a throne forever? What does God do to "prove His point?"

And maybe the Holy Spirit is calling you to think of something like this: What promise has God reminded you of during this advent season? What are you being called to wait on? What are you being told to take responsibility for? What are you leaving as your legacy?

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

TODAY: Dec 22:

- Huddle Mtg following worship to discuss updates on the Ebenezer Campaign - we'll meet in the Worship Center
- Christmas Rest - JAM/SS small groups/Wave not meeting

Overflow will not be meeting for the next few weeks; it will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

REMINDER: Please return your Genesis House gift by tomorrow (Mon 23rd).

Thank you to all who allowed their names to stand throughout the nomination process!

Last week, we drew names out of the Bible and the following were selected:

Administrative Elder: Adrie Groeneweg
Administrative Deacon: Gawen Zomermaand
Care Elders: Carol Kramer and Chad Postma

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 stop in the lobby and check in your child

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

11:10am HUDDLE MEETING - in the Worship Center

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun, Dec 22 and 29 - Christmas Rest - (TK-8th gr)
JAM/SS small groups/WAVE not meeting

Tues, Dec 24 - 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Service at both campuses

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Dec 29 - We welcome Mark Hilbelink as our guest pastor

Fri, Jan 3 - Leaders Breakfast/Video

Sun, Jan 12 - Leadership Transition

⇒ New Leaders Installed

⇒ Outgoing Leaders Recognized

Stewardship Team Update

Thank you for your generous giving for the ministries of Living Water Community Church. Here are a few highlights based off the November 30, 2019 financial statements:

Revenue & Disbursements Update - For the first five months of this fiscal year (July - November) we currently have a balance of **\$10,577.94**.

- Total Revenue / Income = \$165,459.70
- Total Disbursements / Expenses = \$154,881.76
- Net Increase / (Decrease) = \$10,577.94

LW Cash-Flow Update - The Living Water accounts at Northwestern Bank had a balance of **\$98,522.19** on November 30, 2019.

- It costs LWCC approximately **\$1,035** to operate on a daily basis.
- With our cash balances, we have about **95 days** of operating money.
- The Stewardship Team's goal is to have greater than 75 days of operating cash.

Building Debt Update - We currently have one loan 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 Update - Our GRACE/Fair Share obligation for this school year (2019-20) is **\$99,072.00 (51 Students)**.

- As of December 8, 2019 - we have paid the schools **\$32,460.00 or 33%**.
- The remaining balance is **\$66,612.00 or 67%** as of December 9, 2019.

Electronic Giving - is an option. You are encouraged to try it out!

- **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 (example: \$20) to "84321" and follow the prompts to set up your account.

Please remember LWCC in your giving.

The Stewardship Team