

# I am the Living Water

from WELS Transformed Teen Devotions

**Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

(John 4:13-14)

When your body gets thirsty, it starts quietly but then begins to shout, "Warning! We are lacking what we need to live." It normally starts with a dry mouth or a dusty throat, but if the lack of hydration gets worse, the warning signs get stronger. The skin gets dry. The heart rate goes up. Eventually you might faint. All of these symptoms drive a person to look for relief. People are willing to do whatever it takes, even walk miles, just to find some water to relieve their thirst.

The same thing happens spiritually. We will often do just about anything to find relief. Some find relief in the satisfaction they get playing video games. Some find satisfaction in success with grades, sports, or work. Some find satisfaction in being a perfectionist.

Others find relief in the abuse of substances that give them an escape. Still others find satisfaction in feeling loved in a relationship, even if it means they find that in pornography or a damaging relationship. Like drinking salt water, all of these may give temporary relief from spiritual thirst but end up leaving a person thirstier than before. None of these things can give relief or satisfaction.

Instead, true relief and satisfaction for spiritual thirst comes from the one who gives real and perfect relief. Jesus says, "Whoever drinks that water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

When your spirit is lacking, go to the one who gives you relief. When you need to feel valued, go to the one who gives you value and self-worth. Your Savior values you so much, he gave his life for you.

When you seek perfection, go to the one who has made you perfect. Your Savior Jesus lived a perfect life and gives you credit for his life.

When you need to feel success, go to the one who has taken all of your failures away. Go to the one who gives you relief that overflows, like looking for a sip and instead getting a fountain. Go to the one who will give you perfect and eternal relief in heaven.

**Prayer:** *Dear God, there have been times I sought personal escape from my problems through temporary ways that leave me thirsting for more in life. Thank you for offering to be the perfect relief my parched soul needs. Now quench me with your promises to never leave me or forsake me—today, tomorrow and forever. May the water of your Word always flow into my heart. Amen.*

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## **Vacancy Pastor**

Our vacancy pastor is retired Pastor Kurt Grunewald. Pastor Grunewald and his wife Sara live in Watertown. Please contact him if needed for home or hospital visits. His cell number is 414-507-7879 and email is ksgrunewald@gmail.com.

## **Bible Study Opportunities**

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes are Sunday mornings at 8 am. Adults will meet in the west side of the lower level, children meet in the east side of the lower level. If you happen to worship on Thursday, come just for the fellowship and growth on Sunday.



## **Call Status**

At the call meeting on September 19, the voters of our congregation, moved by the Holy Spirit, unanimously agreed to extend a call to Pastor Ross Else. Pastor Else currently serves at Emmaus in Phoenix, AZ. Please keep him, his family, and congregation in your prayers.

## **Building Improvements**

A recent inspection revealed the urgent need to do tuckpointing on areas of the church's brickwork. This work will begin soon before the freezing and thawing of winter can do more damage. The step and ramp project will be started in April of 2020. The step and ramp fund is approximately \$40,000 short of covering the full cost. Please prayerfully consider a special offering to help cover the cost of these projects.

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### **Donate Menards Rebates**

The Immanuel Outdoor Decorating Team has big plans for making the outside of our church building beautiful and meaningful for some of the major holidays. Would you be willing to donate your Menards rebate cards to help cover the cost for these projects?

### **Cookies for Visitors**

Are you good at making cookies? Are you able to deliver cookies? Could you do both? There are immediate openings in this schedule. Please see the signup sheet in the entryway.



### **OWLS @ Immanuel**

Our OWLS chapter will have its November gathering at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Farmington on **November 19** at 1:30 pm. Mr. Sean Young, Director of WELS Missions Operations, will bring us the latest exciting news about "*Our Hmong Seminary in Hanoi, Vietnam*. As you may know, the Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. After the presentation refreshments will be available, thanks to the Ladies Aid of the congregation. Immanuel's vacancy is presently being served by retired Pastor Kurt Grunewald from Watertown. Come and find out more about the Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS), which provides meaningful activity and ministry for people retired and/or 50 years and older. Here is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and enjoy the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. All are welcome!

### **Veterans Day Observance at Lakeside**

Your LLHS would like to recognize and honor veterans who have served in our country's armed forces, assuring our continued freedom and the ability to enjoy God's blessing of Christian secondary education. On **November 6**, we invite vets (and a guest) to join us. We will serve you breakfast at 8 am and offer an opportunity to hear a guest speaker. Finally, we invite you to worship in a special Veterans Day Chapel Service.

Please let us know if you'd like to attend. E-mail Jess Meyer at [jmeyer@llhs.org](mailto:jmeyer@llhs.org) at any time or call (920) 648-2321 x2230 during regular school hours. If you plan to attend, please RSVP before October 30.



## LLHS Fall Concert

Combined Cadet/Warrior Fall Concert is **November 3** at 2 pm in East gym. Cadets & color guard have been practicing and join the Warrior Band Fall Concert for their own movie-themed selections as well as joint selections with the high school band. The Warrior Band and Swing Choir also perform!



## Warrior Band Fundraiser



Help the Warrior Band look grand at the 2020 Calgary Stampede! The LLHS MPO is excited to announce "Casino Night" on **November 16**, from 6:30-10:30 pm at Turner Hall in Watertown. This is a great social evening to spend with your friends and supporters of Lakeside Lutheran (21+). \$35/person or \$60/couple gets each guest \$500 in chips to spend, an appetizer buffet, and two beverage tickets. There will also be a silent auction. RSVP to [llhsmpo@gmail.com](mailto:llhsmpo@gmail.com); payment is at the door. Please join us to support a great cause or consider donating in other ways. It's been 15 years with uniforms designed for 10 years of use because of the outstanding effort volunteers put into uniform care. Our goal is to have new uniforms for the summer 2020 trip to the Calgary Stampede.

## Alpha Gala Fundraiser

Alpha Life's Fall Gala will be held **November 9** at Lindberg's by the River in Oconomowoc. Doors open at 4:30 to view silent auction items and place your bids. There will be a dinner and presentation by author and former Governor Martin Schreiber on *Learning, Coping, & Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver*. Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 walk-in. Purchase tickets at the center (313 E. Main St. Watertown) during operating hours or online at [bit.ly@alphagala](http://bit.ly@alphagala).

## WELS Leadership Conference

WELS Congregational Services will host the first WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership at the Sheraton Grand in Chicago, **January 21-23**. WELS Congregational Services works under the Conference of Presidents to help congregations assess, plan, and carry out gospel ministry. Registration is now open, with an early registration discount through October 31. Register online at [lutheranleadership.com](http://lutheranleadership.com). There you can also find free promotional materials—including a video, posters, social media graphics, and other digital images.

## **2020 WELS Coulee Women's Retreat**

Save the date! The WELS Western Wisconsin District Women's Retreat will be **April 17-19, 2020** at the Cranberry Country Lodge in Tomah, WI. This retreat provides an opportunity for WELS women and their friends to gather together, encourage each other with God's Word, and go forth to share God's Word with others. Learn more at [facebook.com/groups/WCWR2020](https://facebook.com/groups/WCWR2020).

## **MLC Matching**

Every year we have the opportunity to take advantage of MLC's matching grant program, where MLC matches gifts we give to support our students preparing for the public ministry there. We currently have two students attending. If you'd like to give a gift of support, please indicate "MLC Matching" on your check. Thank you!



## **Medical Volunteers**

If you have medical training, a heart for moms and babies, and want to volunteer a few hours per month, WELS Lutherans for Life wants to meet you! Lab techs, LPN's, medical assistants, and others to obtain lab specimens; RN's, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and others authorized to dispense medication - to provide results and treatment consultations; RDMS's and others with diagnostic ultrasound training - to conduct limited OB ultrasound exams. Contact our Nurse Manager at [PamM@apsmke.com](mailto:PamM@apsmke.com) or 414-727-8176 for more information on these programs and volunteer opportunities.

