



Standing on the Promises Kingdom Quest: Seeking the Finished Product

August 2, 2026

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:10 (KJV)

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Message Notes:

God's Kingdom Quest Involves

1. Hope
2. Inner Work
3. Outward Action

Food for Thought

What gives you hope?

What are some ways you can allow God to work in your heart so that you have peace, joy, and love?

What is one action you can take to make this world a better place?

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

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

Happy Birthday!

August 4 Steve Schmidt
August 7 Sue Breuer, Lisa Paulson

Happy Anniversary!

August 3 John & Stephanie Carter
August 4 Dave & Sue Washnesky
August 6 Bruce & Emily Jordan
August 7 Wayne & Dolly Schultz, Gary & Pat Swanstrom

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>
<u>Sunday</u> <u>9am</u>	Rick & Debbie Dembeck	Fred & Teri Kandel	Al & Mary Helsell Fred & Teri Kandel
<u>10:30am</u>	Marc & Kim Bartusek	Tom & Tammy Trueman	Tom & Tammy Trueman Marc & Kim Bartusek

Church Website



Online Giving



Good morning, Still Waters family! We are very quickly approaching August; my question: where does the time go? It seems like just yesterday we were starting to enjoy the warm weather. With the warm weather and weather fronts going through, this week has been a week of storms... I am holding all those in the Menasha and wider Appleton area in my prayers. Storms are serious business! And that reminds me of the storms of life... Often we are tired, exhausted, weary, and just weathering different kinds of storms in life. Many times when I ask people how they are doing, the first answer that sometimes comes to mind is, "Tired." This weekend we embark on one important series... "Standing on the Promises." Sometimes when life is hard, that's when we actually realize that there are rock solid promises under our sinking feet and sinking hearts. I truly look forward to this series, with myself and others sharing the messages at different times this month. This coming weekend, as we close out an amazing Vacation Bible School, we'll look "Kingdom Quest" and what does the promise of God's Kingdom lived out in our lives look like? As always, I look forward to seeing each of you this weekend. Let's show up and be there for each other, just as God is always there for us!

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

Youth Missional Retreat

Our missional retreat, scheduled for August 3rd through 6th, is for high school youth, including those entering high school this fall. It takes place at Spring Forest in North Carolina, known for its Celtic rhythms, intertwining nature, contemplative practices, and ancient faith traditions. More than just a trip, it's a time to serve, reflect, and grow in faith. Rooted in United Methodist tradition, we blend service with worship, prayer, and reflection. The cost, approximately \$1,000, covers flights, transportation, retreat participation, and meals during the retreat—though travel meals may be extra. If you have questions, contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com

Walk 'n Connect

Join us on **Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.** at church. (Note, we have changed this from Tuesdays to Thursdays!) Weather permitting, we will begin with a walk around our property outside, otherwise we'll walk inside. Then, after our walk, We will be guided through time of connecting with each other and God 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 Support Group

This group is a support group for people who have loved ones affected with addiction(s). Meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. here at Still Waters Church, it is a casual gathering to share experiences, thoughts, and feelings with others in your situation. **Next meeting is August 6, 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

The Flock, Sunday August 9, 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.

Feeding America

Join us on **Wednesday, August 12** (always the 2nd Wednesday of the month) at **1:00 p.m.** for this very important ministry to distribute food to those who are food insecure. On-the-job training is always available; we often have new volunteers each month, so no worries if it's your first time. We'd love to welcome you!

Prayer & Paddle at Pike Lake

Prayer & Paddle has begun! We'll be at Pike Lake State Park, 3544 Kettle Moraine Road, Hartford,

WI 53027. Come to the beach! Join us for a summer evening of fellowship, a brief devotion, prayer, and time on the water as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation together. We will gather at 6:00 PM and conclude around sunset. You may also sign up on the connection card or online. **Prayer and Paddle Future Dates will be: August 12, 19, 26.** *"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

Worship Night!

On Saturday, August 15th, at 5:00 p.m., we will have a wonderful night of praising God through music with our Still Waters Youth Ministry (SWYM) Praise Team. Come join us for a time to worship our creator and be re-energized and filled with joy and peace, AND support our youth!

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, August 19, 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 18.)

Family Promise- Week of August 24 - 30- Save the Date!

Save the Date! We'll be looking for folks willing to make a meal for those experiencing homelessness on the week of August 24-30. If that's something you'd like to do, please sign up on the Connection Card or website. Additional opportunities for serving that week will be emerging. Contact Kelly (kpassin@gmail.com) or Vicki Passineau (vsp0013@gmail.com) with questions.

Still Waters Women's Retreat

Join us for a Women's Retreat August 28th – 30th, 2026 at Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center, W6016 Blackhawk Road, Wautoma, WI. 54982. Our focus will be on Self Care and the Bible. Cost is \$210/person based on a shared room. Price includes lodging, dinner on Friday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday, as well as all program costs. The Black Oak Lodge sleeps 19 and boasts a full kitchen as well as a gathering room with a fireplace. In addition to being surrounded by wooded walking paths, there is a beautiful pool which, weather permitting, we will be able to use. Food is always delicious, plentiful and thoughtfully prepared with dietary restrictions in mind. We will gather late afternoon on Friday and conclude after streaming Sunday Service on Sunday. Any questions, please feel free to contact Robin Olson. Sign up online or on your Connection Card.

Backpack Blessing, August 30

Mark your calendar... On Sunday, August 30, 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!

Congregational Care, August 3-6

I will be attending the Youth Missional Retreat at Spring Forest with our youth this week from Monday through Thursday (August 3-6). I am available via text, or feel free to contact Kim Bartusek (kabartusek@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or concerns.

Prayers you are able to breathe in God's Spirit this week!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori