



Standing on the Promises

Working It Out For Good: The Promise of God Working for Good

August 30, 2026

Romans 8:28 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Message Notes

1. God works for good
2. We love God
3. We are called according to God's purpose

Food for Thought

1. Think of a time when things were not going well (maybe it's right now!) and you wondered where God was and whether and how He was even working. What was happening and how did you feel about it?
2. Think back over your life so far, and consider different ups and downs of life. Are you able to see how God was working as you look back? Perhaps you can see God's movement more-so now looking back than you could see in that moment.
3. Romans 8:28 doesn't stop with the declaration that God is working for good. There is an added part about how our love for God is a part of this equation. How do you both receive God's love, having compassion on yourself, as well as how do love God?
4. How do you experience God's call, or God's direction and purpose for your life? In the little things? In the big things?

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!

August 29	Addie Ruffing
September 2	Adriana Nicolaus, Frank Palmstein, Gail Timm
September 3	Patti Bocian, Nancy Oreshack, Isaiah Thornton
September 4	RJ Pouzar, Fred Ullius

Happy Anniversary!

August 31	Paul & Janet Pries
September 2	Jeff & Dorothy Radley
September 3	Steve & Barb Smith

Ushers

Greeters

Sunday

9am	Kathy Dalton & Linda Kleinhans
10:30am	Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Paul & Heidi Sanders

Ron & Ann Naab

Church Website



Online Giving



Greetings Still Waters Family! Prayers that as you journey through this beautiful week, you are finding moments to sense God's presence. This weekend in worship we will conclude our "Standing on the Promises" series. God has given us so many ways to light up our lives and our world. We just need to be aware and then lean on those promises! This week, based on Romans 8:28, we'll look at the ways in this crazy, messed up world, God seems to be weaving His light through it all and working it all out for good. Having trouble seeing that good? That would be normal! Let's explore the ways God does this and what it means for us today. See you Sunday!

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

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 Promise info for Aug 24th – 30th, 2026

Still Waters will partner with Family Promise the week of August 24th – 30th by providing meals for families experiencing homelessness. Family Promise is currently supporting three families (7 individuals) in the family shelter as well as nearly 20 additional men, women and children in shelter and transitional apartments. **Here's How You Can Help!**

- 1. One option is to provide a meal:** We're looking for volunteers to prepare and deliver a large meal to the shelter by 3:00 p.m. on August 29th.
- 2. A second option is to prepare and/or serve dinner on-site at Family Promise:** Join us on Thursday, August 27th from 5:00–7:00 p.m. as our team will bring a prepared meal to serve and join those experiencing homelessness to enjoy a Sloppy Joe dinner with buns, salads, chips, fruit, veggies, pickles, desserts and refreshments. **You can volunteer to serve and/or bring food.**

Please sign up online or on your Connection Card or online for which option works best for you. You'll come to Karl's Place, 450 Water St, West Bend, WI 53095. Questions? Contact Kelly (kpassin@gmail.com) or Vicki Passineau (vsp0013@gmail.com.)

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.

Brat Fry Youth Ministry Fundraiser

Stop by Piggly Wiggly, Slinger location, on **Saturday, August 29 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.** for our youth ministry fundraiser! Proceeds from sales this day will benefit Still Waters Youth Ministry!

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!

Family Fun Day — Sunday, September 6

Join us for a Labor Day Weekend Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 6, from noon–2:00 p.m. at Still Waters! We'll gather outdoors for a relaxed afternoon of family games, a campfire, good food, and time together. We'll cook hot dogs over the fire, enjoy the fire pit, try our hand at gaga ball, and have plenty of other outdoor games and activities for all ages. There's no need to bring anything, but if you'd like to bring a side dish to share, you're welcome to!

Everyone is welcome, so bring the family, invite a friend, and come enjoy the afternoon. You can sign up on the Connection Card or online, but you're also welcome to just show up! Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

Holy Yoga Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m.

Holy Yoga will start up again this fall, beginning in Tuesday, September 8! We'll meet on Tuesdays, 8:45 am. Donation of \$10 each session suggested. No need to sign up- just come! What a great time to try this intentional practice of connecting with God once per week on Tuesday mornings for an hour! Contact Nancy Maier or Robin Olson with questions.

Feeding America

Join us on **Wednesday, September 9** (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!

Saturday Worship Begins Sept 12!

We will resume our 5:00 p.m. Saturday worship on Saturday, Sept 12th! In addition to our two Sunday morning worship services, there will be another option for worship each weekend. Mark your calendar!

