



THE WATER'S EDGE CHURCH

WINTER GUIDE 2026

FIND YOUR PLACE TO
CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE

A LETTER FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Water's Edge Family,

The start of a new year is a great time to try something new – whether that's joining a group, becoming part of a team, or forming a new habit. As we begin 2026 together, we invite you to think about what new thing God might want to do in your life. The mission at The Water's Edge is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. This guide is meant to help you take your **next best step toward** Jesus and others.

This guide is full of classes, groups, programs, and events that exist for exactly that purpose. Some ministries are brand new. Others are expanding so more people can get connected. Whether you've been here for years or this is your first season at The Water's Edge, now is a great time to find a place where you can grow spiritually and build meaningful relationships.

Inside you'll find opportunities to study the Bible, learn about parenting, play cornhole, travel abroad, and more. There are programs for kids and youth to learn about Jesus and experience church as a place they love. You'll also see opportunities to serve—both inside the church and out in our community—because we look most like Jesus when we serve.

We encourage you to take a few moments to look through what's offered from January through May. Pray and ask God, "What's my next step?" Maybe it's joining a group, signing your kids up for a program, inviting a friend, or saying yes to a new serving role. Whatever it is, there is a place for you here this season at The Water's Edge.



"What's my next step?"

In Christ,
Pastors Craig and Leandra

WE KIDS

Wednesdays at WE Kids

Bible Project and Submerge

Fun and Interactive Bible Studies for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

Wednesdays 6:45-8:00 pm, **starting January 7.**



Special Events

Pajamas & Pop-Tarts - January 4

Kids dress in their pajamas and have a pop-tart treat! Both services.

Communion Class - February 15 & 22

For 4th & 5th graders to experience what communion means.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 4, 2:00-3:00 pm

Vacation Bible School - June 22-25

WE YOUTH



Wednesdays at WE Youth

Starting January 7, 2026

Middle School at 6:30 pm

High School at 7:15 pm

Special Events

High School Ski Trip with CampusLife – February 12-15

Middle School Spring Retreat – March 27-29

Senior Recognition Sunday – May 3

High School Mission Trip – June 12-20

Location: Ordway, Colorado

Middle School Camp – July 27-31

Location: Sunstream Retreat Center

CLASSES & GROUPS

House Churches

House Churches are small group communities that help us grow meaningful relationships with Jesus and others. These small groups meet weekly in homes to go through the weekly study guide, pray, serve, play, and care for one another. WE have groups for all ages and stages of life!

New groups launching January 11



Discipleship Classes

Starting Thursday, February 5 | 6:30-8:00 pm

- **Disciple*** – A 12-week Bible study to dive deeper into the Bible and understand what the Old Testament means for us today.
- **Financial Peace University*** – Learn to manage money God's way and build a future of financial freedom and generosity.
- **Rooted*** – A 12-week small group journey of intentional discipleship experiences that help us discover how to better connect with God, the church, and our purpose (Sunday class, starting February 8)

Starting Thursday, March 5 | 6:30-8:00 pm

- **70x7*** – An 8-week class on Jesus' five teachings on forgiveness. Begin the journey towards finding peace by forgiving others and yourself.
- **Inside Out Parenting*** – A 6-week class on parenting that focuses on understanding your specific child's wiring and the art of relating to them better.
- **Women's Book Study*** – A space for women to grow in faith and community by listening, learning, and living life together.
- **Paint | Praise | Pray (Watercolor Painting Class)*** – Learn the basics of watercolor and express your God-given gift of creativity with others while sharing a weekly devotion and praying together.

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Women's Studies

SOS: Sisters of Scripture*

"Isaiah: Striving Less & Trusting God More"

Starts Monday, January 26

9:00-10:30 am

MomCo*

Equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders, in relationship with Jesus and within our church.

Starts January 8, 9:00-11:00 am

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Harbor Hearts Women's Study*

"Anchored: the life & letters of the Apostle Peter" by Mariah Jordan Ellis

Starts Wednesday, January 7

9:00-10:30 am



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Men's Studies

Men Inspired

Wednesdays

6:30-7:30 am

Faith on Friday

Fridays

6:30-7:30 am

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays

7:30-8:30 am



Baptism Class

A class for parents considering baptism for their children and for adults who want to be baptized.

- Monday, February 9
- Tuesday, April 14
- Wednesday, June 10

Selah

Monthly luncheons for individuals aged 60 and over to pause and connect with each other. Every third Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm.

- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21

ARE YOU NEW?

Starting Point Lunch*

Learn more about The Water's Edge at this new visitors' lunch. You'll meet the WE Staff and find out your next steps to get connected here.

- January 18, 11:30 am
- March 1, 11:30 am
- April 26, 11:30 am



WE Explore Partnership Class*

We know you have gifts and experiences that can make us a better church. Explore partnership with us at this class.

- Thursday, January 29, 6:00 pm
- Monday, March 16, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, May 14, 6:00 pm

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Indoor Golf League

Starts January 11, 2026

Outdoor Golf League

May 2026

Pickleball League

June 2026

Cornhole League

June 2026

WE Knit and Crochet

2nd Thursday of the month
6:30-8:30 pm



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SERVE



WE Serve Saturdays

One Saturday a month, we head out into the community to serve like Jesus.

- January 17: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Day
- February 7: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery Day
- March 7: Nebraska Diaper Bank
- April 11: Open Door Mission - Elkhorn Campus



Serving Teams

Sign up for a First Serve experience with one of our serving teams. First Serve is a one-time, no-obligation serving experience designed to give you a trial run with a serving team so you can find your fit.

- Connections
- Welcome Center
- Donuts and Coffee
- Sound and Media Team
- WE Kids Ministry
- WE Youth Ministry
- Safety & Security
- Sunday Setup

Mission Trips

Belize – June 6-14, 2026

A medical mission trip that delivers medicine and glasses as we provide other healthcare opportunities to those in need. Registration deadline: February 1. Estimated Cost: \$2,300



Nicaragua – TBD (October 2026)

A humanitarian mission trip to provide rural communities with clean water and modern bathrooms through our partnership with Amigos for Christ. Registration deadline: July 1. Estimated Cost: \$1,500.

Uganda – November 7-21, 2026

A medical mission trip to provide people in remote villages with general health checkups, HIV/Aids tests, medicine, eyewear, and mosquito nets. Registration deadline: August 1. Estimated Cost: \$3,500.



GIVE



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makes all this ministry
possible and more!*

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