



The Change Makers Compassion

April 11 & 12, 2026

Mark 6:30-44 **Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.” Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Message Notes

- 1. Have compassion on yourself**
- 2. Let your heart care**
- 3. Be practical**

Food for Thought

Most of us would like to make a difference in the world. But things get in the way! We may feel overwhelmed or stressed or anxious or just dealing with the stress of life and relationships and struggles. How can you have compassion on yourself?

God cares more for each of us than we can possibly imagine. His compassion and care for you is immense. How can you knock down any walls and receive God's compassion? How can you begin to imagine extending God's compassion to others?

What are some practical ways that you can think of extending the compassion in your heart for others to the world? Think of concrete ways you can care. Think of concrete ways we, God's church, can care!

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!

April 13 Hunter Leonhard, Dave Ritger
April 14 Nick Jordan, Pete Smith
April 15 Theodore Aumann, Liam Stewart
April 17 Joe Kandel
April 18 Gavin Wolfgram

Happy Anniversary!

April 14 Frank & Mary Jo Palmstein

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday

5pm Jan Giza

Sunday

9am Diana Schoen & Valerie Jacobson Dennis Konieczka & Barb Thorstenson

10:30am Dirk & Debbie Drews Paul & Heidi Sanders

New Members

Joining Saturday

Brad, Danielle Ciezki and kids Maddy & Aari., Brad- Proud husband and father and grandfather. Love the Lord, family and friends is what give me joy and purpose in life. **Dani** - Proud mom of 4 kids (3 boys and 1 daughter) grandmother of 2, Callum who is 5 and Misa 4 months, and mom of 4 cats. I have a continuous thirst for the good Lord's direction and guidance in my walk

Joining Sunday, 10:30am

Robert Ogden Gavin: I like outdoors, fishing and camping; I enjoy traveling and helping others in need. I have two dogs: a Siberian husky and a pit bull and husky mix. I love to walk with them on the trails in the kettle moraine. I am retired from welding after 40 years. With becoming a member of the church I would like to be part of helping people and going on missions to help others in need.

Randy Scott Pietschmann: I like to go for walks, camping, fishing, hunting, spend time with family (family of 5, Two sons and a daughter). Love to go sight seeing, and animal lover. I'm excited to become a family church member and grow and expand with Still Waters Church.

Good morning, Still Waters family! As we continue after Easter, I've noticed this year that there seems to be a deep longing for changing the world, making a difference, but somehow people are wondering what to do, how to do it, and what is enough. And in the midst of a desire to make a difference, there is a 'tiredness' and not sure if we can actually make the Kingdom differences that God calls us to. I'm very excited about our upcoming message series and corresponding small group, called "The Change Makers." A "Changemaker" is someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the world and in the lives of others. Jesus was a Changemaker... And so are we. Made in the image of God, sharing in the purposes of Jesus, we, too, can use Compassion, Collaboration and Creativity, and Empowerment for the sake of a better world. Let's embark on new ideas and risk something big for something good!

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

"Following Jesus" Study, 2 Monday Evenings

Join us for two **Mondays, April 6th and 13th at 7:00 p.m.** as we look at the last three chapters of Henri Nouwen's book, "Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Act of Anxiety." Without minimizing the anxieties, fears, and brokenness that touch down in every reader's story, Nouwen gently leads the way into a life that centers on Jesus and engulfs the follower with God's love, a sense of belonging, and a purpose that endures. If you'd like to contribute toward the cost, book is \$12. Some of you already have that book- great- you're all set! Sign up online or on your Connection Card.

Tuesday Morning Study- The Road Less Traveled

On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., are studying the 'classic' book, "The Road Less Traveled" by M. Scott Peck, M.D. The study will go for 15 weeks, and **conclude on June 16**. Together we will explore the nature of loving relationships and discover new serenity and fullness of life. We'll look at how to distinguish between dependency and love, how to become more sensitive parent, and ultimately how to become one's own true self. Book is \$12. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, April 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, April 14.)

"Jesus as a Changemaker" Small Group Study

Join us Wednesdays for four weeks, beginning Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. Whether Jesus was impacting the lives of more than 5,000 people with a miracle of food, or having a happenstance conversation with a Samaritan woman by a well, Jesus' actions show us exactly what it means to live a life of faith, what it looks like to be a compassion driven Changemaker. In these days, **many of us want to know how we can make a difference in the brokenness of this world.** This is a study that corresponds to an initiative that I (Pastor Lori) first heard about last month in a larger-church-pastor gathering, with Rev. Kathi McShane, co founder of the Change Maker Initiative. I'm super excited that we are providing a small group that will give us the framework to dream about how God can use us, either as individuals in our everyday lives, or in our church. I will be attending this small group, and am excited that Kim and Marc Bartusek will be facilitating. There is no cost, as the materials will be downloaded. Through this study we will discover Jesus as a compassion-driven Changemaker, learn more about the theological foundation of change making, and consider how to apply these changemaking principles to our own lives. Sign up on the Connection Card or Online.

Family Support Group

This group is a support group for people who have loved ones affected with addiction(s). Meeting the 1st and 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 Thursday, April 16 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

Souper Sunday, April 19 11:45 a.m.- CHILI COOKOFF!

Join us for Souper Sunday on April 15!... This one is a special Chili Cookoff! This will be an awesome meal for our congregation, sponsored by our youth on the third Sunday of each month. Come warm up from the cold weather with the warmth of a great meal/intergenerational fellowship. Free will offering accepted, and proceeds will benefit our amazing youth ministry. Sign up to bring your own chili and/or sign up if you plan to attend. Sign up to on your Connection Card or website. Contact Lisa with questions.

Still Waters Women

Calling all women... come on **Sunday, April 19**, and enjoy meeting with other women of all ages for planning and fellowship after the 2nd Sunday worship service, approximately 11:45 a.m. Sign up on the Connection Card or website.

The Flock, Sunday April 19, 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. Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

A/V (Audio/Visual) Discovery Saturday!

You are invited Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.! We have embarked on an amazing journey in Still Waters' audiovisual ministry! Maybe you're curious and would like to see a few things on how it works or what it's about. Maybe you're already involved and know tons! You can come for half an hour or stay to learn more in-depth.

Here's the timeline for the morning:

10-10:30: Anyone and everyone invited from the congregation. You can come for just this half hour, and if interested, stay for more.

10:30 - noon: More details! This is for those currently on the A/V team, as well as those who are interested in learning more or maybe even joining the A/V team. We'll cover some basic best practices, cross-training, and how audio and video help mediate the church's worship and serve its ministry. If you have questions, contact Mark Salewsky at mark@stillwaterschurch.com or Jacob Metzler at jacob.metzler@gmail.com. Sign up on the Connection Card or online. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served!

Spring Baby Celebration, Sunday April 26!

We have noticed there are lots of babies in our congregation! How exciting to welcome all these new little ones into our midst! We have decided to have a celebration on Sunday, April 26! As a way to honor and celebrate all our babies and all those babies that are expected soon, we'd love to welcome the congregation to a reception in between Sunday services (10:00 - 10:30) and after the last worship service (11:30 - noon) as we celebrate our little ones! Come, little ones, and let us celebrate you! We'll have amazing sweet treats and other special surprises. Come and join in the celebration. In worship we'll have a special prayer for these youngest ones as well.

Confirmation Weekend and Reception, May 2/3

Mark your calendars! Confirmation weekend will be May 2/3, all worship services. This is an important time in the lives of our youth, who now 'confirm' their faith. That is, they confirm the vows their parents made at their baptism, and now make their own commitment to follow Jesus. You will hear via video at all worship services the faith statements and thoughts from our youth and will be blessed to celebrate this pivotal step in their faith journey! They will take their vows at the 10:30 service on that Sunday. We hope to see you there supporting our youth! After the last worship service on Sunday, we will have a reception at 11:30 a.m. Together we'll enjoy cake as we congratulate our new confirmands. All welcome!

Spring Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 9!

Come on out on Saturday, May 9, **anytime between 8:30 a.m. and noon**. We will work to do some 'spring clean-up' work! There will be outdoor work around the church, memorial garden and prayer path (mulching, trimming, weeding, tree-cutting, etc) as well as indoor work (window and other cleaning, etc). Feel free to bring garden tools such as rakes, shovels, gloves, and wheelbarrows. Contact John Haas with questions. Please sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Mother's Day- Seeds of Love

For Mother's Day, our youth will be distributing packets of flower seeds for everyone who comes to worship on that weekend. We invite you to plant these in honor of and/or in memory of the many women who have positively impacted your life. Happy Mother's Day! If you have pictures of previous years' plants, please forward to Lisa at swim2019@gmail.com.

