



Love One Another Abide in Love

September 19 & 20, 2026

John 15:4-5, 9-11 NIV

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Message Notes

1. Stay Connected to Christ
2. Draw Strength from Scripture and Prayer
3. Love Others

Food for Thought

1. What are ways that we can stay connected to Christ? Tell about a time that you felt very close to Jesus/God.
2. Tell about a time when you read something in Scripture, and you felt God speaking to you through that. How is God speaking to you today?
3. When was a time that someone loved you, and how did that impact you?
4. What's one way that you can share God's love with someone else?
5. Who are you inviting to the table?

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

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Worship Hours: Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am

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

Happy Birthday!

September 20 Shereen Kressin, Kristin Miles, Diana Schoen
September 21 Fred Kandel
September 23 Hap Itson, Gina Peterson
September 24 Jena Metzler, Cole Nicolaus
September 25 Dave Breuer, Tilly Steedman

Happy Anniversary!

September 20 Todd & Kristina Nelson
September 22 Justin & Kristina Chapman, Ralph & Liz Peters
September 24 Dan & Wanda Casper

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
<u>Saturday</u>		
5pm	Jan Giza	
<u>Sunday</u>		
9am	Debbie Drews & Diana Schoen	Dennis Konieczka & Barb Thorstenson
10:30am	Kelly & Vicki Passineau	Greg & Patti Bocain

Church Website



Online Giving



Greetings, Still Waters! Prayers your week has been going well, and that you're finding God's presence in the midst of any valleys. We continue to gear up for our 30th anniversary Celebration on September 27, and we continue our "Love One Another" series. I am so excited... I'm hearing lots of stories about people that we are inviting to our Celebration Luncheon. It's awesome that we decided to have a meal around a "Longest Table" in which we are seeking to be who we are meant to be- a church that invites others to the table. We are inviting outside groups that we partner with to our celebration lunch, friends and neighbors, contacts and leaders from organizations with whom we partner, friends, neighbors, those struggling, the list goes on and on! If you haven't signed up for our Celebration Luncheon, please do so now so we have enough food! If you haven't thought of who to invite, think about anyone you know of who would be touched by your invitation! I will share this weekend some special guests that I know of who will be there. I'm so thankful to Kim who will bring a very important message this weekend, "Abide in Love." Loving others begins not when we are so depleted and stressed we can barely function... Love others begins when we abide in the love of the one who IS love and is the SOURCE of all grace and love. I look forward to seeing you in worship this weekend!

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

Family Support Group, September 17

This group is a support group for people who have loved ones affected with addiction(s). Meeting the 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 September 17, 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

Fall Confirmand Retreat | September 18-19

Our **Fall Confirmand Retreat** will be held at Still Waters **Friday and Saturday, September 18-19**, beginning **Friday at 7:00 p.m.** and continuing through **Saturday's 5:00 p.m. worship service**. A brief **parent/guardian meeting** will follow worship to wrap up the retreat and look ahead to the Confirmand Year. This retreat is for our **8th-grade confirmands**, as well as older youth who have not yet been confirmed and would like to enter the Confirmand Year. Confirmation at Still Waters is a journey of faith and discipleship for our 6th-8th grade youth, giving them opportunities to learn, grow, serve, ask questions, build relationships, and discover what it means to follow Jesus. The **Confirmand Year** is a special time of deeper preparation and discernment as youth consider affirming their baptismal and membership vows and making their own public profession of faith. If you have a youth in **8th grade or older who has not yet been confirmed** and would like to learn more about participating this year, we would love to connect with you. Please sign your youth up on the Connection Card or online. Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

Third Grade Bible Presentation, Sunday Sept. 20

On Sunday, September 20, at the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services, we will present our 3rd graders with their very own age- appropriate Bible! We know that it's possible some 4th and 5th graders missed this opportunity (for a variety of reasons, new to Still Waters, etc), so if you are a 4th or 5th grader and did not receive a Bible, you are welcome to receive one as well! Please direct any questions to Jena Metzler at jenametzler@gmail.com.

Color Splash Games | Sunday, September 20 | 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Get ready to get colorful! Color Splash Games are coming to Still Waters on Sunday, September 20, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., and all youth in grades 6–12 are invited! We're filling the evening with colorful games, crazy challenges, plenty of laughter, and just the right amount of mess. Come ready to run, play, laugh, and probably go home looking a little more colorful than when you arrived! And this is a GREAT night to bring friends! Youth are encouraged to invite other youth in grades 6–12 to come along. Grab a friend (or two!), come join the fun, and get ready to make a colorful mess together! Sign up online or on the Connection Card. Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

Pizza Ranch for Youth!

Join us on **Monday, September 21, from 4:30–7:30 p.m. at Pizza Ranch in West Bend!** Address is 2020 W Washington St., West Bend, WI 53095.

Still Waters youth will be volunteering throughout the evening, and 10% of sales plus tips will benefit Still Waters Youth Ministries. Funds raised will help support opportunities for youth throughout the upcoming season, including retreats, conferences, and other faith-building experiences. No coupon needed! Just come enjoy dinner, support our youth, and help make these opportunities possible. We hope to see you there!

Small Group Study “Love Has a Name”

Fall study groups are starting! We have two groups, studying the same book. Choose the time that works best for you:

- **Monday, Sept 14** - October 26, **7:00 p.m.** Facilitated by Pastor Lori
- **Tuesday Sept 15** - Oct 27 **10:00 a.m.** Facilitated by Robin Jasinski/Pastor Lori

We'll begin both groups the same week, Monday Sept 14 and Tuesday Sept 15.

The greatest commandment is to love. And in a world that is increasingly polarized, especially at election time, this commandment gets very real! Together we'll read the book, **“Love Has a Name” by Adam Weber**. For some reason, even though we know we are to love, somehow we end up hurting, belittling, and overlooking people. And “love” is not just a generic concept. It is specific to each person we meet. That is, love has a name. Join us as we meet specific people in author Adam's life, and learn what love looks like in specific situations and people. You have the names of people in your life as well! Book is \$20 and available in the lobby. Sign up for the group on the Connection Card or Online.

Holy Yoga Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m.

Holy Yoga has begun meeting again this fall! We'll meet on Tuesdays, 8:45 am. Donation of \$10 each session suggested. No need to sign up- just come! What a great time to try this intentional practice of connecting with God once per week on Tuesday mornings for an hour! Contact Nancy Maier or Robin Olson with questions.

30th Anniversary CELEBRATION WORSHIP- ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are excited to celebrate Still Waters 30th anniversary! **Sunday, September 27 we'll have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.**, We will *not* have Saturday worship that weekend, since we'll all gather together Sunday at 10:00. We will have many awesome components in worship, that allow us to remember and honor the past, celebrate the present, and dream about the future! I'm excited for a video montage of remembrances (feel free to submit pictures!) as well as sharing a video greeting from our founding pastor, now Bishop Dan Schwerin! We are putting together a video remembering the last 30 years!

NOTE: If you have pictures you'd like to share from the last 30 years of ministry, send electronically to Dean Maytag or Pastor Lori (mayday314@gmail.com) and llossie@yahoo.com). Or, bring in hard copies to the office and give to Kathy, clearly marked with your name!

30th Anniversary CELEBRATION LUNCHEON/ LONGEST TABLE

- **CELEBRATION LUNCHEON:** Following worship on September 27, we will have a celebration lunch. We'll have a catered meal with great food from Jug's Hitching Post! Stay tuned for more details on the menu! Thank you, Scrip! Sign up on your Connection Card or online to reserve your lunch, complete with celebration cake and cookies!
- **LONGEST TABLE-** Our anniversary celebration lunch will be an example of a cool concept we ran across called, "The Longest Table." The concept of a 'Longest Table' in one sense, is as old as time. The idea of having a table where there is always room for one more person, always room to expand, is the 'longest table' concept. This is a Still Waters core value, and so why not have some fun with this on our 30th! We will literally (inside our building!) make a 'longest table'. This should be fun! And the whole point is, the celebration is not just for us! Invite a family member, friend, neighbor, team, or class! Be creative! We hope to make this an amazing celebration of all kinds of people, so that we might depict the mission of who we are. **Be sure to sign up for the Celebration Luncheon/Longest Table via the connection card or online**, so that we can plan for the right amount of food. (If you'd like to contribute to the food fund, that would be awesome! We want to be able to accommodate any and all guests who come with an amazing meal and caring presence.)

30th Anniversary: 30 For 30.

Thirty Acts of Service Celebrating Thirty Years

On our 30th anniversary, we want to not only celebrate the past and present, but also to dream about the future. What if we could dream of 30 Acts of Service as we go forth into our 30th year of ministry? We're going to start a list now, which we will make available on September 27, of dozens of possible ways we can serve during our 30th year of ministry. Marc Bartusek is putting together this list of 30 possible ways we can grow, serve, and make a difference in the world this year! Email your ideas to Marc at marc@stillwaterschurch.com! He'll be compiling that and have it available at our celebration on the 27th!

30th Anniversary- Table Setup Help

On Sunday, September 27, we will need help to 'turn our sanctuary around' after the 10:00 worship service and in preparation for our 11:30 celebration lunch. This is one of the ways Still Waters is so amazing! If you can help on Sunday, September 27, from 11:00 - 11:30 to help move chairs and bring tables out in preparation for our Celebration Luncheon, please sign up on the Connection Card or online. Thanks, Still Waters, for the ways together we make things happen!

Animal Blessing 2026 | Saturday, October 10 | 2:00–6:00 p.m.

Furry, feathered, four-legged, and everything in between... They're all invited! Still Waters Youth Ministries invites you and your animal companions to our Animal Blessing on Saturday, October 10, from 2:00–6:00 p.m., concluding with a special indoor worship service from 5:00–6:00 p.m. Bring your animal companions and enjoy an afternoon celebrating the wonderful bond God has created between people and animals. There will be activities, games, photo opportunities, our hiking trail, Animal Blessing Blankets, and opportunities to remember beloved animals who are no longer with us.

- **Rainbow Bridge Memorial:** Our Rainbow Bridge Memorial offers a special way to remember animal companions who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Bring a photo of your beloved animal to add to the memorial; wings will be provided. Animals who are no longer with us will also be remembered during our worship service.

Saturday Schedule

- 2:00 p.m. – Hiking Trail Opens
- 2:30–4:45 p.m. – Animal Blessing Activities

Check in with your animal companion and explore the afternoon together! Enjoy games, photo/selfie stations, the Rainbow Bridge Memorial, and other activities for animals and their humans.

- **5:00–6:00 p.m. – Special Animal Blessing Worship**

Animals and their human families are invited inside for this special worship service celebrating our God-given relationship with the animals entrusted to our care. During worship, we will offer a blessing over all animals, including those who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Have an animal friend who would be happier staying home? Bring a picture instead! They can be included in the blessing too.

Following Worship – Individual Animal Prayers

Individual prayers will be available for animals and families with special prayer requests.

Sign up on the Connection Card or online to register your animal's attendance or volunteer to help with this special afternoon.

Special Weekend Worship, Saturday/Sunday, Oct 10/11

The whole weekend of worship will focus on celebrating God's creation, including our animals, and we will have a special time of remembrance of our animal friends who have gone before us, and a blessing for all animal friends. Saturday service only, animals are welcome to come to the worship service. You're welcome to bring pictures of your animals on Sunday.

The Flock, Sunday October 11, 11:45 a.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

Join us on **Wednesday, October 14** (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!

Peer Mentor Fall Training | Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

All current Peer Mentors and Mentors-in-Training should mark their calendars for our Fall Peer Mentor Training on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. at Still Waters. Lunch will be provided.

