



Love One Another Love One Another

September 6, 2026

John 13:1-5, 34-35 NIV

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Message Notes:

1. Love invites
2. Love serves
3. Love liberates

Food for Thought

1. When someone invites you to sit at their table, how does that feel? On the flip side of that, describe a time when you felt excluded from a table. How did that feel?
2. At the last supper, Jesus famously washed the disciples' feet. In our modern day world, what is an act of service upon which you as an individual, or we as a church, could embark?
3. What work does God need to do in your heart in order to position your spirit as a space of peace, grace, and love? How can you connect with God regularly to receive His light in your heart?
4. Think of a time in life when you felt very loved. How did that free, or liberate you, to love others and have hope and joy?

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!

September 6	Julie Schneider
September 8	Nathan Gugliotti
September 9	Denise Borchardt, Ava Twining
September 10	Steve Vogt

Happy Anniversary!

September 6	Jeff & Margie Hamers
September 7	Steve & Missy Schlei
September 8	Curt & Barb Carter
September 10	Ron & Ann Naab

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>
<u>Sunday</u> <u>9am</u>	Kelly & Vicki Passineau	Sandra Grasse Susie Klostermann	Al & Mary Helsell Guy Hoppe & Sandra Grasse
<u>10:30am</u>	Diana Schoen Linda Kleinhans	Pat Swanstrom Katie Passineau	Diana Schoen Linda Kleinhans Kelly & Vicki Passineau

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Online Giving



Happy September, Still Waters Family! It's been so hot it's hard to believe summer is coming to a close! September is a month in which things ramp up, and for us, culminating in a big celebration of Still Waters 30th anniversary! This weekend is Labor Day weekend... And it's going to be a great weekend in worship! We will start our September series, "Love One Another." As we enter fall, there is the stress of changes in schedules, and as we continue to approach elections this year, this is often a season of noticing what's wrong, and maybe even wondering what's right. This weekend as we start our series, "Love One Another," we'll talk about how we sometimes see people "othering" each other (allowing differences divide instead of loving each other), and we wonder how we can go forward. We'll look at love as more than a feeling, but love as a decision in our heart and as action. What a great journey to come back to Jesus' commandment, to love one another. See you this weekend!

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

Family Fun Day — Sunday, September 6

Join us for a Labor Day Weekend Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 6, from noon–2:00 p.m. at Still Waters! We'll gather outdoors for a relaxed afternoon of family games, a campfire, good food, and time together. We'll cook hot dogs over the fire, enjoy the fire pit, try our hand at gaga ball, and have plenty of other outdoor games and activities for all ages. There's no need to bring anything, but if you'd like to bring a side dish to share, you're welcome to!

Everyone is welcome, so bring the family, invite a friend, and come enjoy the afternoon. You can sign up on the Connection Card or online, but you're also welcome to just show up!

Questions? Contact Lisa at swym2019@gmail.com.

Holy Yoga Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m.

Holy Yoga will start up again this fall, beginning in Tuesday, September 8! 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.

Feeding America

Join us on **Wednesday, September 9** (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!

Walk 'n Connect

Join us on **Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.** 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.

Saturday Worship Begins Sept 12!

We will resume our 5:00 p.m. Saturday worship on Saturday, Sept 12th! In addition to our two Sunday morning worship services, there will be another option for worship each weekend. Mark your calendar!

Intergenerational Sunday + Souper Sunday, September 13

Join us Sunday, September 13! Following the second service, during our Souper Sunday meal, we'll celebrate the gift of every generation at Still Waters, from our youngest to our oldest, with special appreciation for the wisdom, stories, and faith of the older generations among us. Still Waters Youth Ministries will host a relaxed time of sharing a meal, table games, conversation, and fun ways to connect and learn from one another across generations. We may even make a little music together with Boomwhackers and a drum circle, where everyone can join in! Come share a story, learn something new, and enjoy time together as one church family. Every generation has something to share, and every generation has something to learn. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Youth Ministries Biannual Meetings – September 13 & March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Twice each year, in September and March, Still Waters Youth Ministries gathers youth, parents/guardians, mentors, and ministry leaders for our Biannual Youth Ministry Meeting. These gatherings take the place of our regular monthly Flock Meeting and are especially important times to share where we are headed, review upcoming opportunities and expectations, and strengthen the partnership between youth, families, mentors, and the church. We ask every youth ministry family to make these two meetings a priority, with youth and at least one parent/guardian planning to attend; mentors are strongly encouraged to join us as well. As we walk together in the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ, these gatherings help ensure that we are informed, connected, and supporting our young people together.

Please save the dates: Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 14, 2027 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, September 16, 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, September 15.)

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!

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!

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**](mailto:marc@stillwaterschurch.com)! He'll be compiling that and have it available at our celebration on the 27th!

Prayers surrounding each of you, as we face the challenges of life, but count every moment of blessing!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori