

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

If you’d like more information about Living Water,  
please stop by the Welcome Center  
in the front lobby area.

**TEACHER:** Pastor Jason Van Wyk

**SCRIPTURE:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**SERMON SUMMARY:** The holidays are coming! As we move into the holiday season, we’re going to be looking at holidays from the Bible. One common theme that we’ll find as we dive into these celebrations is that our response to God’s goodness almost always involves the act of giving back. This morning, we’re looking at the Celebration of Firstfruits. This was celebrated at the beginning of harvest time. Having just gone through harvest ourselves, this is a relevant and timely message for us as well.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- What stories of embarrassment or success does your family tell about your ancestors?
- Where are you sometimes tempted to see your gifts and success as your own? Health? Financial? Athletic? Academic? Family?
- What reactions do you have to the idea of giving back to God before the harvest is even gathered in?
- What does this look like for those of us who aren’t farmers?

**LIFE APPLICATION:**

- Spend some time looking back at your family tree. Pay special attention to any areas of struggle, difficulty, or things that might otherwise be embarrassing. Also pay attention to how God has been working in your families through the generations to bring you to this point today.
- Special note: If your ancestors haven’t had a relationship with God, note the ways that He is changing that in you!
- If it feels like things aren’t in a good spot right now, ask for a broader perspective of what God might be doing through your life and in the generations to come.
- Consider what it looks like to offer your firstfruits to God; trusting Him to continue providing even through it isn’t all gathered in yet. Take a step of faith!

**NOTES:**

**OUR FAMILY**

PRAY: Eugene Ruisch, the father of Ronda Noteboom and Nancy Van Surksum, experienced a major stroke this past week. Please pray for peace and grace for all of the family members as they walk this journey.

Donuts with the Pastor - anyone who would like to get to know more about LW, has any questions about how things work or how to get connected here, or would just like to meet one of the pastors and elders and have a donut, can join others in front of the Worship Center following worship today.

Check out the table in front lobby area relating to opportunities to provide coats, snow pants, and boots for kids in local schools. Can drop off used items in good condition, donate money, or take a card to purchase something new.

**Next Sunday – Nov 18:**

Gracelyn Rowenhorst baptism  
Farewell for Pastor Jason – Sheldon Campus

**Sunday, Nov 25:** Farewell for Pastor Jason – Orange City Campus

TODAY		THIS WEEK	
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>COFFEE SHOPPE</b>	<b>Mon, Nov 12</b>	
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>7:00pm - Council Mtg</b>	(OC)
	<b>LITTLE TREASURES</b>	<b>Wed, Nov 14</b>	
	3-5 yr olds time to worship God meets in Upper Room watch for dismissal slide	<b>6:45pm - GEMS</b>	OC Immanuel CRC
	<b>If you missed check-in prior to worship for Little Treasures or Sunday School, stop by the table in the lobby area with your child.</b>	<b>6:50pm - Cadets</b>	OC Calvary CRC
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>STAY AND PRAY</b>	<b>7:00pm - Overflow</b>	(OC)
	SW corner of the Worship Center	<b>7:00pm - Men’s Bible Study</b>	(SH)
		NOTE: Meet tonight at SH Pizza Ranch	
	<b>WAVE 6th-8th gr</b>	<b>Thurs, Nov 15</b>	
	Meets in large classroom in SW corner of lobby dismisses at 12:00noon	<b>7:00pm</b>	
<b>11:10am</b>	<b>JAM Praise &amp; Worship</b>	Men’s Bible Study - men of all ages invited! Meets at Scott Van De Berg home 1346 7th St NE Sioux Center For more info contact Scott at 712-441-0005	
	5 yrs-5th gr Meets in the JAM room next to kitchen	<b>Thanksgiving Day CommUNITY Meal</b>	
<b>Sunday School small groups follow</b>		This free meal is made possible through donations from community churches, businesses, families and individuals.	
5 yrs-1st gr - meets upstairs		<b>Requested donations: Pies, Turkeys and Turkey bakers, and some Misc. Grocery Items (pecans, white and brown sugar, 40 oz cans Sweet Potatoes, French fried onions, dinner rolls, as well as, People to serve and clean up (1 hour shifts).</b>	
2nd gr-5th gr - meets on main floor		<b>Financial Donations needed also for advertising and misc expenses. If you can help, please call or text:</b>	
12:00 dismissal		<b>Ronda Noteboom @ 712-548-3755</b>	
<b>Parents pick up children from their classrooms</b>		<b>or rondajn@hotmail.com or Sandie Vant Hof @ 712-230-0537</b>	
<b>Donuts with the Pastor</b>		<b>or secretary@livingwatersheldon.com</b>	
In front of Worship Center			

**CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK**

**Wed, Nov 21** - 6:30pm - Thanksgiving Eve Service - at Trinity Ref in OC. Trinity, OC LW, and First Ref Church of Hospers will be leading a community service. All are invited as we worship and give thanks for all of God’s many blessings.

**Thurs, Nov 22** - serving from 11:30am-1:00pm - Thanksgiving Day CommUNITY meal @ OC Campus. This is a free meal with turkey and all the trimmings; everyone is invited!

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; small group Sunday School follows. Dismissal 12:00pm Parents pick up children in classrooms. (OC)

YOUTH

**WAVE:** 6th-8th grade. Meets following the Sunday morning service in the large classroom in the SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon (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 6:50-8:45pm @ 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

**POST HIGH/COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8:30pm at Nyenhuis home - 316 Boston Ave NE Orange City. For more info contact Sandra at sandranyenhuis@live.com or 952-807-3063

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** First session - Thursday, Nov 15 and then every other Thursday 7:00pm - meets at Scott Van De Berg home 1346 7th St NE Sioux Center. For more info contact Scott at vandebergscott@gmail.com or 712-441-0005

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Last week Living Water went through the process of selection of new leadership by lot. The following is a complete list of those who will be beginning to serve in these offices in the new year:

**OC Campus:**

Admin Elder-Arlyn Schaap  
Care Elders-Terry Mouw, Cameron Mulder & Rachel Te Grootenhuis  
MST-Kate Aberson & Chad Postma

**Sheldon Campus:**

Admin Deacon-Andrew Wolgen  
Care Elders-Cami Jo Howrey, Brad Tebben, Nicole Tubergen & Bob Wolthuizen

Thank you again for praying for God's guidance throughout this process and for affirming these leaders. Please continue to lift up in prayer the entire leadership of Living Water.