



# The Holy Spirit

## Daily Life in the Spirit: Gifts and Fruit: The Holy Spirit in the Early Church

June 7, 2026

### **1 Corinthians 12:1, 4, 7-9 (NRSV)**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit,

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NRSV)**

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

### **Romans 8:26-28 (CEB)**

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.

### **Message Notes:**

- 1. Use Your Gifts**
- 2. Express with Care**
- 3. Lean on the Holy Spirit**

### **Food for Thought**

There are several passages that list the gifts of the Spirit, e.g. 1 Cor. 12:7-11, Romans 12:3-8, to name a couple. What are your gifts? Maybe you're good with your hands, or you seem to have wisdom or discernment, or you have musical gifts, or gifts of teaching or serving. Name some of your gifts. No wrong answers!

You have been given wonderful gifts. It's good to balance the full use of our gifts with humility. What does that mean for you? What happens when you get prideful? What happens when you don't fully use your gifts?

Sometimes we need direction, especially when life is hard. What does it look like for you to lean on the Holy Spirit, and trust that God will work all things together for good?

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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!**

June 7 Tom Paulson, Pat Swanstrom, Kristen Wolfgram  
June 9 Kelly Passineau, Rowan Steedman  
June 10 Justin Chapman, Alexis Gugliotti  
June 11 Teresa Young  
June 12 Bob Young

### **Happy Anniversary!**

June 8 Steve & Stephanie Schmidt  
June 9 Jaime & Breanda Fletes  
June 11 Bill & Amanda Kerzman  
June 12 George & Nancy Krieger  
June 13 Daniel & Jill Henckel

	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	<b><u>Communion</u></b>
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> <b><u>9am</u></b>	The Miles Family	The Miles Family	Al & Mary Helsell Sandra Grasse & Youth
<b><u>10:30am</u></b>	Diana Schoen Debbie Koloski	Tom & Tammy Trueman	Tom & Tammy Trueman Carla Lemminger & Youth

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Good morning, Still Waters family! Welcome to worship on this day! As some of you know, I and several others have spent the last few days in Middleton, WI, for the Annual Conference of the Wisconsin United Methodist Churches. I left before the others, and attended the clergy session, which was on Thursday, and the rest of our team will joined me on Friday and Saturday. Annual conference is a time of worship, celebration of ministry, commissioning, ordination, legislation, reporting, learning, and honoring retirees, to name a few of the agenda items. It is also a wonderful gathering of clergy and lay leaders as we connect as leaders of our Wisconsin Annual Conference. We also had wonderful celebration of ministry service as our own Nancy Maier was commissioned as a provisional deacon! This weekend in worship, I am back from Annual Conference to be with you, as we conclude our series on the Holy Spirit. As the early church formed, "Life in the Spirit" became the new rhythm and was a way that the new followers of Jesus kept their God-connection. We can learn a lot from them! I look forward to seeing you This weekend as we seek ways that our own lives, as individuals and as God's church, can be full and inspired, even in the midst of difficult times.

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

### **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.

### **Dynamite Prayer Books Available**

Throughout our Holy Spirit series, I will be referencing several additional resources on God's Holy Spirit. One that I would recommend as a companion to anyone is the book, "Dynamite Prayer," by Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey. (Some of you may remember this from a few years ago.) I will have some copies available in the lobby, which are available to you for \$10 (or just take one if that works better.) I use this resource each day in my time with God as the last thing I read before I start my day. It is a 28-day "experiment" in experiencing God's Holy Spirit. One thing I particularly love is the "Prayer Hold" each day, a one-sentence Holy Spirit prayer for that day. I usually take that one-sentence prayer and enter it into an alarm on my phone to bring me at a time helpful in that day to as a reminder of God's presence and power all around me and us. For example, the prayer-hold prayer the day I happen to be typing this is: "God, reform my view of any personal discouragement or failing so that I may instead see it as a window through which your resurrection power and strength can shine through. Amen." Help yourself to one of these books! A great companion for our Holy Spirit series.

### **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.

## **Feeding America**

Join us on **Wednesday, June 10** (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!

## **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.

## **Hampton Elementary School Partnership Events**

Let's go, Change Makers! The Holy Spirit is moving! Our Tuesday book group is leading the way in initiating a partnership with Hampton Elementary School. Hampton School is a high-need elementary school in the Milwaukee Public Schools system relatively close to us. Our last even for this school year is Field Day:

- **Field Day, Thursday, June 11!** Come on out on June 11 for Field Day! You can either **distribute food to children**, or you can **participate in the field day games**. Choose from: Lightning, 500, Ultimate Four Square, Temporary Tattoos/Hand Painting, Assorted Tossing Games, Bubble Galore (Bubble machine needed), Jump Rope Contest, Frisbee Golf, Dressing Relays, Beach Ball Volleyball, Team Tic Tac Toe, Team Connect Four, Potato Sack Races. **We'll meet at church at 11:15 a.m.** and carpool down, and expect to be **back by before 2:00 p.m.**

## **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](mailto:kpassin@gmail.com)) or Vicki Passineau ([vsp0013@gmail.com](mailto:vsp0013@gmail.com)).

## **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](mailto: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. We'll meet other Wednesdays this summer as well. Questions and sign-ups will be available this Sunday after worship. You may also sign up on the connection card or online.

*"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

## **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 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](mailto:swym2019@gmail.com)

### **Still Waters Women's Retreat**

Join us for a Women's Retreat August 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. Come this weekend, and John Haas will share more details, with support from our ALB Board. We'll have information available as well. 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.

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

Pastor Lori