



#LoveYourNeighbor

Open-Hearted Love

September 12th

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

MESSAGE NOTES

1. See the needs around you
2. Sympathize with others' pain
3. Seize the moment to help

Food for Thought:

The Good Samaritan gives us a beautiful example of what it means to open our hearts and love through kindness. Before we can be kind, we have to see the people around us. The priest and Levite 'saw' but then decided to look away. What prevents you from 'seeing' the people around you? How can you notice people enough to know how to be kind?

The Good Samaritan also sympathized with the man's pain. Instead of asking the question, "If I help, what will happen to me?" he asked the question, "If I don't help, what will happen to him?" What is one step you can take to be less self-focused and more other-focused?

What is your greatest barrier to opening your heart and being kind to others? What might be a step in your life to removing that barrier?

Happy Birthday!

Sept 13 Kalea Nielsen-Shuster, Larry Schalla, Gavin Witte
Sept 14 Lori Borchardt, Jacob Lewis, Nathan Schmidt
Sept 15 Kelly Byard, Angie Ellis
Sept 16 Lisa Kitzke, Landon O'Brian, Robin Olson,
Tom Oppermann, Kevin Ruffing, Jessie Yahr
Sept 14 Ryan Braun, Emily Jahn, Sydney Leis
Sept 18 Ken Hanson

Happy Anniversary!

Sept 15 Craig & Lisa Van Alstyne
Sept 16 John & Sarah Pouzar

Fall Kickoff! Today is our Fall Kickoff, in which we will have lots of info and celebration around the ministries of Still Waters Church. We'll have 17 ministry leaders sharing their ministry vision at tables, and 'snacks' to kick off a hope-filled year! Between and after worship services, you can learn about the many opportunities at Still Waters, and pray about how God might be calling you to serve and connect this year. The ministry teams represented are: Music Ministry, Worship Production, Congregational Care Ministry, Hospitality, Nurturing Needles, Garden Keepers, Properties Team, Still Waters Youth and Kids, Study Groups, Art Ministry, Christmas Store, Holy Yoga, Men's Group, Family Promise, Feeding America, Habitat for Humanity and Safe Families.

Still Waters Kids- Both Worship Services: Our Still Waters Kids programming will begin this weekend during both worship hours. So whether you come at 9:00 or 10:30, feel free to bring your kids back to Still Waters Kids for an hour of learning, growing, and connecting!

Singers Singing! We are excited to welcome back our Singers who will sing this Sunday at the 9:00 service.

Bring your loose change (coins) on Sundays in September: Don't forget! Proceeds will go to Albrecht Free Clinic- a free health care clinic in our area.

Habitat for Humanity: Next Build Dates! Our next Still Waters build date is Saturday **Sept. 18**, 9:00 - 3:00. Sign up on our website or Connection Card, or email Pastor Lori if you'd like to help! —> Location: 2031-2033 Northwestern Ave., West Bend, WI 53090

Garden Keepers: Would you like to help with the weeding around the church property, as well as trimming periodically? You can sign up on the Connection Card in worship, or email Dianne at dbpriege@gmail.com. We will have our **first meeting on Sunday, September 19**, after the 2nd worship service (~11:45 a.m.)

Monday Night Study, "I Will!" by Thom S. Rainer: On Monday nights beginning **Monday, Sept 20th** at 7:00 p.m., we will begin a 5-week study of the book, "I Will! Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian" by Thom S. Rainer. Instead of saying, "I Could" or "I Might" or "I Can" or "I Should," let's say, "I Will!" As we are faced with the needs all around us... Emotional, Physical, Spiritual... Let's consider how we are called to respond as Christ's Church in a broken world. Book is \$10.

Tuesday Morning Study: "The Practice of Finding: how gratitude leads the way to enough": Tuesday mornings at 10:00 beginning **September 21**, we will begin a study of the book, "The Practice of Finding" by Holly W. Whitcomb, led by Robin Jasinski. It seems rather 'trendy' to be 'seeking' these days. What if, instead of chronic 'seeking', we could develop the spiritual practice of 'finding' as the doorway to a grateful awareness of having received enough. Book is \$14.

Holy Yoga: The next sessions of Holy Yoga will be the following Tuesdays: Sept 21, 28, Oct. 5, and 12, all held at 8:45 a.m. The class is led by Chrissy Steiner. A freewill donation of \$10 is suggested. Come on any or all of the days offered. Participants should bring your own yoga mat or towel. No sign-up necessary- just come!

Celebration of Still Waters 25th Anniversary: Sunday, September 26th! 10:00 worship! We'll have one worship service, followed by an amazing catered meal. There will be kid's activities after lunch- bouncy house, juggling, gaga ball, 9-square, corn hole, s'mores, and other family games.

Make your 25th Anniversary Catered Meal Reservation, Sunday, Sept 26, 11:00 a.m.: After our 25th anniversary celebration worship on Sunday, September 26, 10:00, we will have a **catered meal, at 11:00**, featuring smoked beef brisket, roasted chicken, campfire potatoes, Prince Edward blend of vegetables (yellow and green beans and carrots), fruit salad fluff, and dessert. This meal is free to you, but you do need to register! Sign up on our Still Waters website, or our Connection Card on Sunday mornings, or email office@stillwaterschurch.com. Thanks to our 'Scrip' program for financing this amazing meal! (Please be sure and buy Scrip cards all year 'round - gift cards available at church, that you can use, a percentage of which goes back to the church to fund wonderful events like this one!)

Also, **if you would like to volunteer to help at celebration on Sept 26th**, we'll need people to **help set up tables and chairs**, after worship and before the meal (so about 11:00 a.m.) as well as folks to **help take-down and Clean Up** around 12:30 or so. Also, we'll need about 5 people who can **help with serving the food**. Please email Vicki Passineau (vsp0013@gmail.com) if you're willing and able to help in any of these areas!

Art Ministry: Are you the creative type? Come and create different crafts as we gather to share our gifts, talents, and friendship. This new group, led by Mary Helsell, will meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., beginning October 6. Each time we meet, Mary will bring a craft of the month, or bring your own if you have something you're working on. The first 'craft of the month' for October will be a prayer box. Feel free to email Mary with questions at helsellmary01@yahoo.com, or sign up on our website for the first meeting, Oct. 6.

New Members Class: Mark your calendars if you've been thinking that Still Waters is the place you'd like to call your church! We'll have a membership class **Sunday, October 17**, at noon, and then join the church the following weekend. Contact Pastor Lori with questions or to sign up, or just register on our website!

Still Waters Singers: Our Still Waters Singers are practicing twice monthly on Wednesday evenings, and singing twice monthly for church. For more information please contact our music director Gary Clausing gary@stillwaterschurch.com.

Name Tags Reminder: Just a reminder... let's wear nametags! With several new staff and others newer to our congregation, it's helpful! If you would like a nametag, please sign up at the T-shirt table, or email Kathy at office@stillwaterschurch.com and we'll get your name tag ordered. They will be free of charge this month.

Thank you from Haiti: We wanted to let you know that the funds you have given toward relief from the Haiti earthquake (now \$4,220) have been put to good use. Some of the funds went to provide two medical clinics in the rural areas of Maniche just north of Les Cayes. They found many people injured including some that had to be stretched out 2 weeks after the earthquake. Other funds are going to Healing Waters organization to get wells back up and operating for clean water and food/cooking supplies that are being distributed via convoys to affected areas. Thank you SO MUCH, Still Waters!

Feeding America- Thank you! Thank you for feeding 145 families on Wednesday as we distributed pallets of food from our church through Feeding America. Thank you so much for being a church that cares.

Gathering Items for Afghan Refugees at Fort McCoy: Our Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has made us aware of items that are being collected for the Afghan Refugees currently housed at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin. You can bring those to Still Waters Church by Thursday September 23rd. Please do NOT donate winter clothing. Items need to be new and in packages (unless otherwise specified), sizes Small to XL (mostly med/large needed). They need **Long sleeve, crew neck tops (t-shirts/sweatshirts) (solid colors, fun colors ok, unbranded, male and female), Pants (long pants, unbranded, male and female), Socks (male and female, kids socks can be fun colors, cotton) Shoes (flip flops and sandals (great need), all sizes, closed toed shoes), Underwear (cotton only, all sizes- great need for men's sizes), Fall jackets, gently used, laundered (all sizes), Blankets/Quilts, gently used, laundered and Duffle bags/laundry bags.**

Don't forget... Find us at:

YouTube Channel: Still Waters Church Jackson WI

Still Waters Website: stillwaterschurch.com

Blessings on your week and prayers always,

Pastor Lori