



The Holy Spirit

Baptism with the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit in Matthew, Mark, and Luke

May 16 & 17, 2026

Luke 3:15-16, NIV

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

(See also Mark 1:7-8, Matthew 3:11)

Mark 1:9-13a, NIV

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, 13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan.

(See also Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1, Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-2)

Luke 11:11-13, NIV

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(See also Matthew 7:9-11)

Message Notes

The Holy Spirit:

- 1. Refines Us**
- 2. Guides Us**
- 3. Is a Gift**

Food for Thought

Read Luke 3:15-16. In this passage we see the symbol of 'fire' used in association with the Holy Spirit. Fire is something that refines, e.g. gold or silver or other precious metals. In what ways has God's Spirit 'refined' you to be who you're meant to be?

In the face of temptation, God's Spirit led Jesus to make Godly choices after Jesus' baptism and while he was in the desert (see Mark 1:9-13a). Tell about a time when God's Spirit guided you in the midst of possible paths to take forward.

How has God's spirit been a gift of joy for you? How can you invite that joy into your heart and life, even in the midst of the difficulties

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

Happy Birthday!

May 17 Jon Dommissie, Brenda Fletes, George Krieger
May 18 Tina Glander
May 19 Karl Scherzer, Kari Schmalzriedt
May 22 Denise Bonlender, Mike Glynn

Happy Anniversary!

May 19 Ronnie & Brenda Panzer
May 20 Dick Jones & Jane Coleman

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday
5pm

Valerie Jacobson

Sunday
9am

Marc & Kim Bartusek

Rhonda Peterson & Linda Kleinhans

10:30am

Sandra Grasse & Susie Klostermann

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Good morning, Still Waters family! Prayers your week is going well. As we continue our May journey, we rejoice in all those who are graduating! I'm already beginning to hear the stories and the joys of those who are either graduating or have family members or loved ones who are graduating here or in other areas of the country. Congratulations and our love and prayers go to all starting a new phase of life! Also, prayers with many experiencing the struggles and loss of life as well. This weekend we will be continuing our series on the Holy Spirit. We'll talk about Jesus' baptism, and more specifically about what we learn about how God directs, guides, and refines our own lives. The particular symbols of the Holy Spirit that we'll discuss will be the dove and fire. As always, nothing gives me more joy than learning about how God works in each and all of our lives. I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

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

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!

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) 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.

Holy Yoga Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m. THROUGH MAY

Holy Yoga will meet through the month of May, and then take a break for the summer! (Last Holy

Yoga will be May 26, until we start up again in the fall.) Holy Yoga meets on Tuesdays, 8:45 am on Tuesdays. Donation of \$10 each session suggested. No need to sign up- just come! Holy Yoga is an intentional practice of connecting with God once per week on Tuesday mornings for an hour! Contact Nancy Maier or Robin Olson with questions.

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, 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 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.)

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.

Hampton Elementary School, Donate Toward New Books for Students

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.

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. 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.
- **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.**

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, May 21 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

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. 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!

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. beginning June 2nd** at church. 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.

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!

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, debihaas15@gmail.com):

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/gi/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!

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

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

Pastor Lori