

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Living Waters Classical Christian Academy

An alliance of homeschool families in Delta County Michigan.

Living Waters – Homeschool Support Ministry (Free)

- Helps you withdraw your student from public school.
- Helps you purchase and customize a classical Christian curriculum for your student.
- Helps connect you to local and online homeschool resources and social activities.

Living Waters - Student Enrichment Program (Part-time \$100/month, Full-time \$180/month)

- The student enrichment program runs from Noon-3pm, Monday-Thursday, plus 8:30am-3pm on Fun Fridays.
- Part time enrichment students may choose to attend either Monday – Thursday afternoons OR Fun Fridays.
- Afternoons at LWA in 2024 included science experiments and specials such as Tae Kwon Do, Music, Sewing, Electronics, 3D printing, and more. Programs are always changing and we are hoping to add Latin to our specials this year so the exact activities are yet to be determined.
- Fun Fridays aren't all about fun as we typically incorporate our "Careful Thinking" curriculum and some math review in the morning before the students embark on their adventure or community service project of the week.
- Enrichment students are part of the LWA student body and must wear the LWA uniform and follow LWA policies as outlined in the student handbook.
- Nonrefundable monthly fees are collected by automatic payment on the 5th day of each month (or the first business day thereafter). You may suspend or resume the automatic monthly payments at any time, and your student is welcome to attend LWA through the end of any month that has been paid for. Please note that monthly fees are fixed even though not all months have the same number of classes or Fun Fridays.
- Registration for the student enrichment program is free, and attendance is optional, though we recommend regular attendance as we find that routine is important to our students.

Living Waters – Student Development Ministry (\$500/month)

- The SDM includes the full time enrichment program plus academic tutoring in core subjects Monday through Thursday mornings for students who are following the synchronized homeschool curriculum.
- This tutoring service supplements your evening and weekend homeschool efforts, but does not replace them.
- LWA also offers special activities every afternoon (Mon-Thurs). Specials vary throughout the year, but have included such activities as 3D printing, martial arts, sewing, music, critical thinking, electronics, and more.
- LWA also offers "Friday Fun Days" which focus on field trips and community service events.
- The LWA schedule and activities are designed to make homeschooling easy and convenient for working families.
- LWA meets weekdays 8:30am-3pm at the Community of Christ Church, 1022 Wisconsin Avenue in Gladstone.
- LWA full time students pay a \$500 registration fee in August plus \$500/month per student (Sep-May).
- There is a \$300 discount available to each student by paying for the full year in advance (before September 5).
- Uniforms are required (see the student handbook for details).
- LWA families must purchase most of their own curriculum as directed by the LWA coordinator.
- LWA plans to provide a laptop computer for each student to use throughout the year. The family will be responsible for replacement of any lost or damaged laptops. Students may take the laptops home at the discretion of the parent.

Living Waters Academy - General Information

- LWA generally follows the Gladstone public school's schedule for snow days and holidays.
- LWA nurtures traditional Judeo-Christian values for the development of strong moral character.
- LWA is an independent, non-denominational Christian ministry that is not affiliated with the Community of Christ Church beyond our current tenant/landlord relationship.
- We have no healthcare mandates such as vaccinations, masks, or government reporting. Your family healthcare decisions are a private matter between you and your healthcare providers.
- We have no gender confusion and there is a bathroom for boys and a separate bathroom for girls.
- We have no attendance requirements. We are here to serve you and your homeschool student when you need us.
- We have no "homework" assignments as we don't want to infringe on your homeschool and family time.
- We have no secrets. You can log into our Parent Cams to check on your student throughout the day.
- We have no educational accreditation. Your child will earn a diploma from your homeschool or test to earn a GED from the state of Michigan, or they may transfer to a public or private school after 8th grade.
- While LWA is a homeschool support ministry and not a private school, we incorporate many of the same strategies in our tutoring and mentoring ministry that have proven so effective for members of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS). Follow the Good Soil link on our website www.livingwaters906.com.
- Contact Isaac 906-420-2519 or admin@livingwaters906.com.

An Organized Educational Program

Michigan law MCL 380.10 states that it is the fundamental right of the parent to, “direct the care, teaching, and education of their children”. However, MCL 380.1561(f) requires a homeschool parent to instruct their child in their home in an organized education program, but the law does not define what constitutes an “organized educational program”. LWA suggests the following organized educational program as a possible starting point for you to, “direct the care, teaching, and education of your children”.

Purchase the curriculum that is recommended by LWA then arrange your lessons to efficiently cover more than one subject at a time. For example:

Mondays cover Reading, History and Literature

- Weekly have your student read some history or a piece of classic literature (see the LWA coordinator for recommendations). Coach your student as they are learning to read. Be aware that the Bible is also full of history that you can use for this assignment.

Tuesdays cover Writing, Spelling, and Grammar

- Have your student write a brief summary about the material they read the day before. Correct their writing for spelling and grammar. Also discuss and aid their understanding of the subject matter (history or literature).

Wednesdays cover Mathematics

- Have your student log into Khan Academy and observe and coach them as they solve problems and work toward mastery of a particular mathematical concept. There are online lessons that you can review with your student as needed. Have your student work toward mastery in each section. If you are set up in Khan Academy with a parent account you will get a weekly report explaining all of the things that your student has worked on during the week. Ask LWA for help in setting up this account if you need assistance.

Thursdays use online resources to cover Science, Civics, and more History

- Have your student watch a civics video on Prager-Kids or Prager-U or a Science Lesson on YouTube or at Guest Hollow. Have them write a brief summary of the lesson or write about a key concept they learned in the video. Again correct their summary for spelling and grammar. There are many good movies about historical events that you can also watch and discuss together with your child.

Fridays (Take the day off!)

Saturdays (Incorporate something fun like music, sports, or a hands-on project in the kitchen, the yard, or the garage!)

Sundays (Power Up Day!)

- Get your student off to a good start for the new week starting Sunday evening. Have your student make up any work they missed the week before or have them work on the subject in their curriculum where they are struggling the most. This will help them get a head start on the coming week and catch up or even excel in subjects that don't come naturally to them. If they are caught up and doing well just have them read something for fun.

Supplement your homeschool efforts by sending your student to the LWA Student Development Ministry where these lessons will be reinforced in line with the curriculum that you have purchased. It is like hiring a private tutor.

This is an organized educational program. It is minimal in nature and designed to be something that working families can do during evenings and weekends to cover all of the 9 core subjects mandated by the State of Michigan. Each lesson should take less than one hour. The law does not require any minimum number of hours each day, nor any minimum number of days each week that a homeschool parent must personally teach their student. LWA does not police or direct your homeschool activities. You are in charge of your own homeschool. Furthermore, there is no law against supplementing the education that you provide your child at home. You can do this with online courses, books, movies, videos, and even a personal tutoring service such as LWA which we highly recommend. We at LWA respect your God given authority to direct the care, teaching, and education of your children as is clearly stated in the Holy Bible (Eph 6:4) and in Michigan law (MCL 380.10) and we are just here to help. LWA does not offer legal advice. If you have questions about the law please consult an attorney. Kallman Legal Group in Lansing is well versed in the field of nonpublic education in Michigan and they can be found online. The homeschool legal defense association (HSLDA) is another valuable resource.

Living Waters Academy - Registration Form

FATHER'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email address: _____ Ministry Volunteer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email address: _____ Ministry Volunteer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Relationship: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email address: _____ Ministry Volunteer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Relationship: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email address: _____ Ministry Volunteer: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____

Last School: _____ Last Grade: _____

How would you rate your student in the following disciplines:

Reading: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Developing
Writing: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Developing
Math: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Developing
Social Skills: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Developing (ability to politely interact with others)
Speech: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Developing (ability to speak clearly and understand speech)
Attention Span: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Developing (ability to pay attention and follow instructions)
Physical Skills: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Developing (ability to walk, run, jump, see colors)

The primary contact for this student is: ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Alternate

This child has allergies (explain): ☐ No ☐ Yes _____

This child has special needs: ☐ No ☐ Yes _____

LEGAL NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

(check each item that you acknowledge and understand)

I acknowledge and understand that:

