



# Learning to Honor God

November 16, 2025

## Deuteronomy 25:4

Thou shalt not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain. 

## Message Notes

1. What are those things that make my heart stingy?
2. It's just not up to me alone

## Food for Thought

Often our thoughts circle around our own lives, problems, and struggles. How can you find ways to step back and think about God? Think about others?

In what ways are you nurturing your connection to God?

What are ways that you honor God? With your prayer time? With your finances? With your service? With your humility before God?

How do you contribute toward God's mission through Still Waters Church?

What is one step you can take as you seek to honor God with the life He gave 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!**

Nov 16	Vonna Shill, Faith Thornton
Nov 17	Jake Feiter
Nov 18	Diane Radmer
Nov 19	Amber Hagenstein
Nov 20	Jack Brudvig, Kyrie Carter, Andrea Schluter
Nov 21	Katie Frey, Rod Neverman, Jeff Reuwsaat, Wayne Schultz
Nov 22	Sandy Leonhard, Curt Schneider

### **Ushers**

### **Greeters**

#### **Sunday**

9am	Valerie Jacobson & Debbie Drews	Fred & Teri Kandel
10:30am	Ann Marjuson & Linda Kleinhans	Pat Swanstrom Ron & Ann Naab

Church Website



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Greetings Still Waters Family and Friends! Our big weekend is here! This Sunday will be a special celebration of God's work in and through the people of Still Waters. On this Consecration Sunday, we will specifically consider the question of how we can Learn to Honor God. We will worship together, pray together, consider our 2026 ministry commitment, and gather around the table at our catered luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Even if you have not been sure about whether you would be able to be present, we encourage you to make this a priority if it's possible! I always love seeing each of you, and am excited to welcome you this weekend!

Here are more details of this and other upcoming opportunities:

### **Consecration Sunday!**

Consecration **Sunday, is THIS SUNDAY!** We will celebrate the ministries of Still Waters Church, and will have sacred moments of commitment as turn in our 'estimate of giving' cards. We will also have an amazing **Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Scott Carlson**, who is the Director of Congregational Development for the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Scott will be preaching from the sanctuary of Still Waters Church on a pre-recorded video. We very fortunate that Scott accepted our invitation to share the message this day! We will be sharing our commitment cards (which will be distributed on Sunday. If you would like one ahead of time, feel free to pick one up at church.) Please note: we will have **only Sunday worship (no Saturday worship)** on this special weekend.

### **Consecration Celebration Lunch!**

A very important part of our Consecration Sunday is not only worship, but also a "Celebration Lunch" at Still Waters Church, right after morning worship on Consecration Sunday, **THIS SUNDAY**, November 16th! This is a catered meal, (paid for by a generous donation as well as our Scrip fund). **This important event is a way for us to celebrate all that God is doing at Still Waters Church!** Even if you did not sign up ahead of time, we encourage you to come! There will be great food, fellowship, and important celebration announcements regarding our Consecration Sunday.

### **Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, November 19, 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](mailto: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, November 18th.)

### **ADVENTure- Family Advent Wreath- Saturday, Nov. 22nd**

Calling all children and families! On SATURDAY November 22nd we will have our Family ADVENTure! We'll begin with a meal at 11:30 a.m. Then from 12:00 -1:30, together we will prepare for the Advent Season (which starts the 4th weekend prior to Christmas, i.e. November 30). During this amazing ADVENTure, we'll learn about and prepare for Advent by uncovering the mystery of the Advent Wreath! You'll journey around to a station for each candle of the Advent wreath then end by **making your very own Advent Wreath! Then your family will have a weekly activity each week during Advent.** Additionally, maybe you'd like to **share an Advent Wreath with another family member, like a grandparent!** Come join us for a family fun filled time! Be sure to sign up on our Connection Card or website so that we have enough materials for all. Invite a friend! This is a great event for all!

### **Friendsgiving Sunday, November 23rd!**

We're so excited for Friendsgiving! The youth will be hosting this intergenerational gathering. Sunday evening, November 23, **doors open at 4 p.m., dinner begins at 5 p.m.** True to Friendsgiving tradition, friends have the chance to sign up from the Still Waters website to provide a side dish of their family's favorite. If you're willing to share your recipes, we will add them into our ever Still Waters Friendsgiving Family Recipe book. (Send recipes ahead of time to [office@stillwaterschurch.com](mailto:office@stillwaterschurch.com).) The current Recipe book which contains our recipes from previous years is available online or pick up a hardcopy in our Still Waters lobby. **Sign up on the website to reserve your spot/table for this event.** Each table will be hosted by one of our very own Still Waters Youth. As we now have invited you to join us for an evening of friendship, food, and fun with a chance to renew and build friendships, we ask you to **extend this invitation to your friends and family** within and outside of Still Waters! See you Sunday evening, Nov 23rd!

### **Charge Conference**

Our annual business meeting of the church will be Monday, November 24, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome as we conduct the annual business of our church, including Lay Leadership report, pastoral compensation for 2026, as well as approval of lay servants.

### **ADVENT STUDY, Offerings: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays**

The Advent season (the 4 weeks prior to Christmas) will begin November 30! we invite you to join us in an Advent study, corresponding to our weekend worship series.

Choose the study that works best in your schedule! We'll offer the 3-week study on

- **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** (facilitated by Pastor Lori) beginning December 1
- **Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m.** (facilitated by Robin Jasinski) beginning December 2
- **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** (facilitated by Jena Metzler) beginning December 3 .

The study will be based on a book by Pastor Susan Robb called "**The Angels of Christmas.**" In it, we will explore the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus. In the Bible, angels are messengers. The angels of Christmas came to deliver important messages to people who were hoping for God to intervene in a mighty way. The angels of Christmas still bring "good news of great joy for all the people," including you and me. Based the book by Susan Robb, come explore this special way that God is working in our world and in our lives this Advent season. We invite you on the journey with us! Book is \$19. Sign up online or on your Connection Card.

### **Advent Candle Lighters- Great Opportunity!**

Would you and/or your family like to be a part of our weekly worship service lighting of the Advent candles? Each Saturday night and Sunday morning worship service from the first weekend of Advent (December 1) through Christmas Eve (choose between worship services at 10:00 a.m., 2:00, 4:00, 6:00) we will have an individual/couple/family share in the lighting of the advent candle that week. (The first week of Advent they'll light the first candle, the 2nd week, the first two and so on.) We will have a short script for one or more person to read, as well as have one or more persons light the candle as part of worship. Pastor Lori will email you instructions and a script to read. Choose the day and worship service in which you'd like to participate, by signing up online or on your Connection Card! What an amazing way to be the community of faith together as we make the Advent journey to Christmas! Please note: no Saturday worship Nov 29 or Dec 6, as those will be at Enchantment in the Park with our Youth Praise Team and Praise Team!

### **Enchantment in the Park- Still Waters Youth Praise Team (plus young at heart)**

On **Saturday evening, November 29, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** we are excited that our Still Waters Youth Praise Team (plus some additional young-at-heart praise team members) will share music at Enchantment in the Park. Come enjoy Christmas music and support our amazing youth! Enter Regner Park in West Bend from Main Street. **No Saturday evening worship service that evening so we can encourage folks to worship at Enchantment in the Park** and support our Youth Praise Team and experience the Christmas spirit!

### **Enchantment in the Park- Still Waters Praise Team**

Our Still Waters Praise Team will be sharing Christmas music on this **Saturday evening, December 6, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at Enchantment in the Park at Regner Park in West Bend. **No Saturday evening worship service that evening at the church** so we can come and support our praise team and experience the Christmas spirit!

### **Candlelight Vigil**

Candlelight Vigil for Loved Ones Lost to Addiction - Elevate and Washington Ozaukee Substance Use Coalition will host a candlelight vigil at Still Waters Church, remembering those that we have lost due to addiction. Still Waters praise team will share music. Thanks to Ron Naab for coordinating and participating in this event. Come and honor lives lost and support those who have lost loved ones: **Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.** Still Waters Church sanctuary.

### **Christmas Store: Volunteer Opportunities Still Available!**

Christmas Store is one of our biggest signature events of the year. This is an event in which 30-40 families who are going through some difficult times are invited to a Christmas event in which they enjoy a wonderful breakfast, get a family portrait taken, shop for amazing items for their children at a fraction of retail, and have a chance to meet for prayer with our pastor and Congregational Care Coordinator. Preparations for this year's Christmas Store on Saturday, December 6th are in full swing. If you still hope to be a part of this magical event, there is still time to volunteer. We are looking for a few more people to help in just a few areas:

- **Building Prep:** Help to clear the children's area on **Tuesday, December 2nd, starting at 2pm.** This involves moving furniture to empty the spaces that will be used for the store. See Al if you have questions.
- **Floaters/Car Loaders:** On Christmas Store Day, **Saturday, Dec. 6th**, take one of two volunteer shifts, one from **8-11am** or **11am-2pm**. Your main duties would be to load the wrapped Christmas presents into the cars along with being present to help keep things running smoothly.
- **Clean Up:** This volunteer position starts at around 2:30pm on Saturday, Dec 6th. We need help boxing the remaining toys and items and moving those boxes into the waiting trucks and trailers to be stored for next year. Help is also needed to clean and reset the sanctuary and return furniture to the children's area.
- **Toy Hauler:** Help transport toys! Two shifts, one getting toys **TO** the church in preparation for the Christmas store, and one to transport toys **FROM** the church, after the completion of Christmas store. On **Wednesday, Dec 3rd, at 6 p.m. transport toys** from the storage location in Jackson to the church. If you have a truck or other large vehicle, that would be great! And/Or On **Saturday, Dec. 6, at 3 pm transport toys** and decorations from the church to the storage location in Jackson.

If you are able to help in any of these areas, please sign up online or on your Connection Card. You will be contacted with more details. Thank you to all who have already volunteered!!

### **Christmas Store Breakfast- Food Donations Welcome!**

Our **Christmas Store on December 6** is gearing up! The team that is going to prepare breakfast for the families would appreciate food donations. Here's what we need:

Egg Bakes (9 x 13 pans) They should be brought to Still Waters the day of Christmas Store:

- 3 Bacon Egg Bakes
- 4 Ham Egg Bakes
- 4 Sausage Egg Bakes

Also needed are: 3 gallons of milk, 5 orange juice (64 oz bottles), 4 apple juice (64 oz bottles), 36 cheese sticks, 25 6-oz yogurt cups, 2 doz. hard boiled eggs, peeled, 20 single serve boxes of cereal, 3 Bags of Cuties (oranges), 3 Bags of small apples, 36 Envelopes of Hot Chocolate Mix, 4 cases of small water bottles (for kids area), 10 boxes of granola bars, 1 box of instant oatmeal.

All items except the egg dishes can be delivered anytime that week. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 am -2 pm, or if you're there for a meeting anytime that week you can drop off your items. Sign up on our Connection Card or website. Contact Robin Jasinski with questions at 262-707-0792

### **Christmas Promise Event**

We're excited to share that Still Waters is once again partnering with Family Promise to host the Christmas Promise Event. Christmas Promise is a celebration for current and former Family Promise guests to reconnect, share their journeys since successfully completing the program and enjoy the holiday season together. The event provides them a warm holiday meal (by us), a visit with Santa, family photos and gifts to help fulfill children's Christmas wishes

This year's event is scheduled for **Tuesday evening, December 9** at Holy Angels School (230 N 8th Ave, West Bend,) in the Walnut Room. We are truly delighted to make this event possible for **over 60 guests** in Washington County — and we'd love your support! There are several ways in which you can make a difference:

**DONATE:** We're purchasing the main entrées, 15lbs roast turkey & gravy and 15lbs baked ham along with needed supplies. Any financial contribution is appreciated.

**PROVIDE FOOD:** We're looking for volunteers to prepare and bring:

- Mashed Potatoes (10 lbs)
- Green Bean Casserole (2 full-size pans)
- Mac & Cheese (3 full-size pans)
- Jello (1 pan or large bowl)
- Fruit Salad (2 pans or bowls)
- Dinner Rolls w/ Butter (8 dozen)
- Assorted Pies (6–8)
- Cookies (4-5 dozen)
- Bars (3 pans)
- Water (2 Costco 40 count)
- Juice (fruit punch, 2-3 larger bottles)
- Milk 2 gallons

**SERVE:** Join us as we serve the food to our guests!

**WHEN should I be there? Bring food by 4:30, servers come at 5:00.** (Guests will arrive around 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.)

**Ready to Sign Up?** To donate, supply food or be a server, please sign up via the Connection Card, online, or contact: **Kelly Passineau** [kpassin@gmail.com](mailto:kpassin@gmail.com) 414-531-0326. Let's come together to make this Christmas unforgettable for families who deserve a little extra joy this season.

### **Feeding America**

Join us on **Wednesday, December 10** (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!

### **Deck the Halls for All Abilities**

Join us on Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. for a free community celebration in partnership with Michelle's Action Angels.

Guests with disabilities and their families are invited to enjoy music, treats, ornament-making crafts, and our "Everybody's Got Talent" showcase (11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.).

A pick-up option will also be available for those who prefer to receive a goodie bag and ornament-making kit.

#### **Registration Details:**

Volunteers: Register on the Still Waters website or Connection Card

Guests: RSVP to [mgaafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mgaafoundation@gmail.com) or text/call 414-303-0665 so we can plan enough treats and supplies

We can't wait to celebrate the joy of the season together — sharing God's love through creativity, community, and inclusion.

### **Everybody's Got Talent**

We are excited to offer an "Everybody's Got Talent" event that will take place Saturday, **December 13th from 11am-1pm** during the Deck the Halls for All Abilities. Got a talent? Sing? Play an instrument? Comedy? Juggle? We want to celebrate and include people of ALL abilities to join in this celebration. If you have a talent, we want to see it! Sign up on our Connection Card or on our website.

### **Children's Christmas Program**

Our amazing children are so excited to bring to you their Christmas program on **Sunday, December 14, during the 10:30 worship service. Parts are being assigned, so contact Jena with questions!** The kids will share, "Heaven and Nature Sing," a play centered around the angels' perspective of the birth of Jesus. At the Saturday 5:00 and Sunday 9:00 worship service, Pastor Lori will share the message. At the 10:30 service, the message will be our children sharing with our congregation!

### **The Flock, Sunday December 14, 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.

### **Youth Group Christmas Party**

Our youth grades 6-12 are invited on **Sunday, Dec. 14 from 6-8pm** to our Youth Group Christmas Party! We will hold the Annual Ugly Christmas sweater, socks contests as well as playing Reindeer games, and our White Flamingo exchange.

Each youth should bring:

- 1) A food item to share
- 2) A donation for Washington County Humane Society (WCHS) from their wish list. Check out the wish list at <https://www.wchspets.org/wish-list/>
- 3) \$5.00 towards Damian's and Linda's (the two children in Honduras that our youth are sponsoring).
- 4) White Flamingo silly gift wrapped with no name on it. (cost not to exceed \$5.00)

### **Christmas Eve Hospitality- Sharing Candles**

On Christmas Eve, we will expand our hospitality team to add the servants who will greet people as they enter the sanctuary and distribute candles! This is a great time to try out hospitality, and play a special role giving candles out to those who come to worship. Thank you for considering on serving on an evening when many guests are seeking the hope of Christ! Sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Thank you Still Waters! It's a busy time of year... Please make sure and make space to breathe in God's grace.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lori