



Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously Love Boldly

January 31 & February 1, 2026

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 22:36-39

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Message Notes

1. **Dive In**
2. **Stand Up**
3. **Trust God**

Food for Thought

When and where am I tempted to stay on the riverbank—offering opinions, prayers, or programs—rather than diving into the water with real presence and risk?

Who are the people or stories I tend to love from a distance, and what might it look like for me to identify with them rather than manage or fix them?

What “deep water” am I avoiding because I want clarity, affirmation, or safety first—and how might God be inviting me to trust that His voice will meet me there?

If loving God with all my heart and loving others as I love myself is shaping my everyday life, not just my memory, how would my love look different this week—in my words, my choices, and my willingness to be uncomfortable?

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!

Feb 1 Barb Carter, Olivia Radmer
Feb 3 Jon Gloege, Eric Oliver, Jake Wepking
Feb 6 Deb Spears

Ushers

Greeters

Communion

Saturday

5pm

Kim Bartusek

Kim Bartusek & Tammy Trueman

Sunday

9am

Kathy Dalton
Diana Schoen

Sandra Grasse
Susie Klostermann

Al & Mary Helsell
Diana Schoen & Sandra Grasse

10:30am

Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Debbie Koloski
Linda Kleinhans

Debbie Koloski & Linda Kleinhans
Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Church Website



Online Giving



Still Waters Family,

Well we continue with the frigid weather. We also continue in these trying times! My goodness, I feel the stress level rising generally for people. Last weekend we concluded our series, "Rising Above the Noise," and I said that series was the foundation for this next series, as we really worked on how to listen to and seek God's heart, God's will, God's Holy Spirit, to help us to "Rise above the Noise." We'll draw on that in our next series that starts this weekend, as we look to "Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously." Each week for the next three weeks, we'll look at one part of that vision statement of the United Methodist Church. This weekend, Steve will be sharing the message, as we look at what it means to "Love Boldly." Spring Semester for my seminary started this week, and I am taking the week as a "study week" to get a start on the heavy amount of work, and important work in my doctor of ministry degree, as I delve into leadership development in the local church. What a huge blessing to pursue this truly important topic, which will impact Still Waters in years to come! Blessings to each of you this week and as always, I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

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

"Following Jesus" Study, Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays

Join us as we study 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.

Choose the study that works best in your schedule:

- **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** (facilitated by Pastor Lori) beginning February 2
- **Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m.** (facilitated by Robin Jasinski) beginning January 27
- **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** (facilitated by Jena Metzler) began January 14 .

If you'd like to contribute toward the cost, book is \$12. Sign up online or on your Connection Card.

Honduras Informational Gathering - Sunday, February 8, Noon

If you have been to Honduras, are considering going to Honduras, or especially if you are considering going on this year's mission trip to Honduras, this will be a particularly important gathering. Join Lisa and I Sunday, February 8, from noon - 1:00 p.m. We'll have a "lunch and share" as we describe the overall vision and specific plans and more details on the two focus groups (Education or Medical) for our upcoming mission trip, July 11-18, 2026. We are super excited! There will be limited space on our mission trip, so if you are considering going, you may want to get in your application sooner rather than later. We have extended the application deadline to Feb 22, however, the sooner you apply the higher the chance you will be accepted into the mission trip. Feel free to contact Lisa or Pastor Lori with any questions or if you'd like to know more prior to Feb. 8. Sign up for the Honduras Informational Gathering on your Connection Card or online.

The Flock, Sunday Feb 8, 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.

Feeding America

Join us on **Wednesday, February 11** (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!

Dinner and a Movie Night

Friday, February 13, we will have a dinner and movie night! Dinner of tacos will be at 6:30pm followed by movie at 7:00pm. In the sanctuary, we will watch, "**Overcomer.**" High school basketball coach John Harrison reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race other young life. The "Overcomer" movie is rated PG. **In addition to the movie in the sanctuary, we will offer the G-rated movie "WALL-E" in the back for the young or young-in-spirit.** A free will offering will be taken to help cover costs of the meal. (Sponsored by Still Waters Women, but all are welcome!)