- ☐ LWA is a ministry designed to assist homeschool families who are coordinating their lesson plans.
 - ☐ I understand that as a homeschool parent I must instruct my student in the 9 core subjects; reading, history, literature, writing, spelling, grammar, math, science and civics at home in an organized educational program.
 - ☐ I understand that I can get lesson plans from the coordinator in order to stay in synch with other families.
 - ☐ Christian character development is part of the Student Development Ministry along with academic tutoring.
 - ☐ I have reviewed the attached LWA statement of faith and it may be taught to my student in part or in whole.
 - ☐ LWA may take my child on field trips with 24 hr written notice, but I may withdraw my consent at any time.
 - ☐ Students may be suspended or expelled from LWA for violations of LWA policies (see student handbook).
 - ☐ I grant LWA permission to perform CPR or other life saving measures on my child in an emergency.
 - ☐ I grant LWA permission to post digital images of my student on the LWA website and in social media ads.
 - ☐ I grant permission for my student to use a microwave oven and certify that they have been properly trained.
 - ☐ I am responsible for the replacement of my student's laptop should it become lost, stolen or damaged.
 - ☐ I am willing to volunteer to help with field trips, specials, or other LWA events (optional).
 - ☐ I understand that LWA will run a criminal background check on all staff and volunteers.
 - ☐ I grant permission for LWA to share my contact information with other volunteers and administrators.
- I authorize LWA to draw funds from my account listed below to cover the cost of :**
- ☐ The FREE homeschool support ministry (skip to the signature line below).
 - ☐ Part-time Student Enrichment Program (Afternoons Mon-Thr OR Fun Fridays) - \$100/month.
 - ☐ The full Student Enrichment Program (afternoons Mon-Thr PLUS Fun Fridays) - \$180/month
 - ☐ The full Student Development Ministry (\$500 registration per family due Aug 5 + \$500 per month)
 - ☐ I choose to pay the SDM registration fee of \$500/family plus \$4200 in advance for a \$300 discount.
- ☐ Automatic payments will be taken on the 5th day of each month or the first business day thereafter Sep-May.
☐ Automatic payments may be stopped at any time by providing written notice that I am withdrawing my student.

Routing#: _____ Bank: _____

Account#: _____ ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Statement of Faith

1. The Bible: We believe in the verbal plenary Word of God; that the sixty-six books in our Bible were divinely given wholly without error in their origin and that we have today a faithful copy which is the absolute authority for our faith and practice (II Tim. 3:16)
2. God: We believe that there is one true God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Lord Jesus Christ: We believe in the deity and pre-existence of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His present intercessory ministry and His personal return in power and glory.
4. The Holy Spirit: We believe in His personality, pre-existence, and deity; and His work in each believer, regenerating and indwelling that person's life to make possible a life of obedient service and trust in the will of God.
5. Man: We believe in creation by a kind and loving God. We believe that human beings were created by an immediate act of God and not a process of evolution; that the purpose of creation is to glorify God; that humanity was created in the image of God; possessing the character of Christ-likeness; and that humanity was endowed with the power of rational and responsible choice between good and evil. (Genesis 1:27; Col 3:10; Acts 17:24-28)
6. Human Life: We believe that human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139) We believe that life begins at conception where the only genders (male and female as identified by biology at birth) are divinely predetermined.
7. Salvation: We believe in a complete and eternal salvation by God's grace alone received as the gift of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross.
8. The Church: We believe in the one true church, the body and bride of Christ composed of all born-again believers of the present age, and the organization of its members in local churches for worship, for the observation of the ordinances, for edification of the believers, and for the world-wide propagation of the gospel.
9. Christian Life: The Christian life is a life of righteousness, good works, and separation unto God from the evil ways of the world with guidance from the Bible and strength from the Holy Spirit, resulting in the fruit of the Spirit. The goals are to mature personally, to build up other Christians in the faith, and to lead unbelievers to Christ.
10. Satan: We believe in his existence, personality as the great adversary of God and His people, his judgment by God, and final doom.
11. Second Coming: We believe in the personal, and visible return of Christ in power and glory.
12. Future Life: We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the judgment and reward of believers, the judgment and condemnation of unbelievers, the eternal life of the saved, and eternal punishment of the lost.
13. Marriage & Sexuality: We believe marriage is sanctioned by God to join one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. We believe God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other.