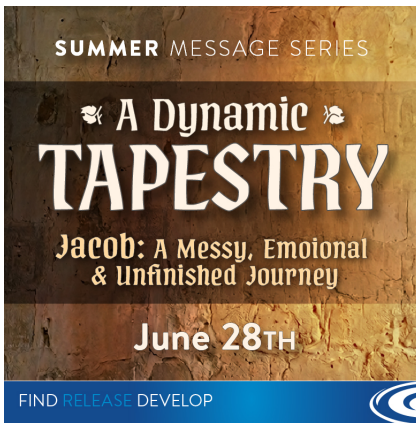




A Dynamic Tapestry:

Biblical Faces Woven into our Daily Lives

Jacob: A Messy, Emotional, and Unfinished Journey

June 28, 2026

Genesis 32:22–32 (NIV)

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

Message Notes

1. Still Making Mistakes
2. Still Carrying Wounds
3. Still Wrestling with Fears
4. Still Seeking God's Call

Food for Thought

- Where in my life am I still making mistakes, and how might God be inviting me to receive His grace rather than live under the weight of guilt or regret?
- What wounds am I still carrying that have shaped my journey, and how might God be using those very places of pain to deepen my faith, strengthen my character, or bless others?
- What fears am I currently wrestling with, and what would it look like to trust God with those fears instead of allowing them to control my decisions and outlook on life?
- As I seek God's call for my life, where do I sense God leading, shaping, or stretching me today, and am I willing to take the next faithful step even if I cannot yet see the entire path ahead?

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 28	Lara Schmidt
June 30	Cassidy Scherzer
July 1	Mike Peters
July 3	Steve Miles, Katti Schneider

Happy Anniversary!

June 28	Mark & Jean Salewsky
June 30	Chris & Connie Leis
July 2	Steve & Barb Johnson

Ushers

Sunday

9am	Rick & Debbie Dembeck
10:30am	Don & Debbie Koloski

Greeters

Dennis Konieczka & Barb Thorstenson
Pat Swanstrom & Diana Schoen

Church Website



Online Giving



Good morning, Still Waters family! I have returned home from Greece! It is good to be back but wow-what an amazing trip. I'll say a bit more at the end of this email. I loved worshiping online with you last weekend, and was so grateful for the awesome team we have here, who led worship in ways that brought joyful tears to my eyes. Whew! This weekend, we will continue the series, "A Dynamic Tapestry." Throughout time, God is overseeing and 'weaving' a beautiful tapestry made up of all of our stories. The Biblical stories are of particular importance, as we read, study, and find out how their stories are woven into our stories! This weekend Steve will lead us in the message discovering the character of Jacob from the Old Testament and look at his very *imperfect* life, just as *our* lives are imperfect! We'll discover how his messy, emotional, unfinished journey is still being lived out in our lives, and we'll also discover clues as to how God is still working. I look forward to seeing you this weekend in worship!

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

Honduras Commissioning

This 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.

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: July 1, 8, 22, August 12, 19, 26.** *"Be still, and know that I am God."*
Psalms 46:10

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, July 2, 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab 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!

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!

Christmas in July begins July 12!

Christmas in July is about to happen, **beginning July 12!** It's hard to believe but the Christmas season is just 6 months away! The Christmas Store Leadership Team has been busy planning for this year's event which will be on Saturday, December 5th. (the first Saturday in December) The mission of the Christmas Store is to provide families with a HAND-UP as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. These families come to church, enjoy breakfast together, take a family photo and then, while the children are playing and involved in different activities, the parents and a personal shopper start picking out gifts. All prices are greatly reduced so that the families can afford them. Last year, 36 families participated in our Christmas Store... and over 100 children received gifts that their parents were able to provide for them.... with our help.

This is a major outreach that our church does each year. To be successful, it takes a lot of people working together. There is a place for you to help too if you're interested! There are volunteer opportunities for before, during and after the event. In addition, we need financial support. Any amount you can donate will go directly to funding this mission project. And, perhaps most importantly, we need prayer support. Please make checks payable to Still Waters Church and put "Christmas Store" in the memo. Also, the Christmas Store is looking for donations of gently used children's books, new coloring books/crayons, and new activity books (like for math or spelling, word finds, etc). These items will go on the Free Table at the Christmas Store. We also need a variety of gift bags to be used in the wrapping rooms. There will be a bin for donated items in the lobby starting July 12th. Thank you in advance for supporting this important event!

"Christmas in July" is our time to begin significant preparations for this Still Waters signature ministry. To sign up to be a part of this great mission project, beginning the weekend of July 12th, see the bulletin insert, visit the Christmas in July table between services or sign up online. On the table in the lobby is a list of volunteer opportunities. Pick one up today and start thinking about how YOU can be a part of this great mission. All are welcome to help share God's love as we Find the Lost, Release the Captive, and Develop Disciples of Jesus.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Serve Day

Would you like to experience the privilege of being a part of the behind the scenes preparation for Vacation Bible School? On Sunday, July 19, from 12:00pm - 2:00 p.m. we will meet in the church sanctuary to get the church ready for Vacation Bible School by decorating! Please contact Lisa Paulson or Vicki Passineau for details or sign up online or on the Connection Card to indicate your plans to be there!

Vacation Bible School

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! Calling all children, going into 3K - 5th grade! 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 Lisa Paulson (912) 604-8149 or Jena Metzler (515) 520-0208 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 Updates!

As we shared last week, after sharing this month through email, video, worship, and write-ups and handouts with the congregation, and as we've listened to all your feedback, our Accountable Leadership Board (ALB) voted unanimously this week to go forward with the project. You had some great questions, and tons of positive feedback. We are working through logistics and will keep you updated as we have new information. As a reminder, solar panels will 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 or even more of the cost. Funding options are also emerging. If you have questions, feel free to contact myself (Pastor Lori), Business Manager John Haas, our or anyone on our ALB Board (Fred Kandel, Kristin Miles, Dean Maytag, Denise Bonlender, Robin Olson, Diana Schoen, and Guy Hoppe.) Thank you!

A Word from Greece- Reflections on Online Worship

Being in Greece this last week was amazing in so many ways. Of course, to officiate my niece's wedding in Santorini, Greece was in itself personally a privilege and a joy. (Some of you said you'd like to see pictures. Don't worry- in the context of worship in weeks to come, you'll get some of that!)

I was also able to experience the power of online worship all the way from Greece with you last weekend! A few reflections on that... First, I am SO thankful for a team that, as I said to them, not only 'held down the fort,' but truly allowed God to use them in worship last weekend, as always. From Kelly leading worship to Kim sharing the message, to Ricky the Raccoon and Bob the Bobcat and our youth assisting Jena with the Children's message, as well as our youth reading Scripture... to all the people who continued doing what they always do! (Hospitality, A/V, administrative support, and the list goes on and on!) When we sang the song "All Belong Here," I felt that even though I was sitting on the other side of the world in Greece, that I belonged right here at Still Waters. As I prayed and listened and sung (yep, I sung in my hotel room) I was able to connect to God through Still Waters worship on the other side of the world. Thanks to camera shots and images and other technical pieces that we probably are not even aware of, I realized are lifelines for those online, and for us in the room as well. What I'm saying is, sometimes when I step away, I get a broader perspective, and much appreciation for the way God is working in our midst.

Praying for God's work in your lives this summer, for peace in our world, and for joy that begins with God, not just in good times, but a deeper joy that transcends 'happiness.'

See you Sunday!

Pastor Lori