Our Peer Mentor program is about more than helping with younger youth. It is an opportunity for high school youth to intentionally grow as **disciples and Christian leaders**, learning what it means to lead by serving, build relationships, model their faith, and help create a safe and welcoming community for others.

Throughout the day, Peer Mentors will spend time strengthening their own faith and developing practical skills for the responsibilities and relationships that come with Christian leadership. During the latter part of the afternoon, they will join our adult leaders for **Safer Sanctuaries training**, an important part of preparing everyone who serves with children and youth at Still Waters.

This is an essential training day for all Peer Mentors and Mentors-in-Training as we prepare to serve and lead together throughout the year.

Please sign up on the Connection Card or online. Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

Safer Sanctuaries Training

It's time to re-certify! Adults and peer mentors who work with youth, children, or vulnerable individuals are required to complete Safer Sanctuaries Training. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 17, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** Safer Sanctuaries helps equip our faith community with the knowledge and practices we need to create safe, welcoming spaces where everyone can flourish. Please sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, October 21, 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 20.)

Souper Sunday! October 25th, 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 one Sunday 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.

Still Waters Women

Calling all women... come on **Sunday, October 25**, and enjoy meeting with other women of all ages for planning and fellowship after the 2nd Sunday worship service, approximately 11:45 a.m. Enjoy some wonderful soup and lunch from Souper Sunday, and then come on and join us for a time of fellowship, planning, and connection. Sign up on the Connection Card or website.

Trunk or Treat

Save the date! **Sunday, October 25th, 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. In the event of rain, we will set up inside the Sanctuary. See the website for all the guidelines regarding 'being a trunk'.

Looking ahead...

Mission Trip to Honduras, July 31 - August 7, 2027

We are planning a mission trip to Honduras July 31-August 7, 2027! As many of you know, in 2025, we established a new Still Waters partnership in Honduras, through the leadership of the in-country Volunteer In Mission (VIM) Coordinator, Milton Ilovares, in the Danli area, with Pastor Pena and his congregation, Central UMC. We had an amazing trip this year, making connections with the people of Central UMC, connecting in worship together, participating in a medical mission as well as education mission! This next year, we expect to work with kids possibly through Vacation Bible School, as well

as adults, as well as some light construction as well as continue the medical mission. That means we are looking at a two-pronged trip: some may participate in the medical mission, others in the 'general' trip, all the same dates! We all fly over together, but during our mission time, we would go either to the medical or the education mission initiative. We'll spend fun time, reflection/devotion time, meal time together. Most of our time will be in Danli, but we will also plan a day to visit the students at the Juan Wesley School in Ciudad Espana, where we will be able to visit the children our church has sponsored at this school. We are excited to participate under the philosophy that has been so important to us- giving a hand up, not just a hand out. **The cost of the trip will be in the range \$2,500-\$3,000**, which includes airfare, lodging, and meals. Youth ages 14 - 18 may attend with a parent. A total of four 2-3 hour pre-trip trainings will be required, and arranged according to the schedules of our trip participants. Background checks will be part of the application process. There are limited spaces, so the first to apply, be accepted, and put down their \$100 deposit will hold their spot. Payment schedule after the \$100 deposit will be \$500 installments due monthly beginning in January, until the balance is paid. If interested or if you have questions, feel free to email me, Pastor Lori, at llossie@yahoo.com or Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com. Sign up to express interest on our Connection Card or our website, and we will reach out to you to share more info. Go to our website, stillwaterschurch.com to formally apply to go on the trip. Remember, **space will be limited so apply soon!**

Note: It's possible the trip will be shortened by one day, and go July 31 - August 6, but we won't know that until we book flights in January. Thank you, Still Waters, for your continued commitment to Find the Lost, Release the Captive, and Develop Disciples!

Prayers surrounding each of you, and for our hearts to be open to God's direction and mission for us, now and always!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori