



The Message of Jesus

The World's Most Important Sermon

February 28 & March 1, 2026

Matthew 5:1-2a

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

Matthew 6:5-6

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. "

Matthew 5:14

[Jesus continued,] "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 7:24-25

[Jesus said,] "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

Message Notes

1. **Be Real**
2. **Be Light**
3. **Be Strong**

Food for Thought

The world tells us to be successful, good looking, popular, and powerful. We hear in Jesus Sermon on the Mount just the opposite. Blessed are the poor, the humble, the heartbroken, and the meek.

Why do you think Jesus turns everything upside down? In what ways can you be a little more 'real' or 'authentic' with who you are?

How can we 'light up the world' as Jesus taught? How can you bless people in this world with kindness, grace, humility, and encouragement? How can we care and love the vulnerable?

Jesus said that if we build our spiritual life on him, he will be our rock, our strength. How can you take a step closer to Jesus this Lenten season?

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!

March 1 Stephanie Poree

March 3 Cody Johnson, Jean Johnson, Stephanie Poree, Missy Schlei

March 6 Dorthy Radley, Janet Trigg

March 7 Jim Peterson

Church Website



Online Giving



Still Waters Family,

Greetings, Still Waters family! Prayers you are well as we continue our Lenten journey! We had a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and diving into Jesus' teaching last night as we began our Lenten Wednesday Evening Meal and Study. It's not too late for you to join in! We have almost 40 people going deeper in their faith midweek. This weekend in worship, we will continue our Lenten series on the Message of Jesus, and we will consider "The World's Most Important Sermon," which would be Jesus's Sermon on the Mount! Imagine sitting there and hearing words that literally turn things as we know them upside-down! I'll see 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"

It's not too late to join our midweek meal and study! This is an excellent opportunity to get to know some new people and dive deeper into your faith. We'll meet each Wednesday through March 25. 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.

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.

Tuesday Morning Study- The Road Less Traveled

On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., **beginning March 10**, we will be 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.

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**

Our First VBS Planning Session was awesome. We'll be adding additional Sundays to be announced. No education background is required.

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/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 Applications Available!

The application to go on our July 11-18, 2026 Honduras trip is now online! We are SO excited! Go to <https://www.stillwaterschurch.com/honduras-mission-trip108735db> for more information or to apply.

EASTER JAM, Saturday March 28!

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 or 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