



# Confirmation It's A Yes

May 2 & 3, 2026

## **Matthew 22:35-40**

One of them, a legal expert, tested [Jesus]. "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?" [Jesus] replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

## **1 Timothy 4:12**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

## **Matthew 20:26**

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.

## **Food for Thought**

Think back to a time when you gave your life to Jesus (if you have done so in the past.) What were your hopes and dreams as you set out to follow Jesus as your leader through life?

What has changed since you first said "Yes" to Jesus? How has Jesus led you in ways you never dreamed of, or through life situations that you never anticipated?

What does it mean for you now, at this age and stage of life, with all of it's joys and all of it's frustrations and uncertainties and disappointments, to still say 'Yes.'

Think of one or two ways that you can reprioritize your time and energy so that you can intentionally meet God each day to remember again his teachings and apply to your life and our world today. (In other words, how can you add even a small amount of time, just a few minutes even, in order to have time with God each day?)

Take a moment and pray for our confirmands, as they say "Yes" to Jesus this weekend and start on a new path of their faith journey.

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

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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!**

May 3 Lilly Hamers, Maddie Seiler  
May 4 Dan Casper, Marilyn Dedrick  
May 5 Guy Hoppe  
May 6 Chris Schluter  
May 7 Carson Phillips

### **Ushers**

### **Greeters**

### **Communion**

Saturday  
5pm

Jan Giza

Jan Giza & Valerie Jacobson

Sunday  
9am

Rick & Debbie Dembeck

Diana Schoen  
Debbie Koloski

Al & Mary Helsell  
Guy Hoppe & Debbie Koloski

10:30am

Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Tom & Tammy Trueman

Tom & Tammy Truman  
Youth

Church Website



Online Giving



Good morning, Still Waters family! Greetings from North Carolina! As you receive this, our group of eleven from Still Waters are on our way home from a fantastic retreat at Spring Forest Retreat Center in North Carolina. We will have so much to share, as we have been learning, growing, diving deep into our faith, and even farming! I hope your week has been going well and that in the tough stuff you have found God right there. This weekend in worship will be one of great celebration; it is confirmation weekend! This means that those youth who are ready will be 'confirming their faith,' saying 'yes' to following Jesus. It is a wonderful celebration, and you definitely want to hear from them! At all three worship services, you will hear them share their faith on pre-recorded video, Then, at the 10:30 service, our confirmands will be in person, taking their vows, and being confirmed! We will celebrate in a big way! I'd like to encourage each of us to take this opportunity to confirm our own faith- to recommit our lives to Jesus, as we humbly seek to walk with him, following his leadership. See you this weekend!

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

### **Confirmation Weekend and Reception, May 2/3**

Mark your calendars! Confirmation weekend will be May 2/3, all worship services. This is an important time in the lives of our youth, who now 'confirm' their faith. That is, they confirm the vows their parents made at their baptism, and now make their own commitment to follow Jesus. You will hear via video at all worship services the faith statements and thoughts from our youth and will be blessed to celebrate this pivotal step in their faith journey! They will take their vows at the 10:30 service on that Sunday. We hope to see you there supporting our youth! After the last worship service on Sunday, we will have a reception at 11:30 a.m. Together we'll enjoy cake as we congratulate our new confirmands. All welcome!

### **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.

### **"Jesus as a Changemaker" Small Group Study**

It's not too late to **join us Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.** through May 6. Whether Jesus was impacting the lives of more than 5,000 people with a miracle of food, or having a happenstance conversation with a Samaritan woman by a well, Jesus' actions show us exactly what it means to live a life of faith, what it looks like to be a compassion driven Changemaker. In these days, **many of us want to know how we can make a difference in the brokenness of this world.** This is a study that corresponds to an initiative that I (Pastor Lori) first heard about last month in a larger-church-pastor gathering, with Rev. Kathi McShane, co founder of the Change Maker Initiative. I'm super excited that we are providing a small group that will give us the framework to dream about how God can use us, either as individuals in our everyday lives, or in our church. I will be attending this small group, and am excited that Kim and Marc Bartusek will be facilitating. There is no cost, as the materials will be downloaded. Through this study we will discover Jesus as a compassion-driven Changemaker, learn more about the theological foundation of change making, and consider how to apply these changemaking principles to our own lives. 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 May 7 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

### **Spring Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 9!**

Come on out on Saturday, May 9, **anytime between 8:30 a.m. and noon.** We will work to do some 'spring clean-up' work! There will be outdoor work around the church, memorial garden and prayer path (mulching, trimming, weeding, tree-cutting, etc) as well as indoor work (window and other cleaning, etc). Feel free to bring garden tools such as rakes, shovels, gloves, and wheelbarrows. Contact John Haas with questions. Please sign up on the Connection Card or online.

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

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.

### **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!

## **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/gll/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.

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

Pastor Lori