

# All You Can Earn All You Can

October 25 & 26, 2025

#### Proverbs 23:4

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness.

## Matthew 16:26

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

#### Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

# **Message Notes**

Earn All You Can:

- 1. but not at the expense of your health
- 2. but not at the expense of your soul
- 3. but not at the expense of your neighbor

# **Food for Thought**

Why do you suppose so many people seek biblical wisdom on many topics, but shy away from hearing biblical wisdom regarding our financial resources?

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, famously said we should earn, save, and give all we can. This week we're looking at earning all we can.

What are examples of ways we can, through our jobs and vocations, earn money but have it affect our health in negative ways? In what ways does your job or vocation affect your health in terms of stress?

In what ways can our work weigh on our conscience in a negative way? How can we work at a job and in such a way that we feel energized but not guilty about what or how we're doing our job?

How can you love, not harm, your neighbor through your work?

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# **Happy Birthday!**

Oct 27	Glenn Bonlender
Oct 28	John Carter
Oct 30	Alison Klostermann
Oct 31	Kaitlyn Gugliotti, Myles Steedman
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# **Happy Anniversary!**

Oct 27	Dave & Janean Brudvig
Oct 27	Tyler & Megan Passineau
Oct 31	Edward & Beverly Mayer

<u>Saturday</u> 5pm	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<u>Sunday</u> 9am	Diana Schoen & Kathy Dalton	Sandra Grasse & Susie Klostermann
10:30am	Steve & Barb Smith	Ann Markuson & Pat Swanstrom

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Greetings Still Waters Family and Friends! I hope your week is going well! We've definitely had a busy October, from Animal Blessing weekend to Confirmand Retreat to Trunk or Treat, to small study groups and dinners for eight, and the list goes on and on! I'm always reminded that everything we do lines up under God's mission here at Still Water Church. As we continue the "All You Can" series, I consider how deeply I desire to give back to God "All I Can," to God's church and to God's mission to change lives and change the world. This begins with our own hearts bent and surrendered to God, and extends in the way we show up in the world. This weekend we'll continue our series, as we think about earning money, not just for ourselves, but to bless God's world... but we also earn money not at the expense of our health, our souls, or our neighbors! I look forward to seeing you this weekend! Don't forget, we will be celebrating Jay's ministry, and we'll also hear Kelly Passineau's thoughts on how God has worked in his life through Still Waters Church. See you this weekend!

Here are more details of this and other upcoming opportunities:

# Celebrate Jay's Ministry, October 25/26

We will be celebrating Jay Maier's ministry as he steps down from the role of Worship Media Coordinator, a position that he has held for sixteen years! Jay has been there through massive media changes, including the significant change introduced by the pandemic when the entire church pivoted to online/video/multi-camera worship. Jay is not going anywhere, and will continue to support our tech and other ministry here as a volunteer. We hope you will be able to be at worship with us on October 25/26 weekend as we celebrate Jay's ministry!

## **Book Study, Monday and Wednesday!**

The week of October 20, we will be starting a new 4-week book study, offered in each of our ongoing small groups, studying the book, "Earn. Save. Give." with a subtitle of "Wesley's Simple Rules for Money". This new book study, by James A. Harnish, will correspond with our Stewardship series, as we consider how our faith has a relationship to our financial resources. Based on the Methodist Church Founder John Wesley's writings on Faith and Money, we'll learn God's wisdom for managing our own finances so that instead of money controlling us, we can control it! Book is \$14. Choose which day of the week works best for you, each study is an hour long, lasting 4 weeks:

- Mondays, 7:00 p.m. starting October 20, Pastor Lori facilitating
- Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. starting October 22, Jena Metzler facilitating

# **Don't forget to "Fall Back"**

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 2, so remember to set your clocks back an hour (for those of you with clocks that don't do that automatically!) Enjoy the extra hour of sleep and see you Sunday morning!

#### All Saints Weekend, November 1/2

The weekend of November 1/2 is All Saints Weekend. On this weekend during worship, we remember and honor those who have gone before us and are now in God's heavenly kingdom. We will read the names of those Still Waters members who have passed away within the last year, as we light candles. We will also be given the opportunity for those who would like to, to light additional candles honoring and remembering *all* our loved ones who have gone before us, whether this last year or anytime. It is a wonderful weekend to remember the ways those who have gone before us have impacted us and made us who we are. If you're worshipping online, feel free to get a candle ready at home, that you might light your own candle(s) there.

#### **Peer Mentor Training**

Any youth who is a current peer mentor or peer mentor in training, mark your calendars for **Saturday Nov. 8, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** This will be essential leadership training for this for all peer mentors as

we continue to grow in our faith and in our leadership. The latter part of the afternoon we will join the adults for Safer Sanctuaries training. Lunch provided. Sign up on the Connection Card or online. Any questions, contact Lisa at <a href="mailto:swym2019@gmail.com">swym2019@gmail.com</a>.

# **Safer Sanctuaries Training**

It's that time again! Any adults our peer mentors who work with youth, children or vulnerable individuals are required to take Safer Sanctuaries Training; **Mark your calendars for Saturday Nov. 8, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. It is time to re-certify!** "Safer Sanctuaries" enables faith communities to be empowered and flourish as we continue to make everyone safer. Please sign up on the Connection Card or online. Contact Lisa at <a href="mailto:swym2019@gmail.com">swym2019@gmail.com</a> with questions.

#### **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. Sign up on the Connection Card or website.

# 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.

# 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! (You should have received our Accountable Leadership Board Chairperson's (Fred Kandel) email earlier this week. If you missed that, the letter is attached.

#### **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! Please sign up on our website or on the Connection Card.

## 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 <a href="mailto:jxhaas@yahoo.com">jxhaas@yahoo.com</a> 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 (<u>llossie@yahoo.com</u>) 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.

# **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 guestions. 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