



## Looking Through a Different Lens Wonder

October 10 & 11, 2026

### **Genesis 1:21, NIV**

God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

### **Psalms 8:1,3-9, NIV**

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Message Notes**

1. Stuff Happens
2. Refocus on Wonder
3. Experience Grace

### **Food for Thought**

When you wake up in the morning, what's the natural 'lens' through which you are looking? (Lens of dread, fear, joy, excitement, sleepiness, etc)

When you face the problems of life, through what 'lens' are you looking? (Lens of stress, focus, fear, etc)

What might it look like to look through a lens of 'wonder'? How might that change how you see the world and the people and even the problems of life?

**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!**

October 11 Kristina Chapman  
October 12 Stacy Scherzer  
October 13 Dirk Drews, Emily Jordan, Mari Masters, Jeff Radley, Cayden Stater, Cathy Worden  
October 14 Sherry Ullius, Glennis Ziegelbauer  
October 15 Paul Sanders, Lacey Weninger

### **Happy Anniversary!**

October 14 Rick & Debbie Dembeck  
October 16 Ed & Laura Goggins

|                                             | <b><u>Ushers</u></b>          | <b><u>Greeters</u></b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>Saturday</u></b><br><b><u>5pm</u></b> | Marc & Kim Bartusek           |                        |
| <b><u>Sunday</u></b><br><b><u>9am</u></b>   | Debbie Koloski & Kathy Dalton | Youth                  |
| <b><u>10:30am</u></b>                       | Kelly & Vicki Passineau       | Paul & Heidi Sanders   |

### **Church Website**



### **Online Giving**



Greetings, Still Waters family and friends! Prayers your week is going well and you are finding God's peace in the midst of any challenges. This weekend we start a new series called, "Looking Through a Different Lens." What if we could look through a lens of wonder, curiosity, meaning and purpose, instead of a lens of hurt, anger, fear, or stress? This series will take us all the way up to Thanksgiving, as we find ways to put on God's 'Kingdom' lens, instead of the lenses that might come more naturally, but are less helpful. This weekend is the animal blessing weekend, so we will look through a lens of the 'wonder' of God's creation! Bring your animals Saturday, and animals are even welcome to attend worship at the Saturday night worship service! Our focus the whole weekend will be on the beauty and wonder of God's creation. See you this weekend!

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

### **Special Weekend Worship, Saturday/Sunday, Oct 10/11**

The whole weekend of worship will focus on celebrating God's creation, including our animals, and we will have a special time of remembrance of our animal friends who have gone before us, and a blessing for all animal friends. Saturday service only, animals are welcome to come to the worship service. You're welcome to bring pictures of your animals on Sunday.

### **The Flock, Sunday October 11, 11:45 a.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.

### **Small Group Study "Love Has a Name"**

Fall study groups are starting! We have two groups, studying the same book.

Choose the time that works best for you:

- **Monday, Sept 14** - October 26, **7:00 p.m.** Facilitated by Pastor Lori
- **Tuesday Sept 15** - Oct 27 **10:00 a.m.** Facilitated by Robin Jasinski/Pastor Lori

#### **We'll begin both groups the same week, Monday Sept 14 and Tuesday Sept 15.**

The greatest commandment is to love. And in a world that is increasingly polarized, especially at election time, this commandment gets very real! Together we'll read the book, "**Love Has a Name**" by Adam Weber. For some reason, even though we know we are to love, somehow we end up hurting, belittling, and overlooking people. And "love" is not just a generic concept. It is specific to each person we meet. That is, love has a name. Join us as we meet specific people in author Adam's life, and learn what love looks like in specific situations and people. You have the names of people in your life as well! Book is \$20 and available in the lobby. Sign up for the group on the Connection Card or Online.

### **Holy Yoga Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m.**

Holy Yoga has begun meeting again this fall! We'll meet on Tuesdays, 8:45 am. Donation of \$10 each session suggested. No need to sign up- just come! What a great time to try this intentional practice of connecting with God once per week on Tuesday mornings for an hour! Contact Robin Olson with questions.

### **Feeding America**

Join us on **Wednesday, October 14** (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!

### **Hampton School Partnership Opportunities**

We are excited to continue our partnership with Hampton Elementary School this school year! This is a high need school in the Milwaukee Public School district, which has some close ties to our Still Waters family... We have members here who went to Hampton. In addition to the partnership we have with our local elementary schools in which we reach struggling families here, we have expanded our reach to Hampton. Our Tuesday morning group will be attending two resource fairs this month at Hampton Elementary, where we'll have the opportunity to have a resource table, offering any literary resources to families during Parent Teacher Conference evenings. Among the things we hope to offer are any gently used books, in good condition, for children ages K - 5th grade.

There are two ways you can support the initiative this month:

- We have the opportunity to bring dinner for the teachers on the evenings for parent teacher conferences. If you would like to contribute financially to support bringing of dinner for the teachers, **please mark your check "Hampton School."** If we receive more than we need for the dinner for two evenings, we will put any extra funds in our Hampton School Partnership fund.
- **Book Drive: If you have any gently used books** you can donate for the children of Hampton Elementary, **please bring those to church either this weekend or next (Oct 10/11 or Oct 17/18) and we will bring with us to Hampton School.**

### **Family Support Group, October 15**

This group is a support group for people who have loved ones affected with addiction(s). Meeting the 3rd Thursdays of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. here at Still Waters Church, it is a casual gathering to share experiences, thoughts, and feelings with others in your situation. **Next meeting is October 15, 5:00 p.m.** Come as you are and when you can. See Ron or Ann Naab with questions.

### **Peer Mentor Fall Training | Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

All current Peer Mentors and Mentors-in-Training should mark their calendars for our Fall Peer Mentor Training on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. at Still Waters. Lunch will be provided.

Our Peer Mentor program is about more than helping with younger youth. It is an opportunity for high school youth to intentionally grow as **disciples and Christian leaders**, learning what it means to lead by serving, build relationships, model their faith, and help create a safe and welcoming community for others.

Throughout the day, Peer Mentors will spend time strengthening their own faith and developing practical skills for the responsibilities and relationships that come with Christian leadership. During the latter part of the afternoon, they will join our adult leaders for **Safer Sanctuaries training**, an important part of preparing everyone who serves with children and youth at Still Waters.

This is an essential training day for all Peer Mentors and Mentors-in-Training as we prepare to serve and lead together throughout the year. Please sign up on the Connection Card or online. Questions? Contact Lisa at [swym2019@gmail.com](mailto:swym2019@gmail.com).

### **Safer Sanctuaries Training**

It's time to re-certify! Adults and peer mentors who work with youth, children, or vulnerable individuals are required to complete Safer Sanctuaries Training. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 17, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** Safer Sanctuaries helps equip our faith community with the knowledge and practices we need to create safe, welcoming spaces where everyone can flourish. Please sign up on the Connection Card or online.

Questions? Contact Lisa at [swym2019@gmail.com](mailto:swym2019@gmail.com).

### **Men's Breakfast, Wednesday, October 21, 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, October 20.)

### **Souper Sunday! October 25th, 11:45 a.m.**

Last month's "Souper Sunday" was amazing! Thanks to so many who showed as we gathered, connected, laughed, and cared for each other. "Souper Sunday" is an awesome meal for our congregation, sponsored by our youth one Sunday each month. Come for 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, October 25**, and enjoy meeting with other women of all ages for planning and fellowship after the 2nd Sunday worship service, approximately 11:45 a.m. Enjoy some wonderful soup and lunch from Souper Sunday, and then come on and join us for a time of fellowship, planning, and connection. Sign up on the Connection Card or website.

### **Trunk or Treat**

Save the date! **Sunday, October 25th, from 12:30 -2:30 p.m.** we'll host "Trunk or Treat!" Join us for a wonderful afternoon of treats, s'mores, hot apple cider, photo booth, and more! The event provides a safe family environment for kids to enjoy Halloween! Contact Jena ([jenametzler@gmail.com](mailto:jenametzler@gmail.com))

### **Be a Trunk**

You can "Be a Trunk"! Come on Sunday, October 25th, with a decorated vehicle trunk, and ready to hand out treats! Come and get your vehicle 'situated' 12:00-12:30, and ready to hand out treats from 12:30 - 2:30 as kids/families come by. In the event of rain, we will set up inside the Sanctuary. See the website for all the guidelines regarding 'being a trunk'.

Looking ahead...

### **Don't forget to "Fall Back"**

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1, so remember to set your clocks back an hour (for those of you with clocks that don't do that automatically!) Enjoy the extra hour of sleep and see you Sunday morning!