Souper Sunday, February 15, 11:45 a.m.

Join us for Souper Sunday on February 15- 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 on your Connection Card or website. Contact Lisa with questions.

Still Waters Women

Calling all women... come on **Sunday, February 15**, 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.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Paczki Sale. Save the Date!

Still Waters Youth Ministries will be hosting Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Paczki Sale on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, 5:00 - 7:30pm. The Pancake meal includes pancakes, sausages, milk, and juice. Let us know if you'd like gluten free options. Sign up online if you'd like to participate in the dinner. Proceeds from this event benefit our youth missions and programming. Cost for dinner will be a donation (suggested donation \$8 per adult, \$5 kids ages 3-11). Paczki flavors, prices, and ordering dates will be determined as time gets closer.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, February 18, 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, February 17.)

Ash Wednesday Worship Service, February 18th, 7:00 p.m.

The 40 day season prior to Easter called Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday worship service. This is a solemn service that begins our journey of study and reflection as we walk with Jesus to the cross. We will impose ashes on your forehead as a reminder that from dust we came and to dust we will return. We will also celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a beautiful, quiet, and reflective time as we center our hearts and begin this Lenten journey together!

Wednesday Night Lenten Study Groups (and dinner)!

"The Message of Jesus"

Lent is the 40-day season that precedes Easter. It is a time of reflection, study, and preparation as we symbolically walk with Jesus toward the cross and resurrection. This year, we are again planning a church-wide study! On **five Wednesday evenings, beginning February 25th**, we will meet at church for dinner and small groups. This is an excellent opportunity if you're new to Still Waters or have been here for a long time to get to know some new people and dive deeper into your faith.

Here's the Wednesday schedule:

- **6:00: Dinner (optional)** ready for you! This provides a quick and convenient alternative for families so you don't have to rush to get food before coming to church.
- **6:30: Video** shown in sanctuary. The video will intro the material to be discussed in small groups that night. It is based on the reading for that night.
- **6:45 - 7:45 pm: Meet in small study groups** in different areas in the church

Each adult study small group will be studying a book upon which the Lenten Sermon series is based. The book is "The Message of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton, (cost \$13 for the book and it is available at church.) More than three billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said. In this five week study, we'll explore five main themes of Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. Jesus's message is not only life changing, but world-changing. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, study, and digging deeper into our faith as we journey to the cross and resurrection with Jesus. Sign up on our Connection Card or website.

Lenten Dinner: Serve with Vicki

As our Wednesday evening Lenten study approaches, we will experience the power of gathering around a table for dinner before we view a video and break into study groups. Vicki Passineau is our coordinator for arranging the logistics for those meals. Would you be willing to be Vicki's assistant for one or more of those evenings? You might help serve as well as clean up for the night(s) for which you volunteer. Just as Jesus had such a servant's heart we, too, have the opportunity to serve! Let us know which Wednesday evening(s) you might be available to assist Vicki! Dates are February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25. Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Honduras Intergenerational Mission Trip July 11-18, 2026, More Details!

We are 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.

Applications to go on the trip are due by February 22. 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**

The 1st VBS Planning session will be February 22nd, 6-7pm with 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:

- **Sponsor a doctor or contribute financially toward supplies:** The cost for each Honduran doctor and each pharmacist is \$1,035. Minimum of one Honduran doctor and one Honduran pharmacist. Supplies are estimated to cost approximately \$2000. Donations can be made out to Still Waters Church, with "Honduran Doctor" or "Honduras Supplies" in the memo.
- **Amazon Registry (Amazon Scrip cards are also available)**

We will have an Amazon registry. Link will be forthcoming.

- **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 Applications Available!

The application to go on our July 11-18, 2026 Honduras trip is now online! If we could get those applications in by February 22 that would be awesome. We are SO excited! Go to <https://www.stillwaterschurch.com/honduras-mission-trip108735db> for more information or to apply.

Prayers each of you is finding joy and hope and that you are staying warm in the very cold temperatures.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lori