Feeding America

Join us on **Wednesday, May 13** (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!

Vacation Bible School!

It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is Kingdom Quest and we'll be discovering what it means to live in the kingdom of God today! Dates are **Monday July 27 through Thursday July 30** from 6pm-8pm each night. Each day we'll go through centers of music, games, crafts, and Bible adventures. The final day (July 30th) will be Family Night where family and friends are invited for a short program and stay for a cookout and a bouncy house in the back area of the church! Please contact Jena Metzler with any questions up to the month of July. Come July, Lisa Paulson will be stepping in as coordinator and will be able to answer any questions since Baby Metzler will be making her arrival around that time! Register for VBS on our Connection Card or website.

Honduras Intergenerational Mission Trip July 11-18, 2026

We continue to be so excited for our mission trip to Honduras, July 11–18, 2026! You are invited to come to Honduras, OR you can participate in the mission from home! Our mission this year is two-fold. If you come to Honduras, you will choose to be in either an **Education or Medical Focus Group**. No specific training or experience needed for either group. We also need people to be a part of the back home support group. Examples of how you can help from Wisconsin include being part of the VBS planning or sponsoring medical costs. As a **full team in country**, we'll spend time together worshipping, eating, laughing and experiencing Christ's amazing presence on the mission field. We can't wait to serve together!

For more specifics continue reading:

Education Focus Group (Contact: Lisa or Lori):

We'll support Danli UMC in leading VBS at the School in the Carbonera Community—one of the highest-need schools. We'll also paint murals at our partner church; Central UMC in Danlí. We'll tour another public school and learn about a scholarship program that helps kids attend school. Even though public education is "free," the ability for families to afford uniforms and supplies can prohibit kids from actually attending.

Ways to help from Wisconsin:

- **VBS Planning sessions**

Our First VBS Planning Session was awesome. We'll be adding additional Sundays to be announced. No education background is required. Sign up on the website or Connection Card.

Medical Focus Group (Contact: Debi Haas):

Partnering with Honduran doctors, and a pharmacist we'll co-run a clinic providing preventive and urgent care.

Ways to help from Wisconsin:

- **Contribute toward supplies and medications:** We have been so blessed by your outpouring of support for us to have Honduran doctors with us! If you'd still like to contribute financially, money toward supplies would be wonderful!
- **Amazon Registry (Amazon Scrip cards are also available)** We have an Amazon registry! Feel free to purchase items for our mission using this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gll/guest-view/19RV16ADLXDF3>

- **A great idea- buy an Amazon Scrip** card from Still Waters in the lobby on Sundays or see Robin Olson. Using your Amazon Scrip card, you're also helping Still Waters Church in the process of also helping the Honduras mission!
- **Bring Supplies to church**

Additionally we will be collecting supplies at the church. We have a wish list for supplies, see attachment to this email or bulletin insert or lobby flyer. To be able to navigate customs, we will need to have all our meds/supplies by April. Contact Debi Haas at 262-617-5593 or debihaas15@gmail.com.

We welcome your involvement—whether going to Honduras or supporting from home! Many hands make for powerful impact!

July Honduras 2026 Mission Trip Openings Available!

There are still openings on our July Honduras Mission Trip! See Pastor Lori or Lisa for information or check the box on the Connection Card for more information.

Looking ahead...

Quest Camp

Quest camp is a remarkable, ridiculously fun, re-imagined way for youth groups and youth leaders to experience God, encounter Christ, grow closer as a group, and refocus!. Quest camp is for incoming 6th graders through seniors in High School, and this year will be June 21st - 26th. Quest camp includes Bible study and worship, an expansive high ropes course, climbing tower and zipline, amazing lakefront activities, and refreshing food and lodging. One of the greatest things about Quest is that our youth group and leaders attend together, creating a stronger fellowship bond within our youth group and experiences that create lifelong memories that deepen our faith journey. The cost per camper is \$350.00. Deposit of \$50 due by end of February, with \$100 due monthly after that. See Lisa for details, and sign up online or via the Connection Card.

Praying for peace, in our personal lives and in our world,

Pastor Lori