



A Dynamic Tapestry:

Biblical Faces Woven into our Daily Lives

In the Beginning, God

June 14, 2026

1 John 4:8b (NIV)

God is love

Genesis 1:1, 27 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

So God created humans in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Philippians 2:6-8 (NRSV)

Though he existed in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Revelation 21:1a, 4-5a (NIV)

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Message Notes

God's love:

- 1. Created**
- 2. Empties**
- 3. Is Forever**

Food for Thought

What does it mean for you in your everyday life that "God is love"?

In Genesis 1:27 it says that God created us (you!) in His image. What good qualities from God are inherent in you?

What does it mean that God 'emptied himself' and came down from heaven to earth in the person of Jesus? What kind of God gives up all power to become vulnerable for us?

What hope does it bring that God's love is forever?

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

Still Waters Church | 3617 Scenic Road, PO Box 406, Jackson, WI 53037 | 262-677-1311

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

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

Happy Birthday!

June 14 Laura Goggins, Jill Henckel, Tara Schulz, Colton Schluter
June 15 Brayden Fletes
June 17 Jack Carlson, Colton Sutton
June 19 Stacey Lopacinski, Sadie Stelter, Steve Twining

Happy Anniversary!

June 15 Dennis & Faith Thornton
June 19 Ellis 'Hap' & Kathy Itson

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<u>Sunday</u>		
9am	Kathy Dalton & Jan Giza	Paul Sanders & Kelly Passineau
10:30am	Marc & Kim Bartusek	Tom & Tammy Trueman

Church Website



Online Giving



Good morning, Still Waters family! Prayers you are staying cool in the midst of the warm days, and enjoying our Wisconsin summer! This weekend starts a summer series called, "A Dynamic Tapestry: Biblical Faces Woven into our Daily Lives." We will spend each of the next several weeks looking at a Biblical character, and discovering how lessons from that person's Biblical witness weave it's way through our lives today. Now, we might not think of God as a 'character' of the Bible. And yet, the Bible story, and all stories, begin with God. There are no other characters until God creates them! In the beginning, God created, and He continues in moving our lives today. AND... what we believe about God shapes everything about our perspective, worldview, and our very lives. So this is where we begin this series! **We also will have the privilege of hearing our Jaxson's story...** Many you know that Jaxson and his family have an amazing God-story. I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

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

Quest Camp- Commissioning

Our Quest Campers are getting ready! **We will plan to commission them/pray for them on Sunday, June 14 at the 10:30 worship service.** Quest Camp itself will begin on June 21 and is one of those experiences that our youth tend to remember forever as powerful moments in their faith journey. Let's hold them in prayer as they have fun, experience God, encounter Christ, grow closer as a group, and refocus! This weekend we'll pray for our incoming 6th graders through seniors in High School as they head out for the week. We continue the journey of faith!

VBS Planning- Let's Go!!!

It's not too late to join the Vacation Bible School team! We will have a VBS planning meeting on Sunday June 14th from 12pm-1pm. Come and help us plan for one of our biggest Children's Ministry events of the summer! Lunch will be provided.

The Flock, Sunday June 14, 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.

Family Promise June 15–21

Still Waters will partner with Family Promise the week of June 15–21 by providing meals for families experiencing homelessness. Family Promise is currently supporting five families (15 individuals) as well as nearly 20 additional men, women, and families in shelter.

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 June 15, 19, or 21.
- 2. A second option is to prepare and/or serve dinner on-site at Family Promise:** Join us on Wednesday, June 17, 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 taco dinner with all the fixings. **You can volunteer to serve and/or, if you'd like to bring food,** we could use: Taco meat and/or shed taco seasoned chicken, salsa, pico de gallo, lettuce, onions, cilantro, guacamole, shredded cheese, sour cream, corn and/or flour tortillas, tortilla chips, corn chips, taco shells, mexican rice and refried beans, mac & cheese, desserts, and refreshments.

Please sign up online or on your Connection Card 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).

Monday Study: "The Holy Spirit" God's Presence and Power at Work in Us

Join us **Mondays at 7:00 p.m for 5 weeks**, as we uncover the mystery of how God moves in and around and among us! Corresponding with our worship series, and based on the newly released book by Adam Hamilton, we will look at the movement of the Holy Spirit through both the Old Testament and New Testament and what that means for how God is at work today, in our lives and in our world. Pastor Lori facilitating, book is \$15.

Tuesday Morning Study- The Road Less Traveled

On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., are studying the 'classic' book, "The Road Less Traveled" by M. Scott Peck, M.D. The study will go for 15 weeks, and **conclude on June 16**. Together we will explore the nature of loving relationships and discover new serenity and fullness of life. We'll look at how to distinguish between dependency and love, how to become more sensitive parent, and ultimately how to become one's own true self. Book is \$12. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, June 17, 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, June 16.)

Prayer & Paddle at Pike Lake

Prayer & Paddle begins Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 PM! We'll be at Pike Lake State Park, 3544 Kettle Moraine Road, Hartford, WI 53027. 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 Dates will be: June 17, July 1, 8, 22, August 12, 19, 26.** *"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

Wednesday Evening Book Study: "Relaxed" by Megan Marshmann

If you had to describe Jesus in one word, what word would you use? The author, Megan Marshman, was inspired by one man's answer who said "relaxed". **Join us for a 6 week study starting on Wednesday May 13th** as we learn more about walking with Jesus, the one who isn't worried about a thing. Jena Metzler facilitating, book is \$11.

