



*Your March 2026
Beacon newsletter*



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MARCH 2026

NEWSLETTER OF THE STURGEON BAY & JACKSONPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES



The Bulletin Board

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SBUMC Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Available Remotely on our Church Website

YouTube: SB United Methodist Church

Service Recordings will be **delayed One Week** for WDOR Radio 93.9 FM or 910 AM
9:30 AM Sunday Mornings

JACKSONPORT Sunday Worship

8:45 AM Cave Point Road at Hwy 57,
Jacksonport WI

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Easter Sunday

Please Note Special Worship Times

Jacksonport: 8:45 AM Worship

SBUMC: 9:00 AM Breakfast

10:15 AM Worship



Lent



Throughout the season of Lent, we will be looking inward and upward. We will look inward as we examine our hearts and invite God to search us, and upward as we intentionally draw closer to Him. Together, we will learn about and practice spiritual disciplines, applying them to our daily

lives and allowing God access to our innermost being so that He may transform us to be more like Jesus.

This year we will focus on the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Scripture, fasting, confession and repentance, journaling, and silence and solitude. These are just a few of the many practices that draw us closer to God. My prayer is that as you engage in these disciplines, you will grow ever closer to Him. What a blessing it is that these means of grace are available to us!

After we have prepared our hearts by looking inward and upward, we will gather on April 5th to celebrate Easter and the resurrected Christ and the hope He offers us. As Scripture reminds us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jesus died for us so that we might be forgiven and receive the gift of eternal life. Now that is something to celebrate and be grateful for!

I pray that you will join us for our Easter services as we come together as a church family to celebrate our risen Savior.

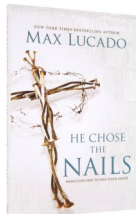
In Service together to Him,
Pastor JoAnn



PALM SUNDAY FUNDAY! Sunday March 29th, 2026 is PALM SUNDAY! We will wave palm branches as we begin our worship service as we celebrate Jesus's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Following the worship service we will be having a Palm Sunday Funday! We will begin with lunch in the fellowship hall. (meat and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring a side dish if

you would like! It is appreciated, but not necessary to attend!) We will then have activities for all ages: we will make resurrection eggs to share with our families, make some easter crafts, and then friends will hide eggs around the church for the kids for an easter egg hunt. We hope to have as many of our families as possible, so mark your calendars for this fun event!

SPECIAL EVENTS & NEW LENTEN STUDY & SERMON SERIES



NEW LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on Wednesday evenings! On Wednesday March 4th, we will be beginning a new 5-week Lenten bible study by Max Lucado entitled “He Chose the Nails”. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall followed by bible study in the lounge. Here is a description of what we will be studying:

“The wood. The thorns. The nails. Christ's sacrifice has defined the very essence of man-kind's faith for the past 2000 years. And now, Max Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance with He Chose the Nails. With his warm, caring style, Max examines the symbols surrounding Christ's crucifixion, revealing the claims of the cross and asserting that if they are true, then Christianity itself is true. The supporting evidence either makes the cross the single biggest hoax of all time, or the hope of all humanity.”

Wednesday March 4th: He Chose to Be One of Us

Wednesday March 11th: He Chose to Forgive Us

Wednesday March 18th: He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence

Wednesday March 25th: He Chose to Love us Forever

	Palm Sunday	March 29th	10:00 AM
	Good Friday	April 3rd	6:30 PM
	Easter Sunday	April 5th	
	Special Time - Jacksonport:		8:45 AM Worship
		SBUMC:	9:00 AM Breakfast
	Special Time - SBUMC		10:15 AM Worship



LENTEN SERMON SERIES: Purple Theory: Habits and routines help us stay on track in many areas of our lives – whether it’s our physical, mental, or emotional health. They can help us grow in our spiritual lives too. In this series, we will explore several spiritual disciplines, or faithful habits, that can help us deepen our relationship with God. Lent is the perfect time to commit or recommit to a spiritual discipline, as we enter a season of self-examination in preparation for Easter.

Sunday March 1st: Scripture

Sunday March 8th: Fasting

Sunday March 15th: Repentance

Sunday March 22nd: Journalling as a Spiritual Disc.

