



Lord, Teach Us to Pray Forgive As We Forgive

March 9 & 10, 2024

Matthew 6:9-12

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Luke 23:32-34

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Message Notes

We:

- 1. Receive forgiveness**
- 2. Forgive others**
- 3. Receive new life**

Food for Thought:

We all have an idea of what it means to forgive another person. If you think of someone who has wronged you, why is it so hard to forgive?
(Keeping in mind that forgiveness does not mean that people should not be held accountable, etc)

What are ways that you have fallen short of God's glory? What words or actions have you shared that you wish you could take back?

Why is it powerful to ask God to forgive you?

In what way is your heart held captive with anger, resentment, bitterness? What would be one step you could take toward forgiving another?

Think of a time when you were able to forgive someone. How did that affect your own soul/spirit? In what ways does forgiveness lead to new life?

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!

March 10 Mary Boettcher, Debbie Dembeck, Arriana Thomas
March 13 Juan Beltran, Cindy Ziegler
March 14 Kelly Oppermann
March 15 Morgan Dommissie, Ron Naab

Happy Anniversary!

March 15 Tim & Rita Carney

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday 5pm	Darcy Gill	
Sun 9am	Kelly & Vicki Passineau	Dennis Konieczka Barb Thorstenson
Sun 10:30am	Jeff & Kelly Byard	Ann Markuson

Church Website



Online Giving



Still Waters Family,

Grace and peace, Still Waters family! I hope you've enjoyed some of the unusually warm days we've had. What a gift to receive those glimpses of the coming spring. Also, prayers your Lenten journey finds you mindful of God's presence even in the midst of the chaos, joys, and even brokenness of life. This weekend we will continue our series on "The Lord's Prayer," and we will talk about the power of forgiveness. It's very easy to dismiss the concept of forgiveness, thinking it's 'too hard,' and 'who has the time and energy to forgive,' and isn't it easier just to avoid? Sometimes we just want to be mad. It seems odd to 'let it go.' Shouldn't we hold people accountable? And if so, when? We will explore these and more questions regarding the concept of forgiveness. Even if you think you understand all the concepts, I can almost guarantee that applying them at this age, stage, and time in your life will bring amazing new life. I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

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

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.

Tuesday Morning Study Group

Join us for 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.

Wednesday Night Lenten Study Groups (and dinner)! **"The Lord's Prayer"**

Our Wednesday night dinner and study is amazing! If you haven't come yet, it's not too late! Interesting that in this 40-day season of Lent, we had 40 people sign up and participating in dinner and small groups. Wonderful! Join us on **Wednesday evenings** 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. 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.)

Pray More in 2024!

What if we could draw our hearts even closer to God's heart in 2024, to see from His perspective? We'll continue to think of new ways to connect our hearts to God's in prayer! **If you haven't already, invite you to begin by filling out the attached prayer form** and return to us, either through email (office@stillwaterschurch.com and llossie@yahoo.com) or in the offering at worship, just indicating some possibilities for your God-connection through prayer this season! Also, print the 2nd attachment, for some powerful prayers you can use as a bookmark or on a mirror or other prominent place you will see every day. **Let's pray more in 2024!**

Feeding America, March 13

Come join us as we feed a couple hundred families in about an hour! Our next Feeding America is Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. meeting in the church lobby to receive several pallets of food and distribute. On-the job training available! Sign up on the Connection Card or Online.

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.

Souper Sunday! Sunday, March 17, 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.

Still Waters Women: Making Marble Maze Squares

Come on Souper Sunday, **March 17 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 "marble maze squares" that can be shared with folks in rehab, hospitals, or for young people who just need to 'fidget'.** These are squares of cloth with a maze pattern and a marble embedded that people can have on their lap as they try to get the marble through the maze. 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 Still Waters Women invite you to bring red Sendik's bags to church this weekend. These will help them complete last month's project of making mats for those experiencing homelessness. Thank you!!!**

The Flock, SUNDAY March 17, 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.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, March 20, 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, March 19.)

Family Promise Opportunity, week of March 25

Our week to partner with Family Promise is coming! The week of March 25, we will be partnering with Family Promise by making dinners for the families experiencing homelessness that are in the program. As we get closer to the time we'll share the specifics of the number of people and any dietary restrictions. If you'd like to make a meal that week, please sign up online or on your Connection Card. Contact Kelly (kpassin@gmail.com) or Vicki Passineau (vsp0013@gmail.com) with questions.

Egg Your Neighbor in March!

Pick up your "Egg-Your-Neighbor" Easter Gift that contains candy-filled Easter eggs, Easter cards, and other fun items that you can share with friends and invite them to Easter Events/Worship Services. "Egg-Your-Neighbor" Gift bags available after worship anytime in March.

Calling all Families: EASTER JAM, Saturday, March 30, 11:30 - 1:30

Come to our black light scavenger hunt to have an immersive family experience of the Easter Story concluding with our Celebration Station. Easter Jam will be on Saturday, March 30. Come for potluck 11:30, activities from noon - 1:30 p.m. Sign up online to let us know you'll be there (so we have enough materials), and sign up to bring food for the potluck at : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA8A62DA6FDC70-48241212-easter>

Palm Sunday- Special Celebration with Still Waters Kids

During our worship services on March 24, Our Still Waters Kids will be processing in with palms and leading us in worship with a special Palm Sunday song as we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week.

Youth Leading/Volunteering Easter Sunrise

REMINDER for parents and youth: Sunrise Easter worship is a youth led worship service! It is profoundly meaningful for both our youth who participate, and for all who attend the worship. Here is some information you'll need to know! Youth will serve in many aspects of the worship service (up front, greeting, ushering, A/V, serving Holy Communion, etc) and all those participating on Easter will gather on Saturday, March 30 at 4:45pm, stay overnight at the church, concluding after clean up from the Sunrise Breakfast is complete, approximately 930am, Sunday, March 31, 2024. Youth involved in this will need to bring the following items: Sleeping bag/pillow, Church appropriate PJ's, a complete change of clothing for Sunday, needed personal items, a bag meal for Saturday dinner (we will eat together at 6pm) and any snacks and beverages they might need. This is an important time for our youth to worship, serve, and deepen their faith as a part of their discipleship journey. Please make sure you register your youth online or on our Connection Card so we can plan for needed supplies. If you have questions please contact Lisa directly at 262-470-6760.

Easter Breakfast, 7:00 a.m.

The youth will be hosting a Sunrise Easter Breakfast on Easter, March 31, at 7:00 a.m. We'd love to welcome you! Come to sunrise worship and stay after and enjoy fellowship with one another! Please sign up on the Connection Card or online so we can plan for your attendance.

Contribute Food for the Easter Breakfast.

What an amazing opportunity to fellowship as the sun rises on Easter morning! If you are able to contribute food for the Easter breakfast, that would be greatly appreciated! Items needed: egg bakes, french toast bakes, fruit, muffins, bagels & cream cheese, juice, milk, donut holes, and anything else that sounds good! Please sign up online or on the Connection Card to let us know what food you can bring. **Bring food in Saturday, March 30 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. or anytime after 3:30 p.m.** Contact Lisa with questions. Thanks so much! We're looking forward to enjoying one another on one of the most important days of our faith!

Holy Week Schedule

As we continue to journey through the Lenten season, growing in our prayer life and depth of understand of the Lord's Prayer, we know many of you will begin to make plans for Holy Week and Easter! Below is the schedule of worship and other events. More detailed information will come as we get closer.

- **Palm Sunday weekend:** March 23/24
- **Maundy Thursday** Worship: Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday** Worship: Friday, March 29, noon
- **Easter Weekend** Worship: March 30/31
 - **Saturday, 5:00 pm**
 - **Sunrise Easter Sunday, 6:00 a.m.** (Youth led!)
 - **Easter Breakfast, 700 a.m.**
 - **Easter 9:00 am**
 - **Easter 10:30 am**

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.

Italy Trip, Nov. 1-11, 2024

The Society for Biblical Studies (this is the organization that led our Israel trip last year) is planning a trip to Italy in November! The dates will be November 1-11, 2024, with an option to stay an extra 3 days (until Nov 14th) to see Florence and Renaissance Italy. Cost for the base trip is \$4,258 (subject to change due to local circumstances.) This trip will give you an appreciation for the cultural heritage, overview of geographical, social, historical, archeological and cultural settings of the New Testament, as well as key issues in Biblical studies and the study of Christian origins. I (Pastor Lori) am still in prayerful discernment about whether I will go on this trip (which I would LOVE to do, but have lots on my plate right now lol). Robin Olson has decided she will be going on this trip, so feel free to contact her with questions. Click here for more details: <https://sbsbibletrips.org/product/pa-departing-1-november-2024-11-days-biblical-backgroundsitaly-wi-ann-conf/>

Care Needs March 11-14

I will be in North Carolina related to my Doctor of Ministry program Monday through Thursday, March 11-14. Please feel free to contact Congregational Care Coordinator, Kim Bartusek, with any care needs. I am reachable by cell as well.

Gratefully continuing the journey with each of you,

Pastor Lori