



Dream Big Explore Opportunities

August 17, 2025

Matthew 25:31, 34-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Message Notes

Possibilities have to be:

1. Seen
2. Seized
3. Savored

Food for Thought

Life is busy, stressful, and all-consuming. It's so easy to be completely focused by our own struggles, challenges, to-do lists, and even celebrations. The opportunity to be a part of making a difference in someone else's life, requires that we have our eyes open and we 'see' the need.

What are the needs and struggles of the people in your 'circle' (family, friends, co-workers, brothers and sisters in Christ, etc)?

What are needs and struggles of people that you may not even know? (You heard of someone with water damage with all the flooding recently, etc)

What does it mean to 'seize the moment' or take action on the needs around us? What is one step you might take in living out a dream that positively impacts someone else?

So often we think of lists of things to do when it comes to living God's dream. In the midst of tackling a dream, what relationships need to be nurtured and cherished and made time for? How does this look in ministry (e.g. in Feeding America or Family Promise or Congregational Care Ministry)?

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 18	Brady Senkbeil
Aug 21	Darcy Gill, Jack Nelson, Kara Phillips
Aug 22	Paul Hansen
Aug 23	Dina Roberts

Happy Anniversary!

Aug 19	Ned & Cindy Ziegler
Aug 23	Dave & Shirley Ritger

Ushers

Sunday 9am	Rick & Debbie Dembeck
10:30am	Steve & Barb Smith

Greeters

Dennis Konieczka & Barb Thortenson
Diana Schoen & Linda Kleinhans

Church Website



Online Giving



Greetings, Still Waters Family and Friends! Oh my goodness, prayers are going out for all those affected in great ways by all the flooding. I'm guessing we all know someone who has been greatly impacted, and for some of you, that may be you! Please be sure to reach out if you are in need of help. It is always interesting, isn't it, that someone's prayer for help may actually be someone else's dream to make a difference. This weekend we are continuing our series "Dream Big." This weekend we'll be exploring the opportunities to take a step forward in our dreams! We'll hear from Kelly Passineau and Kim Bartusek as they share some of their dreams about how we can care for and connect with one another within and beyond the walls of our church. I'm super excited. I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

Here are more details of other upcoming opportunities:

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. 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. Please keep our group in your prayers this week!

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 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!

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! On **Monday, August 25, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** we'll be looking at an overview of the New Testament. Pastor Lori facilitating. Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

Summer Walk 'n Connect- Next one Aug 26

Join us for our Summer Walk and Connect on **Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.** We will **not meet on August 19** (several are out of town that day) and will plan to **gather again on August 26**. We 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.

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. 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.

Dinner for Eight!

We're going to do it! In a post-pandemic, social media world, where you would think we would be super-connected, people today are actually more isolated than ever. This impacts our mental health, well-being, and general disposition! It's time to connect and re-connect! What if you could get to know some people at Still Waters, just meeting for dinner once per month for the next four months. Simple. Casual. Fun. Meet some new people, get to know others a little better. How it works: Just sign up. We will put you in a group of 8, assign a coordinator who will reach out so that you all can find the best day and time to meet. It might be dinner, or who knows, maybe you decide breakfast or lunch would be better. Maybe someone will want to host a meal in their home, or maybe you'll just find a restaurant where you'd like to meet. Your group decides. Together you can talk about logistics. If you have questions, contact Pastor Lori or Kathy in the office. Sign up on the Connection Card or online. You'll be contacted sometime in September to arrange for your first dinner together!

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 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!

Thank you Still Waters- you're amazing!

Pastor Lori