

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. Grapes are available for those who may not be ready to participate in the Lord's Supper, and all are welcome at any of the stations to receive a blessing.

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 15

SUMMARY: This week we start looking at the promises of God throughout the Old Testament, leading up to fulfillment in Jesus Christ! By doing this during the season of Advent, we are looking forward to the celebration of Christmas!

We start today with Abraham in Genesis 15. As we look, pay attention to some of these details:

1. It starts with God (have you tried to "go before" Him? What would it look like to let Him lead?)
2. Abram doesn't see how these promises could work (have you tried to "make too much sense" out of the will of God?)
3. Abram is given a picture (have you ever been shown a representation of God's love? Share your story!)
4. God promises to handle the long term AND the short term for Abram (He does the same for us!)
5. The "signing on the dotted line" moment (what does this part mean to you, personally? Have you realized how much is expected of you?)
6. The fine print (there will be difficulty, don't assume an easy path)
7. God passes through in a smoking firepot!(God does what we cannot!)

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: Please keep Pastor Jesse and his family in your prayers after the passing of his grandfather. Pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

REMINDER: Tomorrow - Dec 2 - is the deadline to place your donations in the ATLAS box located in the lobby.

Please contact Sue Dykstra 1susandykstra@gmail.com or 712-360-0650 if you are interested in helping with either of the two opportunities below:

⇒ **JAM Christmas Treat Bags** Looking for individuals to purchase and pack treat bags to be handed out to our Living Water Kids and Friends on December 15

⇒ **Christmas Program Costumes?** This year the children are going to take a break from wearing costumes for the Christmas program. Unless there is someone who would like to coordinate it.

Beginning this week, feel free to bring a family Christmas card in and place it on the board in the fellowship area!

Next Sun, Dec 8 - The affirmation step of OC leadership nominees will happen during the worship service. If you will not be able to participate on the 8th, you can request an absentee form from Pastor Garry at gdnyenhuis@gmail.com or LW Secretary Donna at secretary@livingwateroc.com. Please return the forms by email or to the church office by 12:00noon on Friday, December 6.

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP/COMMUNION

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

11:00am JAM Christmas Program Practice (TK-5th gr)

No small groups

Dismisses at 11:30

Parents please pick up your child in the lobby

11:10am WAVE (6th-8th gr)

Meets in room in SW corner of the lobby.
Dismisses at 12:00 noon

2:00pm PRAIRIE RIDGE CARE CENTER WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship led by Living Water

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Dec 2 - 7:00pm - LW Prayer Gathering @ SH Campus
Deadline for ATLAS Christmas Store

Tues, Dec 3 - 3:30pm - Staff Mtg

Wed, Dec 4 - 7:30pm - Community prayer gathering @ OC Campus
Overflow will attend prayer gathering
The global prayer focus will be Alaska; the local focus will be Atlas OC

Fri, Dec 6 - 6:00am - Leaders Training/Breakfast
12:00pm - Absentee affirmation form deadline

Sat, Dec 7 - 9:00am-12:00noon - Atlas Christmas Store

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Dec 8

Aubyn Zwart - Profession of Faith
Affirmation of Leadership Nominees

Mon, Dec 9 - Council Mtg @ OC Campus

Sun, Dec 15

Christmas Program
Leadership names drawn by lot

EBENEZER CAMPAIGN

After much prayer and consideration, the Living Water Council has identified three priorities for which we have a goal of raising \$300,000 through the EBENEZER CAMPAIGN. Each of us is being asked to prayerfully consider giving to this important campaign for:

- ⇒ **Education Space in Sheldon for Children's Ministries**
- ⇒ **Future improvements for Orange City's facility**
- ⇒ **Debt reduction**

How to Give:

1. **Pledge Card:** fill one out from a brochure, put it in the offering or give it to a council member.
2. **By Check:** write a check with "Building Campaign" in memo, put it in the offering or give it to a council member.
3. **Online:** visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving>
4. **Text-to-Give:** Text 84321 and include your amount followed by "building" or "campaign" either one will get us notified that your gift is for the building projects. If this is your first time, it will take you through the set-up.

How to Help:

If you would like to donate labor and/or materials for the Sheldon building project, contact Jim Haack.

- Call or text Jim at 712-635-2154
- Email: jim.haack@interstates.com