



Standing on the Promises God Is With Me: The Promise of God's Presence

August 9, 2026

Psalm 23:4

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Message Notes

1. I Am Never Alone
2. I Don't Have to Be Afraid
3. My Shepherd Will Lead Me Home

Food for Thought

God doesn't promise a life without valleys, but He does promise we will never walk through them alone.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where do I need to remember that God is with me instead of trying to face life's challenges on my own?
2. What fear am I carrying today, and how might trusting God's presence change the way I respond to it?
3. How can I become a reminder of God's presence to someone who is walking through a difficult valley this week?

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 10	Sue Becker
August 11	Dean Maytag
August 12	Eric Scheib
August 14	Tammy Trueman, Kami Twining, Vic Zisis
August 15	Marc Bartusek, Todd Nelson, Owen Radmer

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
9am	Sandra Grasse & Susie Klostermann	Dennis Konieczka & Barb Thorstenson
10:30am	Diana Schoen & Jan Giza	Debbie Koloski, Vicki & Katie Passineau

Church Website



Online Giving



Good morning, Still Waters family! As you read this, nine of us are preparing to head back from a wonderful time in North Carolina at the Spring Forest retreat. Our youth and leaders have done amazing work, both physically working on a missional farm to make a difference in this world, as well as spiritually learning and growing. This weekend in worship we will continue our August series discussing the Promises of God. It's amazing to think that at different times in life, while there are varying struggles in our lives and in our world, there are many rock-solid promises that God gives us upon which we can firmly stand. This Sunday Steve will share a message on the "Promise of God's Presence." It's amazing to think that the God who created everything we see, all that we are, and all that has ever or will ever be, is right here, with you and me! God leads us, comforts us, guides us, strengthens us, and is showing us how to grow in love with Him and each other even as we heal from the hurts of life. 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:

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!

Tornado Response

Many of you know that over a week ago a tornado came through the Menasha area, and devastated the area. There will continue to be much need there, and many of you have personal connections to folks who have lost so very much. The two most important ways right now that we can help, according to my friend and pastor colleague in ministry in the Menasha area, is with prayer as well as financial donations. If you know someone impacted, you might reach out to them and let them know we are praying for them. If you'd like to contribute financially to this cause, please go ahead and write your check to Still Waters Church, with "Tornados" in the memo, and we will collect all the donations and forward them on through the United Methodist Wisconsin Disaster Relief fund which will be directly deployed and meet the most critical needs as they arise. All donations will go 100% toward relief efforts.

Prayers with you and for our world, now and always!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori