



WE ARE THE CHURCH

REAL. RELEVANT.
RELENTLESS.

 **LIVING WATER**
CHURCH

VISION 2024



CELEBRATING 2023

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BAPTISMS

New Life is marked by salvation and baptism, and lived out with each new step of faith we take. It changes us from the inside out. It is the greatest story we can share!

966

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

This number reflects worship attendance as well as LW Kids and Epic Students at all of our campuses. Join us at lwchurch.live when you can't be at Living Water on Sunday mornings!

423

PEOPLE MEETING IN GROUPS

Being a part of a group at Living Water gives you the opportunity to share with others and grow together. Not all of our groups meet for the same amount of time or even with the same frequency. This number indicates students and adults that we know of who have met together in a group for discipleship.

373

PEOPLE SERVING

We intentionally invest our gifts so others experience God. It is part of Christ's very identity to serve. He came to earth to show us that the greatest among us is the servant of all.

28

CHILD DEDICATIONS

The journey of parenting works best when our efforts are in alignment with the path of Christ. Choosing to dedicate your child at LW is a mutual commitment between parents and church attendees to work together and help our children walk in faithfulness with Christ.



OUR CODE:

GRACE IS A GUARANTEE

GOD'S NOT DONE

WHATEVER IT TAKES

DON'T DO LIFE ALONE

DRIVEN BY NEW LIFE

INVITE & INVEST

VISION FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR

Living Water is a church of real people, living relevant lives, relentlessly pursuing New Life in Jesus Christ. We are a multi-site church committed to two important Kingdom priorities:

#1 Disciple Making

In its simplest form, discipleship is becoming more like Jesus while helping someone else become more like Jesus. As a church, we deeply believe that following Jesus is not an individual sport, but a team effort. You need people in your life to encourage and who will also encourage you on your faith journey. This is why over and over again we say, "Don't Do Life Alone."

It is my desire that everyone who calls Living Water home has a small group of people around them who will help them grow. With that in mind, we want to



help you find that group of people. On our App and website you will find support groups, open growth groups, and the ability to be assisted in starting your own group. Take the next step and join others in becoming more like Jesus. We can't get it done alone!

Our LW Kids and Epic Student Ministries are built on this same principle. Regular attendance on Sundays and making the effort to get your students to ministry opportunities is a key aspect in their spiritual development.

#2 Launching New Churches

At Living Water we can't keep what God has given us to ourselves. God blesses with intent that we will bless others. At its core, this is what

launching new churches and campuses is all about. In 2023, we launched Agua Viva Orrville (A Living Water campus) and invested heavily in launching the Church of Canton (a new church plant). In 2024, we have the goal of launching Agua Viva Massillon sometime in the fall. We will utilize the Massillon Campus and Latino leaders being developed to start a Spanish/English campus in Stark County. Please pray with me to see this developed and launched.

Thanks for joining me in the adventure of becoming the church Jesus Has intended for us!

- Pastor Mark



All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

BETTER TOGETHER

We want to create environments that help you connect with others and grow to be more like Jesus. It has been said, “We learn in rows, but we grow in circles.” You don’t need to know everyone in your church, but you need to know someone. Groups provide the context of community to understand who we are, who God is, and how to live on a mission together.

There are a wide variety of groups focused on different topics and lasting for different durations of time. You are welcome to shop a bit for something that fits your next step in the journey. We know that happens best when you don’t do life alone. Find a group today on the LW Church App by clicking the “Groups” button.



Growth Groups

The dynamic of each growth group is unique and we want you to find or start one that works for your season of life. What you can find in all of them is care and accountability as you seek to move forward in faith with other people.

Support Groups

There are some struggles in life that we just can’t get over by ourselves. We have a number of groups to help you through some of those challenges. Come explore healing together through GriefShare, Pure Freedom, Divorce Recovery, or Celebrate Freedom.

ADULT MINISTRIES



Every season of adult life offers unique opportunities for people to understand their calling and purpose as well as the skills necessary to live them out. Our adult ministry areas seek to enable both learning and discussion about the milestones and life transitions that are a part of adulthood. While our experiences and struggles differ greatly from one another, these areas of ministry provide various events and gatherings throughout the year that will support you to keep growing deeper in faith.

Men's Ministry

Creating a space for men to connect and help one another navigate the intersection of faith and life

Young Adults

Joining together with those in their 20's who are learning to tackle new challenges of adulthood

Women's Ministry

Offering Biblical support and friendship to encourage women as they walk with Jesus in their various roles

Couples Ministry

Strengthening the bond of intimacy with God and your spouse (or future spouse) to secure a lifelong marriage

EPIC STUDENTS

Everything we do is founded upon creating learning experiences and opportunities to share how our lives are impacted by God through the work of Jesus Christ. Not only is this a goal for the students, but also our leaders and mentors are challenged to pursue this purpose in everything they do with and for the teens.



Epic Jr. High

6th-8th grade

Epic Jr. High strives to celebrate the excitement and energy of students in 6-8th grade. Our main goal is to launch students into high school as passionate disciples discovering their identity.



