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

Next Sunday our congregation will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. This week as we personally consider, "Am I ready to take the Lord's Supper in faith" there are questions that are important for each of us to answer:

- ⇒ Have I confessed my sin to God and do I trust Jesus as the only One who can save me from it?
- ⇒ Am I eager to obey Jesus and let Him be my Lord?
- ⇒ Have I sought forgiveness and reconciliation from those I have wronged?
- ⇒ Have I forgiven and reconciled with those who have wronged me?

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:13-16

Here we are, at the end of our FAMILY LIFE sermon series! So far, we have looked at biblical principles for husbands and wives, parents and children, and brothers and sisters in Christ. For this last message in the series, we will be thinking about our relationships with our wider community, using Jesus' words from Matthew 5:13-16 as our guide. There are three major points we will focus on today from this scripture. The outline for those three looks like this:

- 1. Stay salty.
- 2. Be a light.
- 3. Glorify God.

Each of those points carries instruction for us as disciples and each calls us to either be reminded of our identity in Christ or to take action with Him. Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you this morning! Here are some possibilities:

- 1. Where are you being tempted to give in and conform to the world? What needs to happen to make sure you stay on the righteous path; maybe a training partner? Maybe a "what if" plan? Is someone helping you see your life decisions as a part of a bigger picture and are they ready to help you notice where you may be slipping?
- 2. Are you demonstrating your faith in a world that needs to see it? If so, how? If not, why not and how can you start? Is there a difference in your actions because of the faith you profess in Jesus Christ?
- 3. Are you ready at all times to give account of why you have faith? Are you ready to give your reason for showing love?

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAYERS:

- ♦ Please pray for Jake Dykstra's mom, Kathy, who had a severe heart attack this past week. She had surgery in Sioux City; doctors placed 5 stints in 2 different arteries. More tests will determine the extent of the damage to the heart. (OC)
- ♦ Sherwyn Bolkema appreciates prayers for a good determination from the consultations of the EEG and MRI of the brain which he had done this past week at Mayor Clinic. (OC)
- ♦ Please continue prayers for Heather Bosman; she has been quite sick for the last few weeks. A PET scan revealed that her tumors are growing and spreading. She has now started a new treatment called immunotherapy; within the next month the doctors should be able to determine if this treatment will shrink the tumors and hold off the cancer. Prayers, too, for Heather's husband, Dan, & their boys, Carson and Hayden. (SH)

THIS MORNING we welcome Robin's School of Dance who will be leading us in worship at the beginning of the service.

TONIGHT AT 5:00PM everyone is invited to the Cadet Sunday combined worship service to be held at LW OC Campus. Nursery for babies-2 yr olds will be available.

REMINDER: Adults are invited to stay after the service today for another OVERTIME training video from RightNow Media.

TODAY

9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am WORSHIP/ROBIN'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

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 PRAISE & WORSHIP - 5 yrs-5th gr

Meets in JAM room (next to kitchen) **Sunday School small groups follow**

12:00 dismissal; parents please pick up your child in the lobby

11:00am STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

<u>11:10am</u> WAVE

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

11:10am FAMILY LIFE VIDEO

in the Worship Center

5:00pm CADET SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

@ LW OC Campus

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon, Jan 27 - 7:00pm - LifeJacket Mtg @ OC Campus

Tues, Jan 28 - 7:00pm - Women's Bible Study @ SH Campus If interested in attending, please contact Nicole Tubergen ncltbrgn@gmail.com or Brittany Negus bklaahsen@gmail.com

Wed, Jan 29 - 7:00pm - Overflow (9th-12th gr) @ OC Campus

Thurs, Jan 30 - 3:30pm - Staff Mtg

7:00pm - OC Youth Leaders Mtg @ OC Campus

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 2

Communion

OVERTIME - Global Leadership Training Video following worship This will be an opportunity that will be offered on the 1st Sunday of each month during the SS hour in the Worship Center. Everyone is invited to stay as we learn together what it means to be an effective leader.

Mon, Feb 3 - 7:00pm - LW Prayer Gathering @ SH Campus

Fri, Feb 7 - 6:00am - Breakfast/Leaders Training Video

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.
- 8. **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.