Walk 'n Connect

Walk 'n Connect is BACK! We are excited to start up again our Walk 'n Connect ministry! 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, tonight, June 18, 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

Father's Day- Popcorn for Pops

For Father's Day, our youth will be distributing POPcorn (complete with a dad joke) for everyone who comes to worship on that day, June 21. Enjoy the popcorn - maybe watch a movie or have some dad time, even reminiscing, honoring and remembering the dads and men in your life who have impacted you in such powerful ways!

Quest Camp

Quest camp is a remarkable, ridiculously fun, re-imagined way for youth groups and youth leaders to experience God, encounter Christ, grow closer as a group, and refocus!. Quest camp is for incoming 6th graders through seniors in High School, and this year will be June 21st - 26th. Quest camp includes Bible study and worship, an expansive high ropes course, climbing tower and zipline, amazing lakefront activities, and refreshing food and lodging. One of the greatest things about Quest is that our youth group and leaders attend together, creating a stronger fellowship bond within our youth group and experiences that create lifelong memories that deepen our faith journey. The cost per camper is \$350.00. Deposit of \$50 due by end of February, with \$100 due monthly after that. See Lisa for details, and sign up online or via the Connection Card. **Commissioning for our Quest group will be the week prior, on June 14, at the 10:30 worship service.**

Honduras Commissioning

On Sunday, June 28, at the 10:30 worship service, we will be commissioning/praying for our Honduras Team! We have eight people heading to Honduras for a week beginning July 11, with both a medical and education component! Prayers for their mission, and for the relationships built, and for the partnership, and for the people with whom we interact.

Honduras Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

All invited! Whether or not you are going to Honduras this July, we would love to have you join us for the planning of our Vacation Bible School in a high need school in Honduras. Please join us **Monday, June 29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** as we pray over and plan for our Vacation Bible School in Honduras! Please sign up on the Connection Card or online, and contact Lisa or Pastor Lori with questions.

Feeding America

Join us on **Wednesday, July 8** (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!

Looking ahead...

Honduras Intergenerational Mission Trip July 11-18, 2026

We continue to be so excited for our mission trip to Honduras, July 11–18, 2026! You are invited to come to Honduras, OR you can participate in the mission from home! Our mission this year is two-fold. If you come to Honduras, you will choose to be in either an **Education or Medical Focus Group**. No specific training or experience needed for either group. We also need people to be a part of the back home support group. Examples of how you can help from Wisconsin include being part of the VBS planning or sponsoring medical costs. As a **full team in country**, we'll spend time together worshipping, eating, laughing and experiencing Christ's amazing presence on the mission field. We can't wait to serve together!

Vacation Bible School

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is Kingdom Quest and we'll be discovering what it means to live in the kingdom of God today! Dates are **Monday July 27 through Thursday July 30** from 6pm-8pm each night. Each day we'll go through centers of music, games, crafts, and Bible adventures. The final day (July 30th) will be Family Night where family and friends are invited for a short program and stay for a cookout and a bouncy house in the back area of the church! Please contact Jena Metzler with any questions up to the month of July. Come July, Lisa Paulson will be stepping in as coordinator and will be able to answer any questions since Baby Metzler will be making her arrival around that time! Register for VBS on our Connection Card or website.

Youth Missional Retreat

Our missional retreat, scheduled for August 3rd through 8th, 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. Spots are limited, so a \$100 deposit is required by June 7th to secure a place. To indicate interest, sign up on the Connection Card or online. If you have questions, contact Lisa at swym2019@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.

Solar Panel Possibilities!

A new potential opportunity is emerging! We are looking at the possibility of having Solar Panels at Still Waters Church! In doing some exploration work, our Accountable Leadership Board found that solar panels would significantly cut our electricity costs, would increase our environmental care of the earth, and if we act relatively soon, we are eligible for rebates of about 1/3 of the cost. Funding options are also emerging. John Haas shared a wonderful presentation on video this last weekend. See handout in the lobby if you would like the details. In order to qualify for significant rebate, the decision will need to be made in June. If you have questions, feel free to contact myself (Pastor Lori), Business Manager John Haas, our trustee co-chairs, Fred Kandel or Guy Hoppe, or our finance co-chairs, Robin Olson or Diana Schoen, or anyone on our ALB Board. Let's be in prayer about this emerging possibility.

Congregational Care June 17-24

I can't believe it, but in less than a week I'll be leaving for Greece! I will be gone from June 17-June 24, along with my family (my sister and her family, my daughters and their families), as I will be officiating the wedding of my niece in the country of Greece! This is surely an adventure of a lifetime. If you would keep us in your prayers for safe and healthy travels, we would greatly appreciate it! While I'm away, Kim Bartusek will be your contact for congregational care needs. Feel free to reach out to her at 262-993-4024 or kabartusek@gmail.com.

Praying for peace, grace, and hope for each of you and for our world,

Pastor Lori