



All You Can Give All You Can

November 8 & 9, 2025

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

1 Corinthians 9:7

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Acts 20:35

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Message Notes

1. It Begins with Generosity of Spirit
2. Generosity is Deeply Rooted in Us
3. In Giving We Receive

Food for Thought

Take a moment to consider how it is with your spirit. That is, how are you feeling? Anxious? Stressed? Fearful? Guilty? Excited? Overjoyed? Peaceful?

As you consider this, talk with God about the things that are on your mind, and ask Him to lead you, and fill you with a spirit of peace and generosity.

When have you witnessed or heard of an amazing act of love or generosity? Someone giving of themselves for the sake of another?

When have you given something of yourself away for the sake of another, and how did that impact you?

How has God given you blessings today? How would you like to share those blessings with others at Still Waters Church and the community through Still Waters Church?

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!

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| Nov 10 | Brayden Lemminger |
| Nov 12 | Craig Van Alstyne |
| Nov 13 | Paul Pries |
| Nov 15 | Deve Brudvig, Stacy Stewart |

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday
5pm

Jan Giza

Sunday
9am

The Miles Family

Susie Klostermann & Sandra Grasse

10:30am

Steve & Barb Smith

Dirk & Debbie Drews

Church Website



Online Giving



Greetings Still Waters Family and Friends! Prayers your November is starting well! The leaves are beautiful, but also clearly falling! The changing seasons continue to remind me that God works in all seasons of our lives. This weekend we will continue our worship celebration with our "All You Can" series. We'll explore what it means to live a life of gratitude as we share God's grace with others through the giving of ourselves in love. I am truly so grateful for our Still Waters Family. I read recently a new understanding of the word GPS... What if GPS is being Grounded in **G**ratitude, Revealed Through **P**rayers, and Sealed by Faith. I love that- that is us! I'm praying for each of you- the joys as well as challenges of life right now. And as always, I look forward to seeing you this weekend for worship and other Still Waters happenings!

Here are more details of this and other upcoming opportunities:

Still Waters Women

Calling all women... come on **Sunday, November 9**, and enjoy meeting with other women of all ages for planning and fellowship after the 2nd Sunday worship service, approximately 11:45 a.m.

The Flock, Sunday November 9, 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.

Serve Night, Deck the Halls, November 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

As we prepare for this season's Deck the Halls for All Abilities celebration, we'll begin with a Serve Night on Saturday, November 9, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Still Waters. This all-ages evening will focus on preparing games and decorations for our December event and will include a brief training on working with individuals of all abilities. Volunteers are encouraged to register through the Still Waters website or Connection Card.

Feeding America

You're invited Wednesday, November 12, at 1:00! Let's share food as well as God's love with those who are experiencing food insecurity. We'll distribute food from our church lobby to a couple hundred families. On-the-job training!

Consecration Sunday is Coming!

We are excited to share that a special Sunday is coming... Consecration **Sunday, November 16th**- mark your calendars! We will celebrate the ministries of Still Waters Church, and will have sacred moments of commitment as turn in our 'estimate of giving' cards. We will also have an amazing **Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Scott Carlson**, who is the Director of Congregational Development for the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Scott will be preaching from the sanctuary of Still Waters Church on a pre-recorded video. We very fortunate that Scott accepted our invitation to share the message this day! **Please note: we will have only Sunday worship (no Saturday worship) on this special weekend.**

Consecration Celebration Lunch!

A very important part of our Consecration Sunday is not only worship, but also a "Celebration Lunch" at Still Waters Church, right after morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 16th! This is a catered meal, (paid for by a generous donation as well as our Scrip fund). This important event is a way for us to celebrate all that God is doing at Still Waters Church! You will have the opportunity to sign up during weekend worship or feel free to go on our website and register your family. Exciting times!

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, November 19, 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, November 18th.)

ADVENTure- Family Advent Wreath- Saturday, Nov. 22nd

Calling all children and families! On SATURDAY November 22nd we will have our Family ADVENTure! We'll begin with a meal at 11:30 a.m. Then from 12:00 -1:30, together we will prepare for the Advent Season (which starts the 4th weekend prior to Christmas, i.e. November 30). During this amazing ADVENTure, we'll learn about and prepare for Advent by uncovering the mystery of the Advent Wreath! You'll journey around to a station for each candle of the Advent wreath then end by **making your very own Advent Wreath! Then your family will have a weekly activity each week during Advent.** Additionally, maybe you'd like to **share an Advent Wreath with another family member, like a grandparent!** Come join us for a family fun filled time! Be sure to sign up on our Connection Card or website so that we have enough materials for all. Invite a friend! This is a great event for all!

Friendsgiving Sunday, November 23rd!

We're so excited for Friendsgiving! The youth will be hosting this intergenerational gathering. Sunday evening, November 23, **doors open at 4 p.m., dinner begins at 5 p.m.** True to Friendsgiving tradition, friends have the chance to sign up from the Still Waters website to provide a side dish of their family's favorite. If you're willing to share your recipes, we will add them into our ever Still Waters Friendsgiving Family Recipe book. (Send recipes ahead of time to office@stillwaterschurch.com.) The current Recipe book which contains our recipes from previous years is available online or pick up a hardcopy in our Still Waters lobby. **Sign up on the website to reserve your spot/table for this event.** Each table will be hosted by one of our very own Still Waters Youth. As we now have invited you to join us for an evening of friendship, food, and fun with a chance to renew and build friendships, we ask you to **extend this invitation to your friends and family** within and outside of Still Waters! See you Sunday evening, Nov 23rd!

Accountable Leadership Board Applications

If you might be interested in serving on our Accountable Leadership Board, please contact Pastor Lori (llossie@yahoo.com) who can get you the criteria, covenant, and application, or can answer any questions. Expectations for those on the leadership board include worship weekly, pray daily, serve within and beyond the walls of the church, participate in small groups, and give proportionately, working toward a tithe. We'll be taking applications now and term will begin with the 2026 year.

Charge Conference

Our annual business meeting of the church will be Monday, November 24, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome as we conduct the annual business of our church, including Lay Leadership report, pastoral compensation for 2026, as well as approval of lay servants.

ADVENT STUDY, Offerings: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays

The Advent season (the 4 weeks prior to Christmas) will begin November 30! we invite you to join us in an Advent study, corresponding to our weekend worship series.

Choose the study that works best in your schedule! We'll offer the 3-week study on

- **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** (facilitated by Pastor Lori) beginning December 1
- **Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m.** (facilitated by Robin Jasinski) beginning December 2
- **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** (facilitated by Jena Metzler) beginning December 3

The study will be based on a book by Pastor Susan Robb called **“The Angels of Christmas.”** In it, we will explore the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus. In the Bible, angels are messengers. The angels of Christmas came to deliver important messages to people who were hoping for God to intervene in a mighty way. The angels of Christmas still bring “good news of great joy for all the people,” including you and me. Based the book by Susan Robb, come explore this special way that God is working in our world and in our lives this Advent season. We invite you on the journey with us! Book is \$19. Sign up online or on your Connection Card.

Advent Candle Lighters- Great Opportunity!

Would you and/or your family like to be a part of our weekly worship service lighting of the Advent candles? Each Saturday night and Sunday morning worship service from the first weekend of Advent (December 1) through Christmas Eve (choose between worship services at 10:00 a.m., 2:00, 4:00, 6:00) we will have an individual/couple/family share in the lighting of the advent candle that week. (The first week of Advent they'll light the first candle, the 2nd week, the first two and so on.) We will have a short script for one or more person to read, as well as have one or more persons light the candle as part of worship. Pastor Lori will email you instructions and a script to read. Choose the day and worship service in which you'd like to participate, by signing up online or on your Connection Card! What an amazing way to be the community of faith together as we make the Advent journey to Christmas! Please note: no Saturday worship Nov 29 or Dec 6, as those will be at Enchantment in the Park with our Youth Praise Team and Praise Team!

Enchantment in the Park- Still Waters Youth Praise Team (plus young at heart)

On **Saturday evening, November 29, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** we are excited that our Still Waters Youth Praise Team (plus some additional young-at-heart praise team members) will share music at Enchantment in the Park. Come enjoy Christmas music and support our amazing youth! Enter Regner Park in West Bend from Main Street. **No Saturday evening worship service that evening so we can encourage folks to worship at Enchantment in the Park** and support our Youth Praise Team and experience the Christmas spirit!

Enchantment in the Park- Still Waters Praise Team

Our Still Waters Praise Team will be sharing Christmas music on this **Saturday evening, December 6, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at Enchantment in the Park at Regner Park in West Bend. **No Saturday evening worship service that evening at the church** so we can come and support our praise team and experience the Christmas spirit!

Candlelight Vigil

Candlelight Vigil for Loved Ones Lost to Addiction - Elevate and Washington Ozaukee Substance Use Coalition will host a candlelight vigil at Still Waters Church, remembering those that we have lost due to addiction. Still Waters praise team will share music. Thanks to Ron Naab for coordinating and participating in this event. Come and honor lives lost and support those who have lost loved ones: **Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.** Still Waters Church sanctuary.

Deck the Halls for All Abilities

Join us on Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. for a free community celebration in partnership with Michelle's Action Angels.

Guests with disabilities and their families are invited to enjoy music, treats, ornament-making crafts, and our “Everybody's Got Talent” showcase (11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.).

A pick-up option will also be available for those who prefer to receive a goodie bag and ornament-making kit.

Registration Details:

Volunteers: Register on the Still Waters website or Connection Card

Guests: RSVP to mgaafoundation@gmail.com or text/call 414-303-0665 so we can plan enough treats and supplies

We can't wait to celebrate the joy of the season together — sharing God's love through creativity, community, and inclusion.

Everybody's Got Talent

We are excited to offer an "Everybody's Got Talent" event that will take place Saturday, **December 13th from 11am-1pm** during the Deck the Halls for All Abilities. Got a talent? Sing? Play an instrument? Comedy? Juggle? We want to celebrate and include people of ALL abilities to join in this celebration. If you have a talent, we want to see it! Sign up on our Connection Card or on our website.

Children's Christmas Program

Our amazing children are so excited to bring to you their Christmas program on **Sunday, December 14, during the 10:30 worship service. Parts are being assigned, so contact Jena with questions!** The kids will share, "Heaven and Nature Sing," a play centered around the angels' perspective of the birth of Jesus. At the Saturday 5:00 and Sunday 9:00 worship service, Pastor Lori will share the message. At the 10:30 service, the message will be our children sharing with our congregation!

Spring Forest Retreat- Dates Confirmed!

We have finalized and confirmed the dates for our retreat at **Spring Forest Retreat Center, North Carolina**, in April of 2026! The retreat will be **Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29th**, and we will plan to travel on Monday, April 27 and travel back on Thursday, April 30. The cost for the retreat is \$300, which covers the cost of lodging, food, and retreat leader fees. Additionally, (and probably the larger of the cost) several of us will plan to fly on Monday and Thursday. On this retreat, we will get amazing teaching from Dr. Elaine Heath, former dean of Duke Divinity School, as she equips people to connect deeply with God, each other, and the world around us. It is a retreat center on a beautiful farm with walking paths, and there is a rhythm of prayer, learning, work, rest, table. I (Pastor Lori) was able to attend a retreat there this year, found it to be the most powerful and life-changing retreat that I've ever attended. I plan to attend this retreat with you in 2026! We'd love to open the experience up to others! Lodging is on site in a beautiful Farmhouse and Forest House. Assume shared rooms, couples potentially getting their own room. Please talk to Robin Olson, Nancy Oreshack, or Pastor Lori if you have questions. Please sign up on the Connection Card or online. The first 14 that register will have priority to stay on site. A minimum deposit of \$100 will hold your spot. Full payment (remaining \$200) due January 15, 2026. Please indicate dietary restrictions when you sign up.

Thank you Still Waters!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lori