Intergenerational Sunday + Souper Sunday, September 13

Join us Sunday, September 13! Following the second service, during our Souper Sunday meal, we'll celebrate the gift of every generation at Still Waters, from our youngest to our oldest, with special appreciation for the wisdom, stories, and faith of the older generations among us. Still Waters Youth Ministries will host a relaxed time of sharing a meal, table games, conversation, and fun ways to connect and learn from one another across generations. We may even make a little music together with Boomwhackers and a drum circle, where everyone can join in! Come share a story, learn something new, and enjoy time together as one church family. Every generation has something to share, and every generation has something to learn. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Youth Ministries Biannual Meetings – September 13 & March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Twice each year, in September and March, Still Waters Youth Ministries gathers youth, parents/guardians, mentors, and ministry leaders for our Biannual Youth Ministry Meeting. These gatherings take the place of our regular monthly Flock Meeting and are especially important times to share where we are headed, review upcoming opportunities and expectations, and strengthen the partnership between youth, families, mentors, and the church. We ask every youth ministry family to make these two meetings a priority, with youth and at least one parent/guardian planning to attend; mentors are strongly encouraged to join us as well. As we walk together in the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, these gatherings help ensure that we are informed, connected, and supporting our young people together.

Please save the dates: Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 14, 2027 at 6:00 p.m.

Small Group Study “Love Has a Name”

Fall study groups are starting! We have two groups, studying the same book.

Choose the time that works best for you:

- **Monday, Sept 14** - October 26, **7:00 p.m.** Facilitated by Pastor Lori
- **Tuesday Sept 15** - Oct 27 **10:00 a.m.** Facilitated by Robin Jasinski/Pastor Lori

We'll begin both groups the same week, Monday Sept 14 and Tuesday Sept 15.

The greatest commandment is to love. And in a world that is increasingly polarized, especially at election time, this commandment gets very real! Together we'll read the book, **“Love Has a Name” by Adam Weber**. For some reason, even though we know we are to love, somehow we end up hurting, belittling, and overlooking people. And “love” is not just a generic concept. It is specific to each person we meet. That is, love has a name. Join us as we meet specific people in author Adam's life, and learn what love looks like in specific situations and people. You have the names of people in your life as well! Book is \$20 and available in the lobby. Sign up for the group on the Connection Card or Online.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, September 16, 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, September 15.)

Family Support Group, September 17

This group is a support group for people who have loved ones affected with addiction(s). Meeting the 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 September 17, 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

Fall Confirmand Retreat | September 18–19

Our **Fall Confirmand Retreat** will be held at Still Waters **Friday and Saturday, September 18–19**, beginning **Friday at 7:00 p.m.** and continuing through **Saturday's 5:00 p.m. worship service**. A brief **parent/guardian meeting** will follow worship to wrap up the retreat and look ahead to the Confirmand Year. This retreat is for our **8th-grade confirmands**, as well as older youth who have not yet been confirmed and would like to enter the Confirmand Year. Confirmation at Still Waters is a journey of faith and discipleship for our 6th–8th grade youth, giving them opportunities to learn, grow, serve, ask questions, build relationships, and discover what it means to follow Jesus.

The **Confirmand Year** is a special time of deeper preparation and discernment as youth consider affirming their baptismal and membership vows and making their own public profession of faith. If you have a youth in **8th grade or older who has not yet been confirmed** and would like to learn more about participating this year, we would love to connect with you. Please sign your youth up on the Connection Card or online. Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

Third Grade Bible Presentation, Sunday Sept. 20

On Sunday, September 20, at the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services, we will present our 3rd graders with their very own age- appropriate Bible! We know that it's possible some 4th and 5th graders missed this opportunity (for a variety of reasons, new to Still Waters, etc), so if you are a 4th or 5th grader and did not receive a Bible, you are welcome to receive one as well! Please direct any questions to Jena Metzler at jenametzler@gmail.com.

Color Splash Games | Sunday, September 20 | 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Get ready to get colorful! Color Splash Games are coming to Still Waters on Sunday, September 20, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., and all youth in grades 6–12 are invited! We're filling the evening with colorful games, crazy challenges, plenty of laughter, and just the right amount of mess. Come ready to run, play, laugh, and probably go home looking a little more colorful than when you arrived! And this is a GREAT night to bring friends! Youth are encouraged to invite other youth in grades 6–12 to come along. Grab a friend (or two!), come join the fun, and get ready to make a colorful mess together! Sign up online or on the Connection Card. Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

30th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, September 27

I am excited to celebrate Still Waters 30th anniversary! Sunday, September 27 **we'll have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by an amazing catered meal (thank you, Scrip!!!!). We will not have Saturday worship that weekend, since we'll all gather together Sunday at 10:00. Mark your calendar, sign up on your Connection Card or online to reserve your spot at the meal. More information and details will be forthcoming!

Prayers surrounding each of you, and for our hearts to be open to God's direction and mission for us, now and always!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori