



# The Holy Spirit

## God's Work In Us - The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

May 9 & 10, 2026

### **Psalm 139:7-10, NIV**

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

### **1 Kings 19:11-12, NKJV**

Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, *but* the Lord *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the Lord *was* not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the Lord *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

### **Isaiah 11:1-2, NIV**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord.

### **Message Notes**

#### **God's Spirit Is:**

- 1. With Us**
- 2. The Still Small Voice**
- 3. Preparing the Way**

### **Food for Thought**

Read Psalm 139. It's a beautiful reflection about how God's presence with us in all times. What are some ways that you can call upon God's Spirit to be with you, in a very particular struggle that you are currently facing?

Sometimes God speaks to us in big, grandiose ways. (People jokingly will say that God had to hit them upside the head with a 2x4, reflecting on the way we sometimes resist that message but then it comes to us all at once.) But most often, God comes in those quiet moments when we make space for Him. What are some ways you can stop the busyness or the worries in your daily routine and make space for God's "still small voice" to speak to you?

How is God working in your heart, preparing you for a new future or a future with new ways of seeing God's hope? Sometimes it's in the painful learnings that God works deepest. How can you prepare your heart to have God work in and through you?

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

**Happy Birthday!**

May 10 Tim Carney, Talia Carter, Carla Lemminger, Mabel Steedman, Austin Young  
May 11 Jan Feiter, Aaron Hansen, Erik Knudson  
May 12 Don Bastian, Mike Hageman, Savannah Maier, Elizabeth Presley, Jase Twining  
May 15 Debi Haas, Kellyn Home  
May 16 Mary Burg, LuAnn Vielbaum, Melayna Witte

**Happy Anniversary!**

May 12 Steve & Kristin Miles, Andy & Jessica Steinman

**Ushers**

**Greeters**

Saturday  
5pm

Kim Bartusek

Sunday  
9am

The Miles Family

The Miles Family

10:30am

Debbie Drews & Vicki Passineau

Greg & Patti Bocain

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Good morning, Still Waters family! Prayers your week is going well. I'm not sure how it came to be the month of May, but here we are! This weekend we'll honor all the women of our congregation- our moms, spiritual moms, women who are mentors, women who mean so much to us, and the women who have gone before us! AND, I am so excited to start our series on the Holy Spirit. This is something that sometimes confuses people. What exactly does it mean that God's Spirit is with us, guiding us, empowering us, strengthening us, teaching us... And *how* do we have access to this amazing power! In the next five weeks we will look at how God's Spirit worked throughout the Bible, starting this week with God's Spirit in the Old Testament, and how God's spiritual work and strength and wisdom is still at work available to us today. I invite you to worship this weekend, as we begin the process of opening the places in our lives and in our world where we can be intentional in receiving God's healing and hope. This flows beautifully from our Change Maker series, as we continue to be mindful of how God's Spirit is moving filling and empowering us to make a difference in our world.

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

### **Mother's Day- Seeds of Love**

This weekend for Mother's Day, our youth will be distributing packets of flower seeds for everyone who comes to worship on that weekend. We invite you to plant these in honor of and/or in memory of the many women who have positively impacted your life. Happy Mother's Day! If you have pictures of previous years' plants, please forward to Lisa at [swim2019@gmail.com](mailto:swim2019@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**, (skipping Memorial Day) **beginning May 11** 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, May 13** (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.

## **Souper Sunday, May 17 11:45 a.m.**

Join us for Souper Sunday on May 17!... This will be an awesome meal for our congregation, sponsored by our youth on the third Sunday of each month. Come warm up from the cold weather with the warmth of a great meal/intergenerational fellowship. Free will offering accepted, and proceeds will benefit our amazing youth ministry. Sign up to on your Connection Card or website. Contact Lisa with questions.

## **Still Waters Women-**

Calling all women... come on **Sunday, May 17**, and enjoy meeting with other women of all ages for planning and fellowship after the 2nd Sunday worship service, approximately 11:45 a.m. Sign up on the Connection Card or website.

