

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

Today we celebrate Communion. Anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is invited to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those who may not be ready to participate in the Lord's Supper are welcome at any of the stations to take a grape and receive a blessing.

TEACHER: Pastor Jason Van Wyk

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:1-14

Extra reading: John 3:16

Hebrews 11:17-19

Mark 14:35-36

"Fear and Trembling" by Soren Kierkegaard

SUMMARY: In movies, an Easter egg is a hidden detail that points to something else. If you look closely enough you can catch these inside references placed there by the writers and directors. We can see similar Easter eggs hidden throughout Scripture that point to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In these weeks leading up to Easter, we'll be hunting through the Old Testament for some Easter Eggs in common stories. This morning our focus is on Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ⇒ **Share an Easter Egg from your own life. What childhood toy, event, etc seems to have more significance when you look at it through today's eyes?**
- ⇒ **How does the story from Genesis 22 change if Abraham and Isaac are both participating in offering the sacrifice? What can that teach us about the role of both the Father and the Son in Jesus' sacrifice?**
- ⇒ **In your life, what meaning does the phrase "God Himself will provide the offering" have?**

LIFE APPLICATION:

- ⇒ **Give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for us. Spend time reflecting on God who both provided a sacrifice and was the loving sacrifice offered in our place.**
- ⇒ **Look for ways to cooperate with the Father in offering ourselves for others. This can range from little sacrifices of time or unexpected generosity to larger sacrifices that cost us more dearly as we express the love of God to other people.**

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAY: Prayers of comfort for the Groeneweg family as they mourn the loss of William (Bill Groeneweg). Bill is father to Adrie and Scott Groeneweg and grandfather to Spencer, who along with their spouses and family, attend the OC Campus.

PRAY: Prayers of healing are appreciated for Colby Bierman, son of James and Ashley, who was recently diagnosed with RSV. That diagnosis prevented Colby from having a scope done that would possibly help in determining some answers to his on-going respiratory issues. The rescheduled date for the scope has not yet been determined. (OC)

PRAISE: Allison Decker has recently received some good test results and she is feeling better than she has felt in a long time; her checkups have been moved to a yearly basis. The Decker and Bylsma families are so grateful for all the prayers and support. Tyler and Allison Decker and Lauren and Melinda Bylsma (OC)

PRAY: Marian Randolph's great granddaughter, Paislee (1 1/2 mo old), was hospitalized with RSV. Right now she is breathing on her own but has a tube in her nose and a heart monitor on. Paislee's parents are Marian's grandson, William, and his wife, Haley. William loves Jesus and Haley is coming to know Jesus as her Savior. Prayers for Paislee and her parents are appreciated.

The GRACE ministry of LW exists to assist families who send their kids to the local Christian schools. It's a blessing to assist families and provide janitorial services to our campuses at the same time. **If you'd like to be a part of a cleaning team, please contact the church office at secretary@livingwateroc.com**

TODAY	THIS WEEK
<u>9:30am</u> COFFEE SHOPPE	<u>Wed, Mar 7</u>
<u>10:00am</u> WORSHIP	6:00-8:00pm – OC GEMS and CADETS - Ice Skating Party – All Seasons Center – S Center
<u>11:00am</u> There will be no Little Treasures, JAM or WAVE today	7:00pm Overflow (OC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Huddle Meeting in Worship Center ● STAY AND PRAY SW corner of Worship Center 	

THE CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Mar 11 and Mar 18 - 11:00am-12:00noon - OC Campus - training session for those who are caring for and who are interested in growing more comfortable and competent as we continue to walk alongside those who are victims of abuse (especially sexual abuse). Facilitated by LW member, Kristin Van De Griend

Sun, Mar 11 - 6:00pm - CRC Combined Prayer Day Service to be held at Calvary CRC - hosted by First CRC - Pastor Mark Vande Zande will be preaching from Psalm 63. The offering will be for OCCS. Unity's Bel Canto will be participating in the service.

Fri, Mar 16 from 7pm-9pm, LW is joining First Reformed Church for a family movie night to watch the movie "Wonder." This is a FREE event in the gym of First Reformed Church (420 Central Ave NW - Orange City); EVERYONE is invited! Popcorn and pop will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair/bean bag chair/blanket to sit on. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Kuiper at dskuip@yahoo.com

Beginning on **Saturday, Mar 17** at 10am a Chemical Dependency Meeting will be held each week at the OC Campus to offer support and encouragement for those seeking freedom from drug and alcohol addictions. The format will be an old school 12 step meeting. All are welcome to come and check it out.

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

Here is an update on the funds raised for the 2017-2018 school year:

Living Water's financial obligation to local schools (2017-2018) = \$106,462

(Schools include: Sioux Center Christian School, Orange City Christian School, Unity Christian, Western Christian, Sheldon Christian)

Amount paid to date = \$53,624

(Funds raised through designated donations and monthly cleaning fee)

Remaining Balance = \$52,838*

***We have approximately 4 months remaining to pay this remaining balance.**

Donations to the GRACE fund can also be given through our weekly offering (designate GRACE in the memo line).

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. If you have any questions please contact one of the following Stewardship team members: Brent Stuit (SH), Dale Schmidt (SH), Rick Droog (OC), Gary Vande Vegte (OC) Kim Groeneweg (OC), Brittany Foreman (OC), Spencer Groeneweg (OC)