



Rising Above The Noise Humility not Arrogance

January 24 & 25, 2026

Jeremiah 29:13-14a

[The Lord says,] "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,"

Psalms 139:23-24

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Corinthians 13:5a

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith

Romans 12:15-16

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Message Notes

Wisdom:

1. **Seek God**
2. **Look within**
3. **Have empathy**

Food for Thought

In what ways is the noise of what you perceive to be people's arrogance affecting you these days?

How are you finding time to seek God? In what ways are you able to seek after God's heart, God's love, God's justice, and God's wisdom?

What are emotions that sometimes take over for you? Anxiety, stress, fear (fear of failure, fear of the future, etc), sadness, etc? How can God meet you in those emotions?

How can you move from judgment or apathy to empathy with others?

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!

Jan 25	Kim Bartusek, Nicole Haas
Jan 27	Rita Carney, Kelly Pechacek
Jan 28	Pat Puhl
Jan 30	Georgie Beltran, Stella Witte
Jan 31	Toni Matis

Ushers

Greeters

Saturday
5pm

Valerie Jacobson

Sunday
9am

Kelly & Vicki Passineau

Dennis Konieczka & Barb Thorstenson

10:30am

Steve & Barb Smith

Tom & Tammy Trueman

Church Website



Online Giving



Still Waters Family,

Grace and peace to you, Still Waters family and friends! As always, I've been praying for you and the challenges you're facing and the joys you're celebrating!! As a church, we've been laying a foundation for our life together this year, as we've been considering all the noise of the world and how we can, as individuals and as God's church, rise above the noise. This weekend, we'll talk about voices of arrogance... Sometimes they come from the world, sometimes we realize the voices of arrogance are coming from our own hearts. How can we walk humbly, recognizing the God who is our leader and whom we worship with all of our hearts? Part of rising above the noise involves the way we approach the world and the people in it. I look forward, as always, to our time to worship together This weekend!

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

VBS Pizza & Planning!

Yes, you read that right! This year we are starting off our VBS planning early to have even more of an impact! If you'd like to get in on the excitement of planning for one of our Children's Ministry major events, we invite you to our Vacation Bible School (VBS) Planning Meeting on **Sunday, January 25th, 12:00pm**. We'll order pizza and get the creative ideas flowing! Please sign up on the Connection Card or on our website so we'll know of your interest. Contact Jena at jenametzler@gmail.com with any questions.

Family Promise, Week of January 26th - February 1st

Our week to partner with Family Promise is coming! The week of January 26th - February 1st, we will be partnering with Family Promise by making dinners for the families experiencing homelessness that are in the program. As we get closer to the time we'll update the number of people (it changes as families transition out of and into the Family Promise program) and any dietary restrictions. If you'd like to make a meal that week, please sign up online or on your Connection Card. Contact Kelly (kpassin@gmail.com) or Vicki Passineau (vsp0013@gmail.com) with questions.

"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 at 6:30pm followed at 7:00pm. In addition to the movie in the sanctuary, we will offer a G-rated movie in the back the young or young-in-spirit. A free will offering will be taken to help cover costs of the meal. We will soon name the exact movies to be played! (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.)

Honduras Trip, July 11-18, 2026- All the Latest!

Last week Lisa and I had an awesome week in Honduras, making final preparations and connections for our Still Waters mission trip July 11-18, 2026. Here are a few high-level details to share at this time. (Maybe some of you might be interested in joining us! We are building our mission team now, applications due in February.) Each participant in this mission trip will choose their "Focus Group."

We will go as one team, but at certain points during the mission trip, our team will do mission work according to their focus group.

Our two focus groups will be:

- **“EDUCATION FOCUS GROUP.”** Education is a key building block for the well-being and hope for the Honduran people. Our mission trip will focus on both education of children in the community as well as Christian education in our partner church. In the community, we will share VBS with the Carbonera school, one of the highest need schools in the city. We will offer Vacation Bible School, leading with the people of Central UMC and building with them with the community. In support of Christian education, we'll have the opportunity to paint murals in the Christian education section of our partner church, Central UMC. We also plan to tour another public local school, and will learn about a scholarship program to help children in the area to attend public school. Even though public school is technically 'free,' many cannot attend because they cannot afford uniforms and supplies and other items. Participants in the Education Focus Group need not have education background. It will be amazing for all!
- **“MEDICAL MISSION FOCUS GROUP.”** There are many in Honduras who don't have adequate access to medical care. Our team members will partner with Honduran medical doctors, and pharmacist to address existing health concerns and provide preventive health care in a clinic we will set up at our partner church. Our team will provide needed health care for those who otherwise would go without. Team members need not have medical training to participate on the medical mission team. The medical mission focus group will have an extra cost for trip participants to pay for the Honduran doctors and extra supplies. Talk to Lisa or Lori if you would like to either contribute to a scholarship fund to help with the extra cost or if you are a participant who would benefit from a scholarship to defray the extra cost of the medical mission!

WHOLE TEAM:

During our time in Honduras, some time will be spent in our two focus groups, and then much of our trip will be spent as the entire team together, eating, laughing, worshipping, and experiencing Christ's amazing presence on the mission field. See item below to apply or find out more. Talk to Pastor Lori or Lisa if you have any questions.

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.

One note: I have been experiencing **problems with my cell phone**, which has been affecting my ability to receive text messages this week. The problem is partially resolved, but if you send me text messages, I may not see/receive them. So I apologize if you sent me a text message and I didn't respond! For now, **please either use my email, llossie@yahoo.com**, or wait until I respond to your text that I actually received it. I'm working to get this resolved. Thank you!

Prayers each of you is finding joy and hope and able to begin to 'rise above the noise'!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lori