



# Dream Big Begin with Great Expectations

August 10, 2025

## **Philippians 4:11b-13**

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

## **Luke 16:10**

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

## **Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

## **Message Notes**

1. Bloom where you're planted
2. As we're faithful with little, God gives us much
3. Be open to possibilities

## **Food for Thought**

When it comes to dreams for your life, where do you hope to be, what are the first thoughts that come to mind for some possibilities?

An important bishop in my life once told a few thousand ministry leaders, including pastors, to "Bloom where we are planted." What does it mean in your faith life, to 'bloom where you are planted?' Why do we want to give up so quickly on the circumstances of a dream, instead of just working through the hard stuff?

Read Luke 16:10. Think of a time that you had to do a small task to earn someone's trust, before you had the opportunity to do a bigger task. What is a small step you could take toward a bigger dream that you have?

Take a moment and write down all the possibilities for the ways Still Waters can make a difference in the world. From reaching children in poverty, to caring for families, to caring for animals and our earth, to supporting people held captive by addiction, to caring for the elderly and others who are struggling with health or other issues... And the list goes on and on! Is there a ministry or effort that you'd really like to be a part of? God's dream is HUGE. What would it mean for you to find a piece of God's dream that really energizes you? What would it mean for Still Waters?

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

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Worship Hours: Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm

### **Happy Birthday!**

Aug 10	Sue Becker
Aug 11	Dean Maytag
Aug 12	Eric Scheib
Aug 14	Tammy Baines, Kami Twining, Vic Zisis
Aug 15	Marc Bartusek, Todd Nelson, Owen Radmer
Aug 16	Katie Kingsbury, Carla Nicolaus

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Aug 16	Glenn & Denise Bonlender
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### **Ushers**

Sunday 9am	Kelly & Vicki Passineau
10:30am	Marc & Kim Bartusek

### **Greeters**

Susie Klostermann & Sandra Grasse
Kathy Dalton & Vicki Passineau

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Greetings, Still Waters Family and Friends! This weekend we are continuing the series we started last week inviting us to “Dream Big.” God can do more than we can possibly ask for or imagine, and what would happen if we begin to catch even a portion of His vision in our lives and in Still Waters Church? We invite you to join us this weekend, as we seek to find that spirit of openness with “Great Expectations” for the many ways God is and will move us toward His dream. We’ll also hear testimony from Debi and Aaron Haas regarding some of their dreams, both personally as well as related to our Honduras mission! Additionally, we will be blessed to commission our Rock Island Retreat participants at the 10:30 service, and send them off for an amazing week, beginning August 17. I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

Here are more details of other upcoming opportunities:

**The Flock, Sunday August 10, 5:00 p.m.**

***Fellowship and Informational Meeting for Youth, Parents, and Siblings***

“The Flock” is the name given to a monthly gathering for an informational meeting for youth, parents, and siblings. Snacks available. Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

**Two Week Bible Overview!**

Have you ever wanted to get the ‘big picture’ of the Bible? It’s good to look at individual passages, but how does that fit into the whole Biblical narrative? Upon request, we’ll spend one week looking at the Old Testament, and one week looking at the New Testament. Pastor Lori shared this class years ago, and it has been requested that we have this again! We’ll meet **Mondays, August 11, and August 25, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Pastor Lori facilitating. Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

**Summer Walk ‘n Connect**

Join us for our Summer Walk and Connect on **Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.** we meet in the church lobby and together we’ll walk on the path around our church property, enjoying nature, each other, and a healthy way to start our day. That walk takes about 20 minutes. For any interested, after our walk, Pastor Lori will lead us for 15 minutes in devotion time outside, using the “Prayers from Iona” resource. Open your day with friends, community, connection, and God! See Robin Olson or Pastor Lori for details. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

**Feeding America, August 13th**

Come join us as we feed a couple hundred families in about an hour! Our next Feeding America is Wednesday, August 13th, 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.

**Foundations Retreat, Rock Island Wisconsin**

This year will be our 3rd trip to Rock Island which is part of the Wisconsin State Parks system and is a beautiful island. **Dates are Sunday, August 17 - Thursday, August 21**, open to incoming 6th graders through seniors in high school. **Commissioning will be August 10, at the 10:30 service.** This 4 day trip is designed to teach our youth how they can slow down and find a deeper connection to God. On the island they will experience a 4 day off-the-grid, semi-wilderness experience including emphasis in the following areas. Prayer, Scripture, Worship, Witness and Love of God and People. The youth will also lead a Worship service on the Beach. Fee is \$150 per person. Contact Lisa for details. Sign up on the Connection Card or website.

### **Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, August 20th, 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](mailto: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, August 19th.)

### **Youth Sunday- Dream Big- Push Through Setbacks**

Our youth are gearing up to lead us in worship on Sunday, August 24, both worship services. They will bring the message and lead us in Scripture, prayer, and music. The message will focus on finding and re-invigorating our dreams, and specifically pushing through setbacks. We all have those! We invite you to come out and support our youth, as we continue to be so proud of their spiritual growth and leadership.

### **Backpack Blessing, August 24**

Mark your calendar... On Sunday, August 24, we will have a "Backpack Blessing." We'll pray for our students during worship, and *after* the second service we'll go outside to pray and start the school year off with a celebration of some Jesus Confetti! Students, bring your backpacks, and we'll offer **prayers for students and school staff and families!** All are welcome, come and support our students and families and school staff! Meet us behind the church for a prayer and celebration!

### **Family Promise Pizza Night and Ice Cream Social!**

On **Thursday evening, August 28**, we're excited to host families experiencing homelessness with an amazing event! We'll have a dinner with pizza, ice cream with all the toppings, and will have a great time with the kids creating a back-to-school craft. What a great opportunity to enjoy each other's company around the table, and spend time creating craft items for the backpack that they have already been supplied for school.

#### **Lots of ways to participate!**

- **COME** on Thursday, August 28! Volunteers able to help set up come at 4:30 p.m., serve a meal at 5:00. We'll meet at the Family Promise Center, Karl's Place, 450 Water St., West Bend. Take time to extend the love of Christ with our presence.
- **CONTRIBUTE** financially to support the cost of food and supplies
- **MAKE A MEAL** any other night that week that would be for about 15 people.

Please sign up on the Connection Card or online or contact Kelly or Vicki Passineau with questions.

### **Family Fun Day, Sunday, August 31**

On Sunday, August 31st from noon until 2pm, Still Waters Youth Ministries is hosting an outdoor family event complete with a campfire, and family games for all ages. We'll cook hotdogs and enjoy our fire pit and try out a game of gaga ball. We will also have volleyball, badminton, pickleball and several other fun games. This is our Labor Day fun day. Contact Lisa with questions at [swym2019@gmail.com](mailto:swym2019@gmail.com). Sign up on the Connection Card or online. Bringing food is not required, but if you'd like to bring a side dish, that would be great. All are welcome, and feel free to just show up!

### **Brat Fry Youth Ministry Fundraiser**

Stop by Piggly Wiggly, Slinger location, on **Saturday, September 6, 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.** for our youth ministry fundraiser! Proceeds from sales this day will benefit Still Waters Youth Ministry!

### **Sharing from Honduras Team**

#### **Trip Experiences, Future Partnership**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 7, noon to 1:00 p.m.** All are invited to hear about our Honduras trip and partnership! The team of fourteen that went to Honduras in July of this year has decided to invite the congregation and friends to a time of sharing about our partnership there, sharing of their experiences, God-moments, and reflections. We'll also give a glimpse into the future of our partnership with Central UMC in Danli, Honduras. Feel free to bring a dish to share, although that is not required. Some on the team even plan to bring some Honduran dishes! We'll help ourselves to potluck lunch, and settle in for a wonderful time of learning, growing, and being inspired. Contact Pastor Lori or Lisa regarding the sharing time, or Jena regarding the food. Sign up on the Connection Card or Online to indicate your plan to attend, and whether you'd like to bring food.

### ***Looking ahead...***

#### **New Members Class:**

Mark your calendars if you've been thinking that Still Waters is the place you'd like to call your church home! We'll have a membership class **Sunday, September 21, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**, and then **join the church the weekend of September 27/28**. This will be Souper Sunday, so grab some soup and lunch from the lobby and bring to our new members gathering! By the way... We'll let you in on a little secret... September 29 is Still Waters "Golden" birthday! We'll be 29 on September 29th! That means this New Members Class will have the distinction of joining on the week of Still Waters Golden Birthday. What a fun celebration! Contact Pastor Lori with questions or to sign up, or just register on our website!

#### **Women's Retreat** – September 26-28, 2025

*Mt. Morris Retreat Center, Wautoma, WI.*

"Will The Real Person Please Stand Up"? Do you find yourself living a superficial life to protect yourself from rejection? At this retreat we will dive into this journey toward freedom. Based on the book authored by Gail Porter, we will explore the different ways we struggle with this and offer suggestions as to how to release ourselves to live authentically. Mt. Morris is a beautiful retreat center only a 1-1/2 hour drive from here. We will stay in a fully equipped lodge and enjoy the surrounding nature as well as delicious meals. Cost is \$200/person based on a shared room. Cost includes all meals as well as program costs. Space is limited, so please let us know if you want to attend as soon as possible. Sign up on the Connection Card or website, and contact Robin Olson [Robinlee29@aol.com](mailto:Robinlee29@aol.com) 262-366-5243 if you have any questions.

#### **Animal Blessing 2025**

Still Waters Youth Ministries is hosting an Animal Blessing **Saturday, Oct 11th, 2025 2:00-6:00 pm**, which includes a **special worship service inside from 5-6pm**.

- **Memorial Rainbow Bridge:** We'll have a Memorial Rainbow bridge station, where you can remember those special animals that have crossed over the rainbow bridge. You're invited to bring a picture and wings will be provided.
- **Animal Blessing Blankets:** Receive your animal blessing blanket, a gift for your precious furry friends.
- **Order for Saturday events:**
  - **2:00 Hiking trail and vendor booths open**
  - **2:30-4:45 Check In and Participate:** Animals may check in and visit the exhibits and participate in fun games and selfie stations with their Humans, Participate in Rainbow Bridge Memorial, bring picture of animal and receive their wings.

- **5:00-6:00 - Special Indoor Worship Service** We will celebrate and witness the God given bond between animals and God's people who are the stewards of God's Creatures. All animal companions and their human family members are invited to this special event. Bring pictures of animal friends that don't like to travel. During worship we'll have a blessing over all animals, including those who have crossed over the rainbow bridge.
- **6:00: Individual blessings** after worship.
- **6:00: Individual prayers offered for special prayer requests** for your animals

Sign up on the Connection Card or online to register your animal's attendance or to volunteer.

**Special Sunday worship, 9:00 and 10:30:** Worship will focus celebrate our animals, the beauty of God's creation, and we will have a special time of remembrance of our animal friends who have gone before us, a blessing for all animal friends, and animal blessing blankets will be distributed. You're welcome to bring pictures of your animals on Sunday.

### **Spring Forest Retreat! Possible opportunity in 2026!**

Robin Olson, Nancy Oreshack, and Pastor Lori are looking into the possibility of offering a retreat at Spring Forest Retreat Center, North Carolina, in April of 2026! On this retreat, we will get amazing teaching from Dr. Elaine Heath, former dean of Duke Divinity School, as she equips people to connect deeply with God, each other, and the world around us. It is a retreat center on a beautiful farm with walking paths, and there is a rhythm of prayer, learning, work, rest, table. I (Pastor Lori) was able to attend a retreat there this year, and found it to be the most powerful and life-changing retreat that I've ever attended. We'd love to open the experience up to others! We would travel on a Monday, have a retreat Tuesday and Wednesday, and travel back on Thursday. We are working on getting more specifics including exact dates in April, as well as price. Lodging is in a beautiful farmhouse on site that sleeps up to ten, some with shared rooms, some with single rooms. Lodging for the entire group is \$350 per night, so that cost would be shared among participants. We are working on narrowing down the dates, and exact cost with food and teaching included. Please talk to Robin, Nancy, or Pastor Lori if you have questions. Meanwhile, we hope to get details narrowed down soon!

Grace and peace and prayers!

Pastor Lori