



The Message of Jesus The Kingdom of God Has Come Near

February 21 & 22, 2026

Scriptures

Mark 1:14-15

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Message Notes

1. Repent
2. Close the gap
3. Be Led by Love

Food for Thought

The word in scripture used for "repent" is "Metanoia" which means to change one's mind, ideas, and thoughts. How does this deepen your understanding of what it means to repent? In what ways is God inviting you to see a bigger picture?

There is a gap between the world as it is and the world as it should be. What actions can you take with the gifts that you have been given to close the gap?

Jesus demonstrates for us a bold type of love and he invites us to do the same. In what ways are you already being led by love in your life? In what ways might being led by love challenge you?

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 23 Jadon Thornton
- Feb 24 Logan Dommissie, Lucas Dommissie, Jacie Smith
- Feb 25 Jean Salewsky
- Feb 27 Tessa Nicolaus
- Feb 28 Kristin Bonlender

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday

5pm

Jan Giza

Sunday

9am

Valerie Jacobson & Linda Kleinhans

Rick & Debbie Dambeck and Tom Trueman

10:30am

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Church Website



Online Giving



Still Waters Family,

Greetings, Still Waters family! What great weather this week- I hope you've had a little time to get outside! Spring is coming! Time does seem to go fast, and speaking of that, it's hard to believe that as of yesterday, with our Ash Wednesday worship service, we have entered into the season of Lent! This weekend we will begin our Lenten series, "The Message of Jesus." Join us as each week we will cover the major themes of Jesus' message, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. This weekend, Jena will be sharing the message, "The Kingdom of God Has Come Near." As always, I look forward to seeing you this weekend!

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

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. Small group facilitators will be Marc and Kim Bartusek, Nancy Maier, Kelly Passineau, and Teresa Young. 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.

New Members Class

Mark your calendars if you've been thinking that Still Waters is the place you'd like to call your church home! We'll have a membership class **Sunday, March 8, from noon - 2:00 p.m.**, and then join the church the weekend of March 14/15. Contact Pastor Lori with questions or to sign up, or just register on our website!

The Flock, Sunday March 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, March 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!

2026 Spring Confirmand Retreat: March 13-15

Attention all youth being confirmed this May! We are excited to announce our Spring Confirmand Retreat. The retreat will take place from **Friday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m.** Our youth will attend the 10:30 worship service together that Sunday. After the service, we will enjoy some soup during Souper Sunday, followed by a confirmand/parent/mentor meeting. Please register using the Connection Card or on our website. Additionally, **peer mentors (high school youth) who would like to attend should see Lisa for an application** to join the Confirmand Retreat.

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

Join us for Souper Sunday on March 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, March 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.

Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, March 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, March 17.)

IMPACT NIGHT: Sunday Evening, March 22

Save the date: “Impact Night” is coming Sunday evening, March 22! All are invited to come on March 22, 6:00 p.m. and enjoy an awesome evening of fun questions, answers, prizes, dessert auction and more! We'll have questions geared for all ages, with categories such as “sink or float,” and many other categories. Feel free to bring food to share with people at your table, or there will be subs, pizza and drinks available for purchase. Cost is \$25/person, or \$190 for a table of 8. Creativity encouraged- theme based tables will receive extra points! Come as individuals, or form your own team. All proceeds will benefit our awesome youth ministries! Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

Impact Night Different Ways to be Involved

Lots of ways to be involved in Impact Night!

- Register your team table
- Donate items for the Silent Auction (theme baskets, cook meals, donate your time/skills, e.g. sewing, photography)
- Register to bring a dessert for the Dessert Auction (fancy desserts are great, but store-bought desserts are fine, too!)

Sign up online or on your Connection Card. Contact Lisa with questions.

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 have an Amazon registry! Feel free to purchase items for our mission using this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/g/guest-view/19RVI6ADLXDF3>

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 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.

EASTER JAM, Saturday March 18!

Come join us for our Family Easter celebration called Easter Jam! This year we will be making **Resurrection Gardens** and enjoy an **Easter egg hunt!** Easter Jam will be on Saturday, March 28th. Come for a **meal at 11:30, activities from noon-1:30**. Thanks to our Still Waters Women for helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. This will be a fun and meaningful event!

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.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lori