Epic Sr. High

9th-12th grade

Epic Sr. High strives to guide students on their journey of discovering both who they are and what they have to offer. Our main goal is to launch students into adulthood as confident servants pursuing their calling.



LW KIDS

At LW Kids, we are all about awakening the wonder of God's Word while helping kids discover who God has created them to be. Our environments on Sunday

Nursery

Your child will be cared for by our loving and qualified staff of volunteers.

Preschool

Your child will learn that God made them, He loves them, and Jesus wants to be their friend. Each week includes interactive Bible stories, upbeat songs, creative crafts, fun games, and small group time with prayer and discussion.

mornings are created especially for your kids, ages birth through 5th grade.

Elementary

We believe the Bible should never be boring, music can be loud, and good leaders always care. Each week includes life-changing Biblical teaching, fun singing, and interactive small groups.



OUTREACH PARTNERS

10% of our offering goes to great works and missions around the world. Your support makes it possible for the Gospel to spread even further.

In 2023, we gave \$164,000 to Outreach



● Local/United States

After the Storm
Legacy Project
Love, Inc.
New Destiny
OHuddle
Open Arms
Safe Harbor
Samaritan's Purse
Wayne County Sheriff Chaplain

● International

Aruna Project
For Every Girl
Lifewater
Mexico Church Plant Ministry
Vietnamese Ministry

**For more info about each partner,
visit lwchurch.com/outreach**

CHRISTMAS GIVE

Every year at Christmas, Living Water finds a great cause that is helping bring the transformational power of Jesus to the lives of people locally or around the world. For 2023, we partnered with Safe Harbor as they help bring healing to girls ages 14-18 who have been rescued from sex trafficking.

Our Goal: \$75,000

Grand Total: \$226,000



For more information about Safe Harbor,
visit safeharborohio.org.

Taking Ownership

At Living Water, we believe the church should be a movement that continues to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ here on earth. We are challenging everyone who calls this body of believers “their church” to take ownership at Living Water.

Ownership is a wholehearted commitment to the vision of Living Water we renew each year. Owners are people who say, “Yes, I will be someone who gives, serves, and leads the way in pointing people to Jesus Christ and shaping the church into everything He has called us to be.”

On Sunday mornings in February, you will have the opportunity to see what ownership entails and make the commitment. If you are not available to be at one of our services but still want to be an owner, sign up online at lwchurch.com/ownership.



Ownership symbolizes our commitment to unity. We believe we can accomplish more together than we could ever do apart. Take the challenge, become an owner!

I'm Committing to...



Grow

- + Thrive spiritually by praying & studying the Bible
- + Invite people into my life & invest in their spiritual growth
- + Make church a top priority



Serve

- + Join God in what He is doing by giving my time & talents
- + Share my faith with others & invite them to New Life in Christ



Give

- + Trust God with my finances through tithing (10%)
- + Lead in generosity & look for greater ways to give



2024 Church Budget

\$1,867,000

This is a unified budget for all Living Water campuses.

Church Staff

\$975,000

Salaries, Insurance, & Retirement

Facilities & Operations

\$331,000

Maintenance, Utilities, & I.T.

Outreach

\$187,000

Local, National, & International

Ministry Departments

\$172,000

All Age Level Ministries

Future Planning

\$130,000

*Facility Savings, Campus Expansion,
Church Planting Funds*

Free Methodist Church

\$72,000

Denominational Support

2023 Total General Offering:
\$1,636,853

We would be happy to provide you with detailed financial information including the 2023 expenses and the 2024 budget. Contact Mark Schilling at mark.s@lwchurch.com.

MEET OUR TEAM



Mark Hirst

Lead Pastor

Mark Schilling,
Director of Operations

Kelly Manley,
Operations Assistant

Steve Miller,
Facility Manager

Jen Doerfler,
Communications



Jason Boyer

Dalton Campus Pastor

Rick Laine,
Discipleship Pastor

Isaiah Stepney,
Worship Pastor

Taylor Brown,
Student Ministry Pastor

Cole Rice,
LW Kids Director

Dan Hostetler,
Pastor

Donna Wood,
Care Pastor



Trent Thompson

Massillon Campus Pastor

Bill Loomis,
Associate Campus Pastor

Ben Eberly,
LW Kids Director

Derek Stewart,
Worship Leader

Gary Lyon,
Adult Ministry Director

Chuck Kirkpatrick,
Care Pastor



Nicolas Velasco

Orrville Campus Pastor
Agua Viva Iglesia

**For Staff emails,
visit lwchurch.com/staff**



STAY CONNECTED

The best way to stay up to date on all that is happening at our different campuses is by downloading the LW Church App. There you can sign up for groups or events, setup online giving, or discover a variety of resources including messages and notes.

Our Campuses

Dalton Campus

200 Kurzen Rd N Dalton, Ohio 44618

Massillon Campus

1135 Lincoln Way E. Massillon, Ohio 44646

Orrville Campus (Agua Viva)

2061 Wadsworth Rd, Orrville, OH 44667

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