

Dear Friends, Family, and Gracious Supporters,

I am once again doing this grand and glorious thing: training my body up to run a Ragnar relay in support of Living Water Ministries. There is so much to be thankful for right now: space to run that is finally free from ice and slush, a body that is strong and healthy and wonderfully made for the task at hand, a ministry to children that is worth every mile run, and you with your generous hearts and willing spirits.

Because of the generosity of so many people, camp is free this summer. When many other things are so expensive right now (gas, am I right?) here is a week of holy fun, sacred learning, and beloved community building offered as a free gift. Need a metaphor for what God's grace looks like? Try free summer camp in the wake of a pandemic.

It is my hope that you will once again be willing to run this race beside me by donating to Living Water Ministries. I am asking for a \$200 dollar gift, or as fits within your means, to be made by filling out the enclosed giving card or going to www.elcalivingwater.com/runtherace.

Last year was my first experience as a Ragnar runner. I loved it: the camaraderie of my van family, the beautiful running routes up the western coast of Michigan, the nonstop adrenaline before each race and, most of all, knowing just how loved and supported I was in this adventure by all of you. Thank you for loving me in this way, for believing in me, and believing in the amazing work of Living Water Ministries.

With Gratitude,

Pastor Emily Olsen



Finishing an 8 mile stretch at Lake Michigan