## **Electronic Giving**

Did you know you can give your offerings electronically? Whether you're able to make it to church or not, you can always make sure your offering arrives. It's a safe, convenient way to give your firstfruits every week. Ask Carla for more information.

## **My Bible Bags**

These are activity bags for children to use during the worship service. They have a Children's Bulletin for the kids to work on as well as other fun items for them to use. When the service is done, please return the items to the bag and hang it back on the rack on your way out. We hope these bags will be a blessing to you and your children!

✓ **Check It Out: IELC Library**

**WELS website: [wels.net](http://wels.net)  
& WELS mobile app**



The website & mobile app features devotional, educational and news content from the Wisconsin Synod. The website covers a variety of ministry resources for members and visitors to learn of *Christ's Love and Our Calling*. Below are a few examples on the WELS mobile app and also located on the website.

\*Daily Devotions (Subscribe to have daily devotions and Bible readings delivered to your inbox.)

\*Through My Bible (Read through the entire Bible in 3 years),

\*Worship Helps (Prepares you for worship in church this week),

\*Call Report (Divine Call list on pastors, teachers and staff ministries),

\*Questions and Answers (Submit a question about our church, beliefs, or personal matters. Answers are provided by a trained theologian.)

**Offerings vs. Budget as of 9/30/2019**

Offerings: \$227,346.45    Budget: \$248,928.00    Difference: -\$21,581.55

**Sunday Usher Teams**

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|--------|---------------------------|
| Nov 3  | K&R Emrath/Gaulke Family  |
| Nov 10 | Kruesel Family/P&D Staude |
| Nov 17 | T&D Frey/G&R Butzine      |
| Nov 24 | Joseph Family             |
| Nov 27 | Klausch Family/J&V Morris |





# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michael Stade, 11/2

Gabriel Maier, 11/4

Bernice Sukow, 11/4

Irene Kugler, 11/6

Sara Staude, 11/6

Jerold Eckhardt, 11/7

Violet Hall, 11/7

David Kugler, 11/7

Mark Wright, 11/7

Donna Hartwig, 11/8

Taylor Joseph, 11/9

Jessica Dach, 11/10

Alyssa Nora, 11/10

Joey Schultz, 11/10

Lorraine Knaack, 11/11

Amy Junker, 11/12

Mike Schumacher, 11/12

Betty Stout, 11/12

Hannah Baum, 11/13

Jake Frey, 11/15

John Morris, 11/16

Alan Mares, 11/17

Suellen Busalacchi, 11/18

John Hartwig, Jr, 11/19

Herbert Vogel, 11/19

Suzanne Clouse, 11/21

Jane Schmidt, 11/21

Antoinette Fenner, 11/23

Laura Christian, 11/24

Carter Dach, 11/24

Kiara Dach, 11/25

Trevor Kleinsteiber, 11/25

Amber Fink, 11/26

Timothy Frey, 11/26

Lisa Lotz, 11/26

Rachelanne Dobson, 11/27

Mary Rummler, 11/29

Finnegan DeBlare, 11/30

Kyle Maron, 11/30



# November

ANNIVERSARIES

| Couple                    | Years | Date  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| David and Marlene Schultz | 64    | 11/19 |
| Terry and Debra Frey      | 46    | 11/3  |
| Robert and Cynthia Buss   | 40    | 11/10 |
| Daryl and Maria Melcher   | 32    | 11/7  |
| Dennis and Kristen Brown  | 22    | 11/1  |
| Jameison and Melissa Guld | 22    | 11/29 |
| Troy and Angela Heald     | 20    | 11/5  |
| Greg and Linda Buxa       | 20    | 11/12 |



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