



The Holy Spirit

The Leading of the Spirit (Pentecost): The Holy Spirit in Acts

May 31, 2026

Acts 2:1-4 (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 6:2-3 (NRSV)

And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task,

Acts 16:6-10 (NRSV)

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Message Notes

The Holy Spirit:

- 1. Fills Us**
- 2. Equips Us**
- 3. Guides Us**

Food for Thought

Describe a time when you have felt God's Spirit filling you, being a part of you, within you. How do you think that happened (what was your role, what was God's role)?

When have you felt equipped to do good work or ministry? How do you think the Holy Spirit was a part of that?

How has God's Spirit guided you to do or not do certain things?

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

Happy Birthday!

May 31 Janean Brudvig
June 2 Harper Buchholz, Barb Thorstenson
June 4 Aubree Leis, Shirley Ritger
June 5 Nate Kandel, Ethan Schlei, Sammi Theisen

Happy Anniversary!

May 31 Jessie & Mary Burg
June 5 William & Gina Peterson
June 6 Dirk & Debbie Drews

Ushers

Greeters

Sunday

9am Diana Schoen & Debbie Koloski

The Flechner Family

10:30am Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Ron & Ann Naab

Church Website



Online Giving



Good morning, Still Waters family! Prayers you are doing well in this short week after the long weekend last week! Maybe that seems like ages ago:) As we conclude the month of May, let us be mindful of entering the summer months, for some that means big schedule changes and summer plans unfolding. I invite you if you are vacationing this summer in other areas of the country or world, be sure and worship locally wherever you travel, or tune in to Still Waters worship online! It's a great way to stay connected! This weekend will be one of great celebration. Not only will we study and celebrate the moment that the Holy Spirit came down and gave birth to the Christian Church, but we will also have the privilege of celebration of a double baptism (at the 9:00 service).

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.

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. beginning June 4th** 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, June 4, 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

Nancy Maier to be Commissioned as a Provisional Deacon!

We have a celebration coming up! Nancy Maier has completed seminary and all the requirements to be commissioned on the track to become a full ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church! She will be commissioned at the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in a Celebration of Ministry on Friday, June 5, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Madison Marriott West Convention Center, 1313 John Q Hammons Dr., Middleton, WI 53562. Let us know if you intend to come and we can let people carpool together. I (Pastor Lori) and others who are lay delegates will already be up at annual conference so we'll meet you there! As a Deacon, Nancy's first appointment is as Disaster Case Manager for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) Wisconsin. Her home church continues to be Still Waters Church! Congratulations, Nancy!!!

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!

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 the Field Day below.

- **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.**

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.

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.

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 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.)

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.**

Looking ahead...

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. **You can help from Wisconsin by coming to a VBS Planning session!** More dates to come... 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. Thanks to those of you who have contributed financially!!! If you'd still like to contribute financially, money toward supplies would be wonderful!

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

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

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

Pastor Lori