



The Change Makers Empowerment

April 25 & 26, 2026

Mark 10:46-52

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Message Notes

Pass the Power:

1. Give up Control
2. Invite Others In
3. Multiply the Ministry

Food for Thought

Name a specific time when you tried to hold onto control of a situation (yes, I know there are countless of these times!) and it was very difficult to give up that control and 'let someone else' handle it. Why was that so hard?

Name a time when you were invited in, empowered if you will, to step up and do something very meaningful. What made that a positive and even awesome experience?

Think of a time when ministry or positive life experience multiplied because you were able to let go of some of the control. How can that happen again?

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 26 Danielle Washnesky
April 27 Sarah Kleimeyer, Mark Salewsky
April 28 Jan Lange, Ann Markuson, Gerri Seiser
April 29 Curt Nicolaus
April 30 Brian Goeman, Joseph Homa, Jaxton Ward, Emily Weiss
May 1 Jake Kandel
May 2 Maggie Farrand, Cliff Wood

Happy Anniversary!

April 30 Jerry & Jill Dhein

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday
5pm

Jan Giza

Sunday
9am

Susie Klostermann & Sandra Grasse

Tom & Tammy Trueman

10:30am

Steve & Barb Smith

Ron & Ann Naab

Church Website



Online Giving



Good morning, Still Waters family! Prayers your week has been going well, as spring has sprung and the sunshine is so beautiful! I know some days feel so stressful and some days even feel like everything is going wrong. Then, there are those other days when all seems well, and you feel so centered. On those days when everything is well, I've noticed that often that happens when people trust you, have confidence in you, and you have important work to do! In other words, there is tremendous freedom in being empowered to do and be the person God made you to be! This weekend we will conclude our Change Maker series, as we talk about what it means to feel empowered, and how we can be a Change Making Church by empowering each other and those in the world. This is such an essential part of what it means to be the church. One place we can start is with the youngest generation! This weekend we will express our love for the youngest of the young, the babies in our congregation- those little ones and those yet to make their entrance into this world! I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

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

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.

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.

"Jesus as a Changemaker" Small Group Study

It's not too late to **join us Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.** through May 6. 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.

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!

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 May 7 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

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.

Monday Study: "The Holy Spirit" *God's Presence and Power at Work in Us*

Join us **Mondays at 7:00 p.m for 5 weeks**, (skipping Memorial Day) **beginning May 11** as we uncover the mystery of how God moves in and around and among us! Corresponding with our worship series, and based on the newly released book by Adam Hamilton, we will look at the movement of the Holy Spirit through both the Old Testament and New Testament and what that means for how God is at work today, in our lives and in our world. Pastor Lori facilitating, book is \$15.

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!

Wednesday Evening Book Study: "Relaxed" by Megan Marshmann

If you had to describe Jesus in one word, what word would you use? The author, Megan Marshman, was inspired by one man's answer who said "relaxed". **Join us for a 6 week study starting on Wednesday May 13th** as we learn more about walking with Jesus, the one who isn't worried about a thing. Jena Metzler facilitating, book is \$11.

Souper Sunday, May 17 11:45 a.m.

Join us for Souper Sunday on May 17!... 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 on your Connection Card or website. Contact Lisa with questions.

Still Waters Women

Calling all women... come on **Sunday, May 17**, 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.

Graduation Sunday, May 17th

If you or a family member is graduating this year (High School, College, Tech School, etc) please email the church office at office@stillwaterschurch.com to let us know. Then on **Sunday, May 17th, noon - 1:30 p.m.**, we will celebrate them at our **lunch** at our Souper Sunday, where we will recognize their great achievement and **present our Graduates with special Still Waters Graduation Blankets**. We'd love to have as many from our congregation as possible to come and wish our graduates well! Contact Lisa with questions. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

The Flock, Sunday May 17, 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.

Flamingo Night (special attention for current 5th graders)

On **Sunday evening, May 17th, 6:00 p.m.** the youth group officially promotes all of the youth to the next grade. Confirmants will advance to the High School program which is called Emerging Adults. **Peer Mentor 2026-27 applications will be available** for all youth in the Emerging Adult program. **This is also the first night of the year that 5th graders are incorporated into our regular Sunday night youth programming**, with fun "Flamingo Night" activities, games, food and an introduction to youth group! Fifth graders, come and learn about youth group and be welcomed into youth group by our older youth!

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, May 20, 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, May 19.)

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, grace, and hope for all,

Pastor Lori