

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

This week, we begin our Advent calendar, preparing again for the coming of our Savior!

The first Advent theme is hope and today we stand in expectation, holding on to the hope that is in Jesus Christ.

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:5-25

SERMON SUMMARY: Looking at Luke 1:5-25, we will see what hope looked like for Zechariah and Elizabeth.

As we read, be thinking about what you hope for in this life, what you hope for in the life to come and what it means to have hope at all!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: Continue prayers for David Peterson's dad, Pete, who was readmitted to the hospital last week after a recent fall; he is also dealing with some lung issues.

SH Campus:

- ◇ Leigh Brown's father has a mass on one of his kidneys. Please pray for Leigh and her family, and for wisdom and guidance for the doctors as they determine a course of treatment.
- ◇ Jeri Clayton's mother passed away this week. Please pray for comfort and peace for Jeri and her family as they grieve the loss of her mother.
- ◇ Continue prayers for Nathan, grandson of Ken & Tres Ver Steeg, who is experiencing seizures. The family is grateful that the seizures have slowed down and they are spaced out a little more. God is faithful.

If you'd like to share your holiday wishes with the entire congregation, send your card to Donna at secretary@livingwateroc.com. Your card will be part of a picture slideshow.

TODAY	THIS WEEK
9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE	Tues, Dec 4
10:00am WORSHIP	8:30pm - College and Career Group
Beginning of Advent lighting of candle - HOPE	Meets at Nyenhuis home - 316 Boston Ave NE Orange City. For more info contact Sandra at sandranyenhuis@live.com or 952-807-3063.
10:20am LITTLE TREASURES	Wed, Dec 5
3-5 yr olds time to worship God meets in Upper Room watch for dismissal slide	6:00-8:30pm - GEMS - Christmas party at OCCS Gym
If you missed check-in prior to worship for Little Treasures or JAM, stop by the table in the lobby area with your child.	7:00pm - Overflow (OC)
11:00am STAY AND PRAY	Thurs, Dec 6
SW corner of the Worship Center	6:00pm - Men's Group to the Sioux City Gospel Mission; leaving from the Sheldon LW parking lot. If anyone from OC is interested contact Dale Schmidt 712-324-1117.
11:10am JAM Praise & Worship	THANK YOU to our Living Water Church family for your generous support of the Thanksgiving Day CommUNITY Meal!
5 yrs-5th gr Meets in the JAM room next to kitchen	With your help, we were able to serve an abundant Thanksgiving meal to 580 people (including takeout and delivery).
Christmas program practice Practice will also be held next Sunday	We are blest to call you family.
Sunday School small groups follow	Until next year,
5 yrs-1st gr - meets upstairs	Sandie Vant Hof and Ronda Noteboom
2nd gr-5th gr - meets on main floor	
12:00 dismissal	
Parents pick up children from their classrooms	

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sat, Dec 8 - 9:00-11:00am - Atlas Christmas Store - OC City Hall gym (see blue announcement sheet for more details)

Sun, Dec 9 - Donuts with the Pastor following worship. Anyone who has questions about LW or just wants to meet/get acquainted with the Pastor is welcome.

Sun, Dec 16 - Children's Christmas Praise and Worship as part of the morning worship service.

Sun, Jan 6 - Marriage Builders Class beginning at the Sheldon campus and then meeting every Sunday for 8 weeks, right after the morning service. For more info or to sign up, e-mail Pamela at pamelia.bedelia@yahoo.com.

INFANTS

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

The nursery is located near the Welcome Center in the front lobby area.

INFANT CARE ROOM: A room is available throughout the service for parents with young children. This space is designed for parents to sit with babies or small children for privacy; this room will not be supervised by volunteers.

The infant care room is located right outside the worship area near the stairway.

CHILDREN

Children's Church Bags are available for younger attendees at the Welcome Center in the lobby area. Following worship, please return the bags and contents to the Welcome Center.

LITTLE TREASURES: A time to worship God for 3-5 year olds; meets during the worship service in the Upper Room. Watch for announcement slide for dismissal (OC)

JAM: "Jesus And Me" 5 yrs-5th gr - Praise and Worship meets 10 min after the morning service in the JAM room next to the kitchen; small group Sunday School follows. Dismissal 12:00pm Parents pick up children in classrooms. (OC)

YOUTH

WAVE: 6th-8th grade. Meets following the Sunday morning service in the large classroom in the SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon (OC)

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

GEMS: Girls 3rd-8th grade. Meets from 6:45-8:30pm @ Immanuel CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

CADETS: Boys 4th-8th grade. Meets from 6:50-8:45pm @ Calvary CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

ADULTS/FAMILIES

STAY AND PRAY: Group of people gathering after the worship service in the SW corner of the Worship Center. For more info, contact Kim Groeneweg at skgroen@yahoo.com

OPPORTUNITIES

Atlas Christmas Store

Atlas will be hosting a Christmas Store on Saturday, December 8, from 9:00-11:00am and it will be located in OC City's City Hall gym (125 Central Ave S). The Christmas Store offers a one-day shopping experience to help financially-challenged families thrive during the holiday season.

Atlas relies solely on donations for this event. There will be a big box in the lobby area of church and it will be there until December 5. You can also call Sue Louwerse at 712-574-9400 and she will gladly pick up donated items. Please consider picking up a toy or any other items this week or next or giving a monetary donation.

Genesis House Christmas Angel Tree

To bless a family living at The Genesis House at Christmas time, please choose a tag(s) from the Christmas Angel Tree which is located in the church lobby area also. Place your label on the purchased gift and return the item(s) to the tree. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Roberson at The Genesis House at tblifskills@gmail.com.

College Students

Exams for college students are coming up in a few weeks. We would like to let the college students who attend Living Water know we are thinking of them by providing them with some treats. Would you be willing to make bars or cookies and bring them to the church kitchen by noon on Saturday, December 8? If so, please email Danielle Kuiken at danikuiken@yahoo.com and let her know how many dozen you can provide.

Thank you for considering these giving opportunities during this season. Living Water Care Deacons