## **Graduation Sunday, May 17th**

If you or a family member is graduating this year (High School, College, Tech School, etc) please email the church office at [office@stillwaterschurch.com](mailto:office@stillwaterschurch.com) to let us know. Then on **Sunday, May 17th, noon - 1:30 p.m.**, we will celebrate them at our **lunch** at our Souper Sunday, where we will recognize their great achievement and **present our Graduates with special Still Waters Graduation Blankets**. We'd love to have as many from our congregation as possible to come and wish our graduates well! Contact Lisa with questions. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

## **The Flock, Sunday May 17, 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.

## **Flamingo Night (special attention for current 5th graders)**

On **Sunday evening, May 17th, 6:00 p.m.** the youth group officially promotes all of the youth to the next grade. Confirmants will advance to the High School program which is called Emerging Adults. **Peer Mentor 2026-27 applications will be available** for all youth in the Emerging Adult program. **This is also the first night of the year that 5th graders are incorporated into our regular Sunday night youth programming**, with fun "Flamingo Night" activities, games, food and an introduction to youth group! Fifth graders, come and learn about youth group and be welcomed into youth group by our older youth!

### **Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, May 20, 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, May 19.)

### **Summer Worship Schedule, begins May 23**

Our summer worship schedule will go from May 23 through September 6 (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend). During summer we will have worship on Sundays, 9:00 and 10:30 (no Saturday night worship during the summer, beginning May 24.)

### **Family Fun Day, Sunday, May 24**

On Sunday, May 24th from noon until 2pm, Still Waters Youth Ministries is hosting an outdoor family event complete with a campfire, and family games for all ages. We'll cook hotdogs and enjoy our fire pit and try out a game of gaga ball. We will also have volleyball, badminton, pickleball and several other fun games. This is our Memorial Day fun day. Contact Lisa with questions at [swym2019@gmail.com](mailto:swym2019@gmail.com). Sign up on the Connection Card or online. Bringing food is not required, but if you'd like to bring a side dish, that would be great. All are welcome, and feel free to just show up!

### **Hampton Elementary School Partnership**

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. As this partnership is unfolding, there are some awesome volunteer opportunities to close out this school year. Please sign up on your Connection Card or online to participate in any of the meetings/events below.

- **Kick-Off Meeting and Tour, Thursday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.:** Come meet with the Principal Debra Evans and Ms. Steele., Family Coordinator and get a tour of Hampton School and find out more about the needs there! We'll meet at 8:50 a.m. at church to carpool.
- **Donate toward purchase of books.** We have a goal to purchase one new book for each student at Hampton Elementary School. There are children who have never had a book of their very own. Checks can be made out to Still Waters with "Hampton School Books" in the memo.
- **Book Give Away, Thursday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.:** Come and give books away to the children! What an amazing gift! If you'd like to come and carpool, we'll meet at the church at 8:50 a.m. and carpool from there. We'll also give away girl scout cookies that were donated- 1 box for every child!
- **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.**

## **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.

## **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!

**For more specifics continue reading:**

### **Education Focus Group (Contact: Lisa or Lori):**

We'll support Danli UMC in leading VBS at the School in the Carbonera Community—one of the highest-need schools. We'll also paint murals at our partner church; Central UMC in Danlí. We'll tour another public school and learn about a scholarship program that helps kids attend school. Even though public education is "free," the ability for families to afford uniforms and supplies can prohibit kids from actually attending.

### **Ways to help from Wisconsin:**

- **VBS Planning sessions**

Our First VBS Planning Session was awesome. We'll be adding additional Sundays to be announced. No education background is required. Sign up on the website or Connection Card.

### **Medical Focus Group (Contact: Debi Haas):**

Partnering with Honduran doctors, and a pharmacist we'll co-run a clinic providing preventive and urgent care.

### **Ways to help from Wisconsin:**

- **Contribute toward supplies and medications:** We have been so blessed by your outpouring of support for us to have Honduran doctors with us! If you'd still like to contribute financially, money toward supplies would be wonderful!
- **Amazon Registry (Amazon Scrip cards are also available)** We have an Amazon registry! Feel free to purchase items for our mission using this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/19RV16ADLXDF3>

- **A great idea- buy an Amazon Scrip card** from Still Waters in the lobby on Sundays or see Robin Olson. Using your Amazon Scrip card, you're also helping Still Waters Church in the process of also helping the Honduras mission!
- **Bring Supplies to church**

Additionally we will be collecting supplies at the church. We have a wish list for supplies, see attachment to this email or bulletin insert or lobby flyer. To be able to navigate customs, we will need to have all our meds/supplies by April. Contact Debi Haas at 262-617-5593 or [debihaas15@gmail.com](mailto:debihaas15@gmail.com).

We welcome your involvement—whether going to Honduras or supporting from home! Many hands make for powerful impact!

### **July Honduras 2026 Mission Trip Openings Available!**

There are still openings on our July Honduras Mission Trip! See Pastor Lori or Lisa for information or check the box on the Connection Card for more information.

Looking ahead...

### **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.

### **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)

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

Pastor Lori