

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

Connect Cards are located throughout the building - at the Welcome Center in the lobby, on the table as you enter the Worship Center and on the chairs in the Worship Center.

Complete a card and place it in the offering basket if you'd like more info about Living Water, if you'd like us to update your contact info or if you have a prayer request.

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: John 9:1-12 and 17-25

SERMON SUMMARY: As we continue our sermon series, "Messy," this week we look at the story of a man born blind.

As we focus on this passage, be thinking about some of these things:

- Why would the disciples ask a question like the one asked in verse 2? What does Jesus' response communicate to them and to us?
- How did his neighbors react to the man being healed? How did the Pharisees react? How did His family react?
- What was the man's response to the people's response?
- When we are given a new life, it can be hard for others to understand; that means that accepting Jesus Christ doesn't clear up all confusion and immediately give us an easy life. Instead, it may make things look a little more messy in the short term! But we can learn how to handle the newfound messiness when we read this story and follow the blind man who follows Christ!

Try to take action on the lessons from this passage! Here are some possibilities:

- If you have been a believer in Christ for a long period, spend time with someone who has just recently began a relationship with Jesus. Listen and be reminded of what it is like to be young in the faith. Do less talking and more listening.
- If you have just recently become a believer in Jesus Christ, try spending time with someone who is a mature Christian. Listen to their story of ups and downs and be encouraged that through your own ups and downs, God will remain faithful. Do less talking and more listening.
- What would it look like to tell your story like the blind man does? Simply communicating that you were once blind and can now see will be an amazing testimony!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

Today (May 12) is the final Sunday for JAM/Sunday School small groups until Fall. "Kid Zone" will begin on June 2 through August 25. It will be held each Sunday immediately following the worship service until 11:30 in the JAM room. Watch for more details regarding this Children's Ministry summer activity!

Today - Donuts with the Pastor following the worship service in the front of the Worship Center. Anyone who would like to know more about Living Water, has any questions or would just like to meet the pastor is welcome!

If you'd like an updated printed church directory, please pick one up at the Welcome Center. If more copies are needed, please contact Donna at secretary@livingwateroc.com

Next Sunday (May 19) - There will NOT be a worship service held at the OC Campus. You are invited to join others at the Tulip Festival Community Worship Service at 11am in downtown OC Windmill Park.

Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged for seating. Rain location: OC First Ref Church. Listen to KSOU for any changes due to inclement weather.

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 DONUTS WITH THE PASTOR
Meets in front of the Worship Center after the service

STAY AND PRAY
SW corner of the Worship Center

WAVE 6th-8th gr
Not meeting today; will resume again in the Fall

11:10am JAM PRAISE & WORSHIP 5 yrs-5th gr
Meets in the JAM room next to kitchen

Sunday School small groups follow
5 yrs-1st gr - meets upstairs
2nd gr-5th gr - meets on main floor
12:00 dismissal

Parents pick up children from their classrooms

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

June 21-22 - RISE FEST - a family-friendly Christian music festival that takes place annually in Sheldon <https://www.riseministries.com>
If you would like to donate a new Bible to Rise Fest, place it in the box located in the LW lobby. If you have any questions, contact John Lambert at jltbert3@longlines.com

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, May 13
7:00pm - Council Meeting @ OC Campus

Thurs, May 16
NO Worship Team Practice this week @ OC Campus

Sat, May 18
7:00am-11:00am - Tulip Festival Pancake Breakfast
at the NEW Sioux County Regional Airport west of Orange City
(located at: 3153 460th St, Maurice)
Come and support our Youth; proceeds will go to support our youth traveling to Rocky Mountain High.
Anyone interested in serving alongside the youth between the hours of 6am and 11am, please contact Pastor Garry at gdnyenhuis@gmail.com.

Sun, May 19
11:00am - Tulip Festival Community Worship in Downtown OC Windmill Park. Rain location: OC First Ref Church.
Listen to KSOU for any changes due to inclement weather.
Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged for seating. Worship will be led by Trinity with a message from Pastor Mark Vande Zande of First Christian Reformed Church.

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!