### **All Saints Weekend, October 31/November 1**

The weekend of October 31/Nov 1 is All Saints Weekend. On this weekend during worship, we **remember and honor those who have gone before us** and are now in God's heavenly kingdom. We will read the names of those Still Waters members who have passed away within the last year, as we light candles. We will also be given the opportunity for those who would like to, to light additional candles honoring and remembering *all* our loved ones who have gone before us, whether this last year or anytime. It is a wonderful weekend to remember the ways those who have gone before us have impacted us and made us who we are. **If you're worshipping online, feel free to get a one or more candles ready at home**, that you might light your own candle(s) there.

## **Grow with Abide**

### **Informational Meeting: Sunday, November 1, at Noon**

What could grow when we bring our gifts together? Abide, our gardening ministry rooted in John 15:5, invites you to help imagine an inclusive garden space on the Still Waters property—a place to grow, share knowledge, enjoy nature, and build friendships across generations. Join us to learn more about how we'll design and develop this space together. Whether you enjoy gardening, building, cooking, art, or simply spending time outdoors, there's room for your ideas. No gardening experience needed! Sign up on your connection card or website if you'd like to attend the informational meeting, or even if you're interested in the ministry but not able to come to this initial meeting. Contact Lisa at [swym2019@gmail.com](mailto:swym2019@gmail.com) with questions.

Jesus said, "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." —*John 15:5, NRSV*

### **Friendsgiving Sunday, November 22!**

We're so excited for Friendsgiving! The youth will be hosting this special intergenerational gathering on **Sunday, November 22. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., and dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.** True to Friendsgiving tradition, friends have the opportunity to sign up through the Still Waters website to bring a favorite family side dish to share. If you're willing to share your recipe, we would love to add it to our growing **Still Waters Friendsgiving Family Recipe Book!** Send recipes ahead of time to [office@stillwaterschurch.com](mailto:office@stillwaterschurch.com).

Our current recipe book, featuring recipes shared in previous years, is available online, or you can pick up a hard copy in the 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.

Friendsgiving is an evening of friendship, food, and fun, with a chance to renew old friendships and build new ones. We encourage you to **extend this invitation to your friends and family, both within and outside of Still Waters!** We can't wait to see you Sunday evening, November 22!

### **Mission Trip to Honduras, July 31 - August 7, 2027**

We are planning a mission trip to Honduras July 31-August 7, 2027! As many of you know, in 2025, we established a new Still Waters partnership in Honduras, through the leadership of the in-country Volunteer In Mission (VIM) Coordinator, Milton Ilovaes, in the Danli area, with Pastor Pena and his congregation, Central UMC. We had an amazing trip this year, making connections with the people of Central UMC, connecting in worship together, participating in a medical mission as well as education mission! This next year, we expect to work with kids possibly through Vacation Bible School, as well as adults, as well as some light construction as well as continue the medical mission. That means we are looking at a two-pronged trip: some may participate in the medical mission, others in the 'general' trip, all the same dates! We all fly over together, but during our mission time, we would go either to the medical or the education mission initiative. We'll spend fun time, reflection/devotion time, meal time together. Most of our time will be in Danli, but we will also plan a day to visit the students at the Juan Wesley School in Ciudad Espana, where we will be able to visit the children our church has sponsored at this school. We are excited to participate under the philosophy that has been so important to us- giving a hand up, not just a hand out. **The cost of the trip will be in the range \$2,500-\$3,000**, which includes airfare, lodging, and meals. Youth ages 14 - 18 may attend with a parent. A total of four 2-3 hour pre-trip trainings will be required, and arranged according to the schedules of our trip participants. Background checks will be part of the application process. There are limited spaces, so the first to apply, be accepted, and put down their \$100 deposit will hold their spot. Payment schedule after the \$100 deposit will be \$500 installments due monthly beginning in January, until the balance is paid. If interested or if you have questions, feel free to email me, Pastor Lori, at [llossie@yahoo.com](mailto:llossie@yahoo.com) or Lisa at [swym2019@gmail.com](mailto:swym2019@gmail.com). Sign up to express interest on our Connection Card or our website, and we will reach out to you to share more info. Go to our website, [stillwaterschurch.com](http://stillwaterschurch.com) to formally apply to go on the trip. Remember, **space will be limited so apply soon!**

Note: It's possible the trip will be shortened by one day, and go July 31 - August 6, but we won't know that until we book flights in January. Thank you, Still Waters, for your continued commitment to Find the Lost, Release the Captive, and Develop Disciples!

Prayers surrounding each of you, and for our city, our country, and our world!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori