



When the Wind Shifts

October 4 & 5, 2025

Ecclesiastes: 3:1-11

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Message Notes

When the Wind Shifts, Remember:

1. God is Sovereign
2. God Never Changes
3. He Has Good Plans

Food for Thought

What change have you had to navigate or are currently navigating?

How does knowing that God's is sovereign help you to trust God when unexpected change comes?

How might knowing that God never changes help to keep you steady in the midst of changing circumstances?

How does knowing that God has good plans bring comfort and assurance during times of change?

Are you willing to leave behind all that you know and follow God into the mystery?

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!

Oct 5	Teri Kandel, Janelle Nicolaus, Ethan Schmidt, Amber Tucker
Oct 6	Felice Bastian, Luca Koloski, Dena Reuwsaat, Ellie Tonnessen
Oct 7	Tanner Goggins, Beverly Mayer
Oct 9	Kylee Degnitz, Steve Johnson, Jacob Scherzer
Oct 10	Mary Dhein
Oct 11	Kristina Chapman

Happy Anniversary!

Oct 5	Russ & Stacey Beistle, David & Noel Dedrick, Bob & Teresa Young
Oct 6	Dean & Stephanie Maytag, Kelby & Stacy Stewart
Oct 7	Mark & Lisa Kitzke, Ron & Leah Witte
Oct 8	Dave & Deb Spears
Oct 9	Scott & Stacey Lopacinski
Oct 10	Tom & Tina Glander

Ushers

Greeters

Communion

Saturday
5pm

Kelly & Vicki Passineau

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Sunday
9am

Susie Klostermann
Sandra Grasse

Linda Kleinhans
Mary Helsell

Al & Mary Helsell
Linda Kleinhans
Sandra Grasse

10:30am

Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Pat Swanstrom
Diana Schoen

Diana Schoen
Lisa Gildersleeve
Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Church Website



Online Giving



Greetings Still Waters Family and Friends, from Kansas! Several of our staff are in the midst of tremendous learning from the annual Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas! We were literally able to choose from an assortment of 50 workshops on Wednesday, each of us able to seek leadership training in our own particular areas of ministry, and then join together Wednesday night and Thursday for larger scale leadership sessions that we will attend together. A time of learning, growing, considering new ideas for ministry, and at the core, connecting to God's heart in worship and in our times of prayer. Thanks for your prayers this week! We will be arriving back Friday night, and I can't wait to see you for worship this weekend. I also look forward to Jena's message this weekend as she shares thoughts on "When the Wind Shifts," considering how we trust God as we encounter the changes of life. See you all soon!

Feeding America

You're invited Wednesday, October 8, 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!

Animal Blessing 2025

Still Waters Youth Ministries is hosting an Animal Blessing **Saturday, Oct 11th, 2025 2:00-6:00 pm**, which includes a **special worship service inside from 5-6pm**.

- **Memorial Rainbow Bridge**: We'll have a Memorial Rainbow bridge station, where you can remember those special animals that have crossed over the rainbow bridge. You're invited to bring a picture and wings will be provided.
- **Animal Blessing Blankets**: Receive your animal blessing blanket, a gift for your precious furry friends.
- **Order for Saturday events:**
 - **2:00 Hiking trail and vendor booths open**
 - **2:30-4:45 Check In and Participate**: Animals may check in and visit the exhibits and participate in fun games and selfie stations with their Humans, Participate in Rainbow Bridge Memorial, bring picture of animal and receive their wings.
 - **5:00-6:00 - Special Indoor Worship Service** We will celebrate and witness the God given bond between animals and God's people who are the stewards of God's Creatures. All animal companions and their human family members are invited to this special event. Bring pictures of animal friends that don't like to travel. During worship we'll have a blessing over all animals, including those who have crossed over the rainbow bridge.
 - **6:00: Individual blessings** after worship.
 - **6:00: Individual prayers offered for special prayer requests** for your animals

Sign up on the Connection Card or online to register your animal's attendance or to volunteer.

Special Sunday worship, 9:00 and 10:30: Worship will focus celebrate our animals, the beauty of God's creation, and we will have a special time of remembrance of our animal friends who have gone before us, a blessing for all animal friends, and animal blessing blankets will be distributed. You're welcome to bring pictures of your animals on Sunday.

The Flock, Sunday October 12, 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. This meeting was rescheduled from September 14. Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, October 15, 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, October 14th.)

Fall Confirmand Retreat, Friday/Saturday, October 17-18

Many of you know that confirmation is a process for our 6th - 8th graders, as our youth prepare to affirm their faith vows. It is a special time of learning, growing, serving, and important connecting with other youth and adults in our faith. Each year in the spring, there is a confirmation class that is 'confirmed' in May of that year. The youth who are 8th grade or older who have not yet been confirmed, are invited as confirmands, to this very special year. If you have youth 8th grade or older who would like to enter this confirmand journey this year, please know that a very important event will happen on Friday and Saturday, October 17-18. This is our Fall Confirmand Retreat, held at Still Waters Church. It will **start Friday October 17 at 6:00 p.m.**, and **conclude with 5:00 worship Saturday, and parent meeting from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** Parents are invited to this parent meeting along with their youth, to receive important information for the upcoming confirmand's year. Please sign your youth up on the Connection Card or online. Please contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com with questions.

Souper Sunday! October 19th, 11:45 a.m.

Last month's "Souper Sunday" was amazing! Thanks to so many who showed as we gathered, connected, laughed, and cared for each other. "Souper Sunday" is an awesome meal for our congregation, sponsored by our youth on the third Sunday of each month. Come for a great meal/ intergenerational fellowship. Free will offering accepted, and proceeds will benefit our amazing youth ministry. Sign up on your Connection Card or website. Contact Lisa with questions.

Trunk or Treat

Save the date! **Sunday, October 19th, from 12:30 -2:30 p.m.** we'll host "Trunk or Treat!" Join us for a wonderful afternoon of treats, s'mores, hot apple cider, photo booth, and more! The event provides a safe family environment for kids to enjoy Halloween! Contact Jena (jenametzler@gmail.com)

Be a Trunk

You can "Be a Trunk"! Come on Sunday, October 19th, with a decorated vehicle trunk, and ready to hand out treats! Come and get your vehicle 'situated' 12:00-12:30, and ready to hand out treats from 12:30 - 2:30 as kids/families come by. See the website for all the guidelines regarding 'being a trunk'.

Book Study, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday!

The week of October 19, 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
- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., starting October 21, Robin Jasinski 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 swym2019@gmail.com.

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 swym2019@gmail.com with questions.

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!

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