

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

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 28

SUMMARY: We continue in our Advent series by looking at the promises God makes to His people in the Old Testament. This week, we review God's promises to Jacob in Genesis 28.

As we discuss, use this as an outline and summary:

1. **Jacob was running.**
2. **God meets Jacob in a certain place.**
3. **God makes promises to Jacob.**
4. **Jacob responds.**

The word of God is living and active, and it has something to speak into your life today; it can remind, challenge, correct, and encourage! So, what is the Holy Spirit doing in you as we read through this passage? **Maybe...**

1. **...you have been running.** Is it time to stop? Is there something you must confess to God and to a brother or sister in Christ that you have been running from? Is there a conversation you need to have, is there something you need to do? What does it look like for you to stop running?
2. **...God is ready to meet you in a certain place.** Remember that He has been described as the "hound of heaven." He loves you so much that He is willing and able to chase you to the highest highs and the lowest lows.
3. **...you need assurance of His promises.** The words He speaks to Jacob are words He speaks to us. Imagine Him speaking to you in this way: "(your name here), I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go!"
4. **...it's time for you to respond!** Maybe you have known the promises, maybe you have already met Him. Maybe you haven't been running. Then maybe it is time for you to respond! Declare His glory with your words! Declare His glory by "setting up a pillar!" Make a response vow to Him this morning and-with the power of His Holy Spirit-carry through and continue on the journey!

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAISE: Today we witness and celebrate Aubyn Zwart's profession of her faith.

PRAY: Please continue to keep Heather Bosman and her family, Dan Carson and Hayden, in your prayers. This young family is going through a very tough time. It has been a little over 3 months since Heather's diagnosis of Melanoma Stage 4. This past week she was scheduled for a PET scan & MRI to determine if her treatment has been working. (SH)

Today we are continuing the leadership transition process with the affirmation step. The names of those affirmed today (who received at least 60%) will be placed in a Bible to be selected by lot during next week's worship service. Those selected will then be installed after the new year.

Feel free to bring a family Christmas card in and place it on the board in the fellowship area!

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP

POF - Aubyn Zwart
Affirmation of OC leadership nominees

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 JAM & Christmas Program Practice (TK-5th gr)

Dismisses at 12:00. Parents please pick up your child in the lobby

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

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

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Dec 9 - 7:00pm - Council Mtg @ OC Campus

Tues, Dec 10 - 3:30pm - Staff Mtg

Wed, Dec 11 - 6:00pm - GEMS Christmas Party @ OCCS gym
6:50pm - Cadets @ OC Calvary CRC

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Dec 15

Christmas Program
Leadership names drawn by lot

Mon, Dec 16 - 6:00pm - Unity Meal @ SH Campus
This is a free meal; everyone is invited.

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

Stewardship Team Update

Thank you for your generous giving for the ministries of Living Water Community Church. The following are a few highlights based off the October 31, 2019 financial statements:

Revenue & Disbursements Update – For the first four months of this fiscal year (July – October) we currently have a balance of **\$4,370.56**.

- Total Revenue / Income = \$128,243.67
- Total Disbursements / Expenses = \$123,873.11
- Net Increase / (Decrease) = \$4,370.56

LW Cash-Flow Update – The Living Water accounts at Northwestern Bank had a balance of **\$73,286.17** on October 31, 2019.

- It costs LWCC approximately **\$1,070** to operate on a daily basis.
- With our cash balances, we have about **68 days** of operating money.
- The Stewardship Team has a goal of getting up to 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 November 15, 2019 - we have paid the schools **\$19,520.00 or 20%**.
- The remaining balance is **\$79,552.00 or 80%** as of November 16, 2019.

- Electronic Giving** - is an option. You are encouraged to try it out!
- **Online:** Visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving>
 - o 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