

WELCOME TO STILLWATER EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Senior Pastor - Nick Hardt
Worship Music Director - Jason Olson

SERMON SERIES *NO MORTAL MAN*

ORDER OF SERVICE January 16, 2022

Worship Through Music

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Through Music

Worship Through God's Word
Pastor Nick Hardt
TALES ABOUT KINGDOM GROWTH
Mark 4:21-34

Closing Prayer and Praise

Sundays

9:00-10:05 am First Worship Service
10:30-11:35 am Second Worship Service
10:30-11:35 am Children's Sunday School 4 yrs.- 6th grade

Wednesdays

Awana 6:20-7:45 pm *preK-6th grade*
12:2 Youth Group 6:30-8:15 pm *7th-12th grade*

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a new visitor to our church, please text the letters SEFC to 84576 and then follow the link to complete the short contact information.
For every new contact SEFC will donate \$10 to our local food shelf!

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING: Today between services. If you're interested in joining a small group, talk to Tom Pugh.

WOMEN'S RETREAT!

January 28 at 7:00pm -January 30 at noon. Heartwood Resort, Trego, WI <https://www.heartwoodresort.com/> Includes 6 speakers, sledding, prayer, skiing, sleeping, games, one-on-one activities to make deeper connections, small groups, cross-country skiing, hiking. Cost includes 2 nights at the resort, 4 meals, meeting room with coffee and water service, and access to 700 acres of winter fun. \$190 Quadruple occupancy, \$245 Double occupancy, \$390 Single room. Financial scholarships are available. All are welcome regardless of ability to pay. For more information and to sign up, sign up contact Teresa Lindahl at btbjgf@gmail.com or text to 715-690-4282.

SEFC "THIS IS WHO WE ARE" DISCOVERY CLASS

January 30, 10:30am, session 1 of 2. February 6, 10:30am, session 2 of 2. Come discover who we are as a church, even if you aren't currently interested in membership. Please sign up on the clipboard at the back table.

MEN'S RETREAT!

The Men's Retreat will be February 25 & 26 at the Association Retreat Center (ARC) in Osceola WI. More info to come in future bulletins.

ALASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

3rd week of July. Activities will be construction, sewing, and whatever other needs the college has, and fun stuff like fishing and sightseeing during off time. Cost will be \$800/person: \$300 room and board + \$500 for materials, plus your airfare. The 6 volunteer openings will fill quickly, so a commitment needed in the next 1-2 weeks. Contact John Wasser for more information at 651-398-1516.

HAROLD HARPER AND LOIS BINGHAM PIANO FUND

Donations in memory of Harold and Lois will be deposited into a fund to purchase a new grand piano.

POINSETTIAS

Please adopt a poinsettia from the front of the sanctuary and take it home with you.

SNOW SHOVELING

We need volunteers!
Please sign up.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for those who like to use envelopes for your offerings, pick up a box from the back table.

weekly on Mondays

January 2022

January 28-30

February 25-26

Men's Prayer Time, 6:00am

No Awana. Resumes February 2.

Women's Retreat

Men's Retreat

Events are listed on our online calendar, www.stillwaterefc.org
RESTROOM FACILITIES available downstairs at the east end of the church or porta potty outside.

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The Kingdom of God Progresses:

From Hidden to Manifest

The Lamp has come to shine
Jesus was veiled for a time

vs. 21; Jn. 8:12, 12:35
vs. 22; Rom. 1:17; 2 Cor. 4:3
vs. 23-24; Matt. 13:12-17

Without Human Influence

Kingdom growth is _____
Kingdom growth is slow
Disciples _____

vs. 27-28; Ecc. 11:5-6
vs. 28; Gal. 6:9
vs. 26; Matt. 13:24-35

From Insignificant to Transcendent

Like the "smallest" of seeds
Far exceeds the greatest kingdoms of earth
Becomes _____

vs. 31; Matt. 13:31

vs. 32; Dan. 4:4-17

vs. 32; Ezk. 17:23 & 31:6

Notes:

21 And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? 22 For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." 24 And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. 25 For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Mark 4:21-34

BIBLE READING IN 2022

With the start of the new year right around the corner, you may be looking for something to jumpstart your daily Bible reading. This year I personally will be following Robert Murray M'Cheyne's reading plan and I want to give you the opportunity to join me! Use the QR to access the plan.

