



*Living Waters at
St. Luke's Church
565 S. Cleveland Massillon Road
Akron Ohio, 44333*

at St. Luke's

Dear Applicant:

We are excited that you are interested in attending Living Waters (LW) at St. Luke's. LW is an in-depth, Christ-centered program for people seeking healing in areas of sexual and relational brokenness. A healing, teaching and discipleship series, Living Waters addresses the reality that we are all broken in our ability to love others well. The goal of Living Waters is to lay a foundation for sexual and relational wholeness in Christ.

Because of the subject matter and the fact that healing and accountability occur most effectively in a consistent, committed context, LW is a closed program. This requires that you fill out and return the enclosed application form to St. Luke's at the address given above. Upon receipt, we will invite you to a personal interview to discuss the appropriateness of LW for you at this point in your life.. Class size is limited and will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis so please get your application in ASAP. We plan to interview in late August prior to the start of the program. Also enclosed are a number of forms describing LW policies. Please read these policies, sign them and bring them to the interview.

The 26 week LW program is divided into two semesters and meets on **Monday evenings at St. Luke's** from 7:30pm to ~10:00pm

Semester 1	September 18th to December 11th 2006	13 weeks
Break	December 12th 2006 to January 7th 2007	4 weeks
Semester 2	January 8th to April 9th 2007	14 weeks

The LW program tuition is \$300 and includes the Living Waters Workbook and the book Strength in Weakness. Don't let the tuition scare you away, apply and we can talk about it at the interview. Thank you for applying, we are excited about what God has planned.

Sincerely,

Cris and Annelise DeBellis
Coordinators

LIVING WATERS

APPLICATION

Please fill in this application with as much detail as you can. Feel free to use the back of the page if necessary.

Your responses will be kept strictly confidential.

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Phone: 330-665-2227

DATE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

MALE FEMALE SINGLE MARRIED SEPARATED DIVORCED

Are you a Christian? _____ How long? _____

Current church affiliation: _____

1. What is your past church/spiritual affiliation? (Please include non-Christian references as well.)

2. How do you feel about receiving healing prayer, administered through the laying-on of hands and made possible by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

3. How would you define your sexual problem?

4. How does the problem express itself? (anonymous behaviors, emotional problems, etc):

5. Are you currently in a relationship which involves ongoing sexual contact? Please describe your relationship: No Yes

6. Do you have any non-sexual compulsive behaviors? (i.e. eating problems, alcohol/chemical dependencies, spending, etc): No Yes

7. Are you currently receiving ongoing pastoral or professional counseling? (please explain): No Yes

8. Have you ever been in professional counseling? (with whom and why): No Yes

9. Are you currently receiving help from a healing ministry or support group?: No Yes

10. Have you ever seriously contemplated suicide? If so, please explain: No Yes

11. Do you use alcohol or other mood-altering substances? If so, what and how often?: No Yes

12. Describe the people in your life who know about your sexual struggles and who are supportive in your healing?:

13. Do you believe that homosexual physical contact or inordinate emotional closeness with the same sex is sinful? If not, please explain: No Yes

14. What are your expectations in coming to Living Waters?

15. Can you make the 30 week commitment? YES NO

Confidentiality Policy for Living Waters at St. Luke's

Living Waters leadership will hold as confidential all disclosures made in the context of the Living Waters program with these three exceptions:

1) All small group leaders reserve the right to discuss matters disclosed by group members for the purpose of receiving supervision and oversight. This oversight will occur in group supervision meetings held by the group coordinator and attended by other small group leaders.

2) Any Living Waters group member who discloses intentions to take harmful, dangerous, or criminal action against another human being or against themselves will necessitate Living Waters leadership to warn appropriate individuals of such intentions. Suspected acts of child abuse or neglect will be reported. Those warned may include a variety of such persons as:

- the person or family of the person who is likely to suffer the results of harmful behavior
- the family of the group member who intends to harm him/herself or someone else;
- associates or friends of those threatened or making threats, and;
- law enforcement officials or child protection services.

3) Living Waters operates under the covering and blessing of St. Luke's Church. Living Waters leadership reserve the right to disclose confidential information to the pastors of St. Luke's Church regarding any individuals who regularly attend the church. This is for the purpose of pastoral oversight.

I have read and understand this confidentiality policy, including its exceptions.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I, _____ acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to Living Waters at St. Luke's to participate in the Living Waters Sexual Redemption in Christ Program (hereafter "Living Waters Program"), a Christian, non-therapist, worship, teaching, discipleship and mutual support program.

I am aware that my participation in the Living Waters Program is not a substitute for psychiatric treatment, psychotherapy, therapeutic counseling or any other form of professional therapy. I am also aware that my participation in the Living Waters Program is not a substitute for my active involvement in a local Christian church body of my choice. I am voluntarily participating in the Living Waters Program with full knowledge of these facts and I accept complete responsibility for my own psychological, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ascertain my own need for professional counseling and to seek such professional counseling, as needed. I further acknowledge that my participation in the Living Waters Program does not create any special relationship of custody or control between myself and Living Waters at St. Luke's (including any agent, employee, officer or director of Living Waters at St. Luke's) or between myself and any other person.

As consideration for being accepted by Living Waters at St. Luke's to voluntarily participate in the Living Waters Program, I, on behalf of myself and my assigns, heirs, executors, guardians and other legal representatives, hereby release Living Waters at St. Luke's (including all agents, employees, officers and directors of Living Waters at St. Luke's) from any liability for any injuries suffered by me during my voluntary participation in the Living Waters Program, resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of Living Waters at St. Luke's, or any agent, employee, officer or director of Living Waters at St. Luke's, or resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of any other participant of the Living Waters Program. Further, I, on behalf of myself and my assigns, heirs, executors, guardians and other legal representatives, hereby agree that I will not make any claim against, sue or seek to attach the property of Living Waters at St. Luke's (including any agent, employee, officer or director of Living Waters at St. Luke's) and that I waive all actions, claims or demands that I now or hereafter may have, for any injuries suffered by me during my voluntary participation in the Living Waters Program, resulting from the negligent act or omissions of Living Waters at St. Luke's, or any agent, employee, officer or director of Living Waters at St. Luke's, or resulting from the negligent act or omissions of any other participant of the Living Waters Program.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND LIVING WATERS AT ST. LUKE'S AND I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed on _____ at _____ Ohio.
(date) (city)

RELEASOR

Policy for Interaction with Other Living Waters Participants

Over the course of our experience, we have found that certain things enhance healthy group dynamics and certain activities detract from Living Waters being a healthy, healing experience.

One of the important goals of Living Waters is to create a holy, safe and intimate context where the deep wounds of each group member's heart can rise to the surface and begin to be healed through the care and prayers of the group.

Because many Living Waters participants suffer from emotional and/or sexual addictions, we have learned that certain boundaries must be erected to safeguard the intimacy and sanctity of the group. We have seen the effectiveness of Living Waters be greatly undermined when people intertwine the unique intimacy forged in Living Waters with socializing outside of the group.

In order to maintain our goals of providing the best healing opportunity possible, we ask that you refrain from social contact outside of the parameters of Living Waters with other group members for the course of the 30-week program. Exchanging phone numbers within the small group will be at the discretion of each small group leader.

We realize that there will be certain exceptions to this rule, such as when two group members attend the same church and share in the same church functions. While bona fide church group activities may be shared, we ask that you refrain from one-on-one contact outside of those group activities and maintain the spirit of this policy. Please share with your small group leader if you find yourself in this situation.

Another exception would be if a small group wishes to do an activity together outside of Living Waters. We ask that the small group leader be present and that the entire small group be invited.

Over the course of Living Waters, the group coordinator or small group leader may make exceptions to this policy or modify aspects of this policy as seems appropriate to individual or small group situations.

Living Waters does value the importance of healthy friendships. We believe that the primary place for those heart investments to be made is in the context of one's local church. We believe that it is important to develop relationships with people who do not share our same sexual vulnerability in the context of the church.

Living Waters is a unique context where we can discuss and receive healing from the fears which inhibit our greater integration into the Church and into healthy friendships.

I understand and will abide by the policy of refraining from outside social contact with other Living Waters participants. I agree to discuss any complications with this policy with my small group leader. I understand that any willful dishonesty or disregard of this policy may lead to my forfeiting my place in the Living Waters group.

Signed

Date