



Lord, Teach Us to Pray Hallowed Be Thy Name

February 17 & 18, 2024

Luke 11:1

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Matthew 6:9

[Jesus said,] "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..."

Message Notes

We:

1. Are in this together
2. Are not orphaned
3. Live in a way that honors God

Food for Thought:

Did you ever notice that in the Lord's prayer, we don't say, "My Father" to begin the prayer. We say "Our Father." We're not praying just for ourselves. We're praying for the world around us. How can you pray for neighbors near and far? How can we pray for those different than us?

When we think of the term "Father" in the Lord's Prayer, we may be aware that we have all kinds of experiences of our earthly fathers. Perhaps we experienced amazing and loving fathers. Or perhaps our fathers were absent, or abusive, or there is hurt or regret associated with our earthly fathers. However, in God our heavenly Father, we are reminded that we have a Father who is all that our earthly fathers were meant to be.

What does it mean for you that you have a heavenly Father that is steadfast, faithful, loving, kind, compassionate, merciful, and present?

When we think of "Hallowed Be Thy Name" we are reminded that we are called to live in a way that 'hallows' or recognizes God's Holy Name. What is one way that you can make a change to better honor God's name in the way that you live?

STILL WATERS exists to **FIND** the lost, **RELEASE** the captive and **DEVELOP** disciples of Jesus

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Worship Hours: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Happy Birthday!

Feb 18 Robin Jasinski, Sam Scherzer
Feb 19 Ralph Peters
Feb 23 Jadon Thornton
Feb 24 Logan Dommissie, Lucas Dommissie, Paul Slesar, Jacie Smith

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 18 Pete & Stephanie Poree

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday 5pm Debbie Drews

Sun 9am Jeff & Kelly Byard

Paul Sanders
Valerie Jacobson

Sun 10:30am Marc & Kim Bartusek

Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Church Website



Online Giving



Still Waters Family,

Greetings everyone! It has been an amazing week, with the celebration on Fat Tuesday with amazing food, great leadership from our youth, and a time to connect with one another. Then yesterday, on Ash Wednesday, we began the season of Lent together with a solemn time of preparing our hearts for the 40 day season of Lent, leading up to Easter. We will be beginning our Lenten series this week, called "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," and we will study the most important prayer of our faith, the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer. This Lenten season, we will have tremendous intentionality around connecting to the heart of God through prayer, and I invite you to come and be part of it! This weekend we'll begin the series delving into depth on the first line of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." Whether your life is chaotic, awesome, full of struggles and fears, or whatever it may be, I invite you into this season as we connect our hearts with God's!

A few notes about the upcoming opportunities, this week and beyond:

Pray More in 2024!

What are the limitless possibilities of what God might do this Lenten season and beyond, if we deepen our connection to Him? As we began preparing for our Lenten series, "Teach Us to Pray," God began moving in ways that I had not imagined. As our staff began to plan for Lent, we realized that Lent was the perfect time, not only to study the Lord's Prayer, but to provide many ways that we might each grow in our connection to God as we pray for one another, those who are struggling in a variety of ways, and pray for those not yet among our faith family. We have already begun a practice this week of more intentional prayer. Several of us walked the sanctuary and prayed for everyone who will be in worship this weekend, whether in our sanctuary or online. What would happen if we "Pray More in 2024"? What are the possibilities if we all go intentionally deeper into prayer this season? How might God move to lead us beside still waters, to restore our souls? How might God do more in and through us than we could even think to ask for or imagine? May this be a season of restoration and Kingdom movement at Still Waters Church.

Souper Sunday!

Sunday, February 18, 11:45 a.m.

"Souper Sunday" is an awesome meal for our congregation, sponsored by our youth on the third Sunday of each month. Come for a great meal/fellowship. Free will offering accepted, and proceeds will benefit our amazing youth ministry. Sign up on your Connection Card or website. Contact Lisa with questions.

New Members Class

Mark your calendars if you've been thinking that Still Waters is the place you'd like to call your church! We'll have a membership class **Sunday, February 18, from noon - 2:00 p.m.**, and then join the church the weekend of February 24/25. Contact Pastor Lori with questions or to sign up, or just register on our website!

Still Waters Women: Making Mats for the Homeless

Come on Souper Sunday, **February 18 at 12:15**, grab some delicious home-made soup, give a donation to benefit our youth, and enjoy a great lunch! Feel free to eat in the sanctuary or in the back area in the large room in the education area. This month **we will be making "mats" that will be distributed those experiencing homelessness through "Under the Bridge"**. Bring plastic grocery bags and scissors, and Debbie Koloski will be teaching us how to make these mats as we seek to care for those who are experiencing tough times. Come and enjoy meeting with other women of all ages for food, faith, fun, and fellowship will begin at 12:15! See Robin Olson for details. Sign up on the Connection Card or website.

The Flock, SUNDAY February 18, 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship and Informational Meal for Youth, Parents, and Siblings

"The Flock" is the name given to a monthly gathering which includes meal (Souper Sunday) and informational meeting. This will help with connection, relationship, information exchange and sharing around the table. Feel free to grab some soup and additional lunch at 11:45 a.m., and we'll start our actual 'meeting' at 12:30. Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

Holy Yoga

Holy Yoga continues on **Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m.** for an hour, but will **NOT meet this coming Tuesday February 20**. No need to sign up when you come, just show up!

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, Feb 21, 8:30 a.m.

Men are invited to this monthly men's breakfast, 3rd Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., meeting at a local restaurant (which switches from month to month). Contact John Haas at jxhaas@yahoo.com or 262-617-7004 to sign up for this month's breakfast! (John calls the restaurant to make a reservation, so please contact him by Tuesday, Feb 20.)

Wednesday Night Lenten Study Groups (and dinner)!

"The Lord's Prayer"

Lent is the 40-day season that precedes Easter. It is a time of reflection, study, and preparation as we symbolically walk with Jesus toward the cross and resurrection. This year, we are again planning a church-wide study! On **five Wednesday evenings, beginning February 21st**, we will meet at church for dinner and small groups. This is an excellent opportunity if you're new to Still Waters or have been here for a long time to get to know some new people and dive deeper into your faith. Here's the Wednesday schedule:

- **6:00: Dinner (optional)** ready for you! This provides a quick and convenient alternative for families so you don't have to rush to get food before coming to church. **Feb 21 menu: Homemade Philly Cheesesteak sandwich, homemade coleslaw, also chips and dessert.** Salad meal alternative available upon request, email Vicki at vsp0013@gmail.com
- **6:30: Video** shown in sanctuary. The video will intro the material to be discussed in small groups that night. It is based on the reading for that night.
- **6:45 - 7:45 pm: Meet in small study groups** in different areas in the church

Each adult study small group will be studying a book upon which the Lenten Sermon series is based. The book is by Adam Hamilton, "The Lord's Prayer" (cost \$20 for the book and it is available at church.) This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, study, and digging deeper into our faith, and particularly into the Lord's Prayer, the most important prayer in our faith! As we study in depth the words Jesus taught us to pray, we'll prepare ourselves to experience deeper meaning every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. Sign up on our Connection Card or website. **Small group facilitators are: Debbie and Don Koloski, Teresa Young, Nancy Maier, Guy Hoppe, and Hap and Kathy Itson.** All groups in person except there will be one group meeting via zoom (Hap and Kathy's group.)

Tuesday Morning Study Group

Beginning Tuesday, February 20, we will begin an **11-week study** of the book "**The Substance of Things Hoped For**," by Samuel DeWitt Proctor. This book is a memoir of African-America faith, written by Dr. Samuel D. Proctor. Dr. Proctor was a friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a leader in the civil rights movement of that era, and a pastor and professor at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Proctor chronicles his family's journey from his grandmother's slavery, through the monumental victories of the civil rights movement and beyond. We'll meet Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m from February 20 - April 30. Sign up on the Connection Card or online. Book is \$15, available at church.

Seeking Easter Candy Donations, Anytime in February!

Still Waters Kids is looking for candy donations to fill plastic Easter Eggs as we prepare to invite our friends and neighbors to Easter Events/Worship season. Any wrapped candy that can fit in plastic Easter eggs would be great! **Bring to church anytime this February** as our Still Waters Kids will be filling Easter eggs on February 25 and our youth will be filling Easter Egg-Your-Neighbor kits (ask Jena!) using those eggs on the evening of February 25! Contact Jena at jenametzler@gmail.com if you have any questions.

March Food Drive, Sponsored by Still Waters Kids!

We are so proud of Charlotte Ruffing and all of Still Waters Kids who would like to lead us in mission next month by holding a food drive in March to benefit Slinger Food Pantry.

Here are examples of donations that are especially helpful:

- **Hygiene Products:** Shampoo & conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, sanitary products, Kleenex
- **Canned Food:** canned mandarin oranges, canned meals, such as chef boyardee items, canned pineapple
- **Beverages:** bottled water, bottled juice ; individual or family size
- **Packaged food:** hamburger helper, cake mix, cereal, crackers, granola bars, taco kits, jelly, ramen noodles, cookies

Please bring donations in to church anytime in March. How exciting to see our young leaders here at Still Waters Church! We do have amazing children!!! Contact Jena at jenametzler@gmail.com if you have questions.

IMPACT NIGHT: Support Our Amazing Youth, Sunday Evening, March 3

You can make an "IMPACT" on the next generation! "Impact Night" is a new twist on what was formerly called Trivia Night. All are invited to come on March 3, 6:00 p.m. and enjoy an awesome evening of fun questions, answers, prizes, dessert auction and more! We'll have questions geared for all ages, with categories such as "sink or float," and many other categories. Feel free to bring food to share with people at your table, or there will be subs, pizza and drinks available for purchase. Cost is \$25/person, or \$190 for a table of 8. Creativity encouraged- theme based tables will receive extra points! Come as individuals, or form your own team. All proceeds will benefit our awesome youth ministries! Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

****Seeking Gourmet Desserts!**

Impact Night is an amazing fundraiser for our youth! As a delicious part of the evening, we are requesting home-made, gourmet desserts that are easily portioned into individual servings. At Impact Night, we will have friendly competitions between tables. Anyone donating a home-made dessert will earn extra points for their team/table and the winning dessert of the night will earn extra points and bragging rights for a year! Purchased, gourmet dessert will also earn you some points for your table/team. We welcome desserts even if you are unable to attend the event! Sign up to bring a dessert online or on the Connection card or contact Lisa to let her know what dessert you'll bring.

Silent Auction Baskets

We would also love donations of theme-based silent auction baskets for Impact Night! Sign up online or on your Connection Card or let Lisa (lisa.maaco@gmail.com) know what basket you'd like to bring!

Blood Drive, March 5

On Tuesday March 5, the American Red Cross will be at Still Waters Church. Save lives and donate blood! To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and search: StillWaters or call 1-800-RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767)

Spring Confirmand Retreat, March 15-17

For our youth who are being confirmed this May, we are getting ready for our Spring Confirmand Retreat, at Camp Whitcomb/Mason, Hartland, WI. The retreat goes from **Friday March 15 at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, March 17**. Youth and leaders will carpool back to the church on Sunday morning, and attend the 10:30 worship service together. We'll grab some soup at Souper Sunday, and then there will be a **confirmand parent meeting at 12:30 on Sunday March 17**. Cost for the retreat is \$100 per confirmand (\$50 due by Feb 20, and the rest due by March 1). **Register on the Connection Card or the website**. Peer mentors (high school youth) who would like to attend should see Lisa for an application to attend the Confirmand Retreat.

Looking ahead...

Still Waters Women Spring Retreat

All women are invited to a Spring Retreat April 12-14, 2024 at Cedar Valley Retreat Center, 5349 County road D, West Bend. Overnight is available, however, for anyone wanting to attend, but not stay over, Saturday only participation is an option. Karen Yates will be our facilitator. We will also offer an optional yoga session with Chrissy Steiner (who also instructs Holy Yoga Tuesday mornings at Still Waters.) Chrissy is very experienced with adjusting a yoga practice to accommodate many levels and abilities during the session. The following pricing is preliminary as the price could be lowered depending on the number of ladies we have participating. Please note, room rates include all meals (Dinner Friday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday) and all program costs.

Single occupancy - 2 nights - \$340

Double occupancy - 2 nights - \$310

Saturday only W/Lunch - \$80

Saturday only W/Breakfast and Lunch - \$90

Saturday only W/Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner - \$110

Saturday only W/Lunch and Dinner - \$100

Feel free to indicate interest on the Connection Card or on our website. Registration form must be filled out. Form available at worship on the Welcome Table or form is attached to this email.

Quest Camp, June 16-21

Quest camp is a remarkable, ridiculously fun, re-imagined way for youth groups and youth leaders to experience God, encounter Christ, grow closer as a group, and refocus!. Quest camp is for **incoming 6th graders through seniors in High School**, and this year will be **June 16-21**. Quest camp includes Bible study and worship, an expansive high ropes course, climbing tower and zipline, amazing lakefront activities, and refreshing food and lodging. One of the greatest things about Quest is that our youth group and leaders attend together, creating a stronger fellowship bond within our youth group and experiences that create lifelong memories that deepen our faith journey. We are super excited that our very own Maddie Seiler and Aaron Haas will be Quest Camp Counselors this summer! The cost per camper is \$340.00. Deposit of \$50 due by end of February, with \$100 due monthly after that. See Lisa for details, and sign up online or via the Connection Card.

It is truly a privilege to begin our Lenten journey together! Praying for you!

Pastor Lori