

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: Luke 2:20

SERMON SUMMARY: In thinking about the shepherds returning, glorifying and praising God, we will ask:

◇ How do we return to our normal lives that way?

◇ What are ways that you can get back to work, school, home, etc. so that people ask, "What is different about you?"

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: David and Angie Peterson appreciate your prayers for David's dad, Pete, who is hospitalized with serious health issues. (OC)

PRAY: Please keep Mary Baker's brother-in-law, Chris Brandon, in your prayers. After having stroke-like symptoms he was taken to the ER; two tumors were found, but only one was operable. Chris had brain surgery on Wednesday. (SH)

Please contact Sue Dykstra 1susandykstra@gmail.com or 712-360-0650 if you are interested in being a substitute SS small group teacher for one or both of the following dates:

Jan. 6 – 11:30 to 12:00 for 2nd/3rd Grade

Feb. 17 – 11:30 to 12:00 for 4th Grade

| TODAY | THIS WEEK |
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| 9:30am COFFEE SHOPPE | Wed, Jan 2 7:00pm - Overflow resumes 7:00pm - Men's Bible Study (SH) Meet at SH Immanuel Church 601 Union |
| 10:00am WORSHIP | |
| 10:20am LITTLE TREASURES 3-5 yr olds time to worship God meets in Upper Room watch for dismissal slide If you missed check-in prior to worship for Little Treasures or JAM, stop by the table in the lobby area with your child. | |
| 11:00am STAY AND PRAY SW corner of the Worship Center | |
| 11:10am JAM Praise & Worship 5 yrs-5th gr Meets in the JAM room next to kitchen 11:30 dismissal (no SS small group today) Parents pick up children from the JAM room | |
| NO WAVE today | |
| CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK | |
| | Sun, Jan 6 - Communion *Children's SS small groups resume *WAVE resumes Mon, Jan 7 - Prayer Gathering (OC) Sun, Jan 13 *Installation of new leadership *Donuts with the Pastor Mon, Jan 14 - Combined Leadership Meeting Sun, Jan 20 - Meet and Greet Worship Coordinators-Damon and Tristan Sun, Jan 27 - Spiritual gifts class |

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT - THANKS TO THOSE WHO:

- ◇ donated winter coats and clothing for local school kids
- ◇ provided baked treats for LW College students
- ◇ purchased gifts for the ATLAS Christmas Store in December; many were blessed by all the wonderful donations. Thank you for your faithful support and for making a merry Christmas for lots of local families!
- ◇ provided gifts for the residents of Genesis House again this year. All those at the Genesis House are so thankful for LW's willingness to serve in this way.

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;

YOUTH

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

Stewardship Team Update

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Living Water Community Church. Here are a few highlights based off the November 30, 2018 financial statements:

Revenue & Disbursements Update – For the five months of this fiscal year (July 2018 – November 2018) we currently have a surplus of \$226.65.

- Total Revenue / Income = \$175,536.66
- Total Disbursements / Expenses = \$175,310.01
- Net Increase / (Decrease) = \$226.65

LW Cash-Flow Update – The Living Water accounts at Northwestern Bank had a balance of \$79,500.60 on November 30, 2018.

It costs LWCC approximately \$1,375 to operate on a daily basis.

With our cash balances, we have about 58 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 (2018-19) is \$104,545.00 (55 Students).

As of November 30, 2018 - we have paid the schools \$13,400.00 or 13%.

The remaining balance is \$91,145.00 or 87% as of November 30, 2018.

Please remember LWCC in your end-of-the-year giving and continue to pray for the many ways that you and others can serve Living Water physically, spiritually, and financially as we work to grow God's Kingdom.

The Stewardship Team