

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

Today is the day we celebrate Christ's rising from the grave and His defeat of death!

TEACHER: Pastor Jason Van Wyk

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

SUMMARY: Frederick Buechner questioned if it is only when you hear the Gospel as a wild and marvelous joke that you really hear it at all. There is something about the Easter story that can only be heard as the ultimate punchline. Unexpected, completely absurd and yet so unbelievably true that we can't help but burst out in joyous laughter at the amazing wonder of it all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What's the last thing that made you really laugh?
- What thoughts do you have about the death and resurrection of Jesus being foolish?
- Where do you resonate with Paul's description of the weak, the foolish, the despised, the lowly, the worthless and overlooked?
- If that is who you (who we all) really are, what is the message of hope for you in the "marvelous joke" of the Easter story?

LIFE APPLICATION:

- Celebrate this Easter by doing something unexpectedly ridiculous to bless somebody else.
- Read a chapter about Jesus in Luke. Look for God's sense of humor coming through.
- Look honestly at your own life and pay special attention to where God's foolishness has been even better than you could have imagined.

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: Continue prayers for April Sunday as she is on bedrest at home anticipating surgery at Mayo Clinic for the heart issues that she has been experiencing. (OC)

PRAY: Continue prayers for R.C. Fearnow who recently fell at his residence and was hospitalized; R.C.'s health is declining and he will be transferred to a nursing home when he is released from the hospital. Please pray for both R.C. and his wife, Angela, in this time of transition. (SH)

PRAY: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Guy Camden. Guy's memorial service was held at the Sheldon Campus on Wednesday, March 28. (SH)

TODAY	THIS WEEK
9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE	Tues. Apr 3 Special NCC Election OC LW is a polling place
10:00am WORSHIP NO LITTLE TREASURES TODAY	THERE WILL NOT BE ANY POST-HIGH BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK
11:00am NO JAM OR WAVE TODAY	Wed. Apr 4 7:00pm Overflow (OC)
• STAY AND PRAY SW corner of Worship Center	Thurs. Apr 5 6:00pm Men's Group to Sioux City Gospel Mission - meet at SH LW parking lot.
	Fri. Apr 6 7:00pm Financial Peace Class (SH) This is a 9-week class. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Jason Vander Berg at 712-363-4643.
	Sat. Apr 7 10:00am Chemical Dependency Support - 12-step (OC)

THE CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Apr 15 - Huddle Meeting - following worship service at both campuses. Topic: Review and discuss the LW finances

Sun, Apr 15 - 6:00pm - OC Campus - Combined closing session for those who attended the abuse caregivers training sessions at both campuses.

Fri, Apr 27 - 7:00pm - Men's Movie Night - "The Heart of Man" Anyone 18 years or older is invited; popcorn and pop will be provided. There will be a message and discussion time after the movie.

GET INVOLVED

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.

CHILDREN

Children's Church Bags are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby area. They are filled with quiet activities for our younger attendees to use during worship services. Following worship, please return the bags and contents to the Welcome Center.

LITTLE TREASURES: Sunday school for 3 & 4 year olds; meets during the worship service. Watch for announcement slide for dismissal.

JAM: TK-5th grade. Jesus And Me meets following the Sunday morning service meets in Motor Inn bldg next door

Students and teachers watch for announcement slide for dismissal; parents pick up children in their classrooms at Motor Inn at 12:00noon

YOUTH

WAVE: 6th-8th grade. Meets following the Sunday morning service in upstairs classroom (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 6:45-8:45pm @ 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. Everyone's invited. For more info, contact Kim Groeneweg at skgroen@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Small groups of people who enjoy staying connected to each other by discussing life, studying scripture, playing, eating, serving, and investing in one another. Contact Pastor Garry at pastor.garry@livingwateroc.com

Stewardship Team Update - Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Living Water Community Church. Here are a few highlights:

Revenue & Disbursements Update - For the first eight months of this fiscal year (July 2017 - February 2018) we currently have a short-fall of (\$7,092.33). Total Revenue / Income = \$319,845.56; Total Disbursements / Expenses = \$326,937.89; Net Increase / (Decrease) = (\$7,092.33)

LW Cash-Flow Update - The Living Water accounts at Northwestern Bank had a balance of \$99,942.38 on February 28, 2018. It costs LWCC approximately \$1,375 to operate on a daily basis; With our cash balances, we have about 72 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.