Sunday March 29th: Silence and Palm Sunday Funday

Friday April 3rd: Good Friday Service

Sunday April 9th: Easter Breakfast before worship and Celebration Service



United
Women
in Faith

WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS
Please Join Us

DEBORAH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, March 10th in the lounge at 9:00am.

Michaela will hostess and Carol will have devotions. We will have refreshments and a business meeting followed by the discussion of our book. Our book for this March is **"We Share the Same Sky" by Rachael Cerrotti**. It is a memoir of memory and migration which was written in 2021. We always welcome visitors as well as new members!

Julie Taylor

Deborah Circle Chairperson

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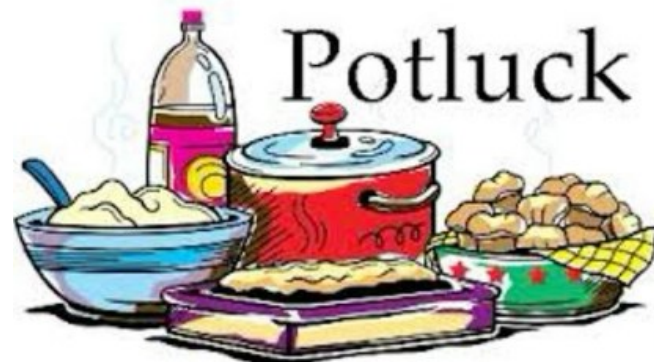
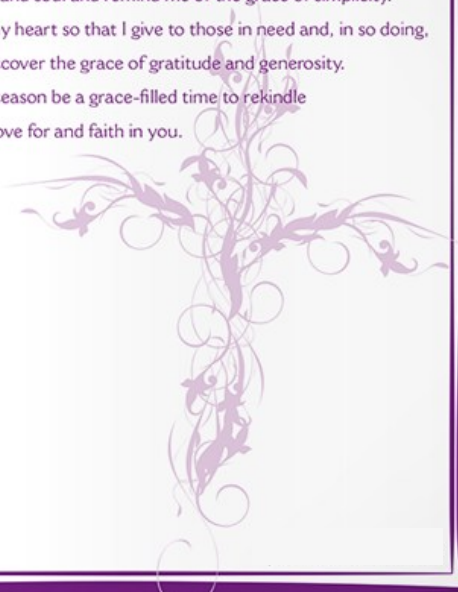
MENS' CLUB NEWS By Ken

Boettcher First, we thank all of you who helped make the 2026 Lumberjack happen, both workers and diners. It

was an evening of festive fun as usual. The number of diners continues at a lower level than "the good old days," but the food is great and the people involved are awesome. In Ninety years we have served a lot of meals. We served about 330 paid meals this year. Our next gathering is the St Patrick's potluck which is on Monday, March 9, at 6:00. It is an all- church event as the men enjoy having the ladies at their meeting, and will raffle off door prizes to them. So everyone is invited and asked to bring a special dish to share; can be Irish or something else. We will provide dishes and tableware. We will have a time of entertainment following the meal. Our last meeting for the season will be on Monday, April 27, at 6:00, and tentatively we will grill outside and eat inside. All men are welcome and we will discuss the future of our club, possible involvement with the Boy Scouts again, and other business.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude,
so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of
body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing,
re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle
my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



**Saint Patrick's Day
Potluck—Monday
March 9th at 6 PM**

**It is an all- church
event as the men enjoy having
the ladies at their meeting, and
will raffle off door prizes to
them. So everyone is invited.**

Thank you Café Joy



Super Bowl Cook-Off



Pizza and Bingo After Worship



HISPANIC MINISTRY

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS



Marshal House Bible Study



Baby Shower Fun



Christmas Worship & Celebration





PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Dear Lord, we are in a time of change in our culture which has left our churches with new challenges in our mission of sharing the Gospel with our communities and the world. I pray that you will guide us into what lies ahead with the knowledge that you are with us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and that your promise to us is that you will be with us even until the end of time. Breakthrough our uncertainties and fears giving us the courage that comes from trusting in your will in the time times in which we live. Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED & PRAISE REPORTS

Please pray: For those living in fear for their security and safety, in our country and throughout the world. For those who are being persecuted or killed for their faith and/or ethnicity. For those whose country is torn by war and violence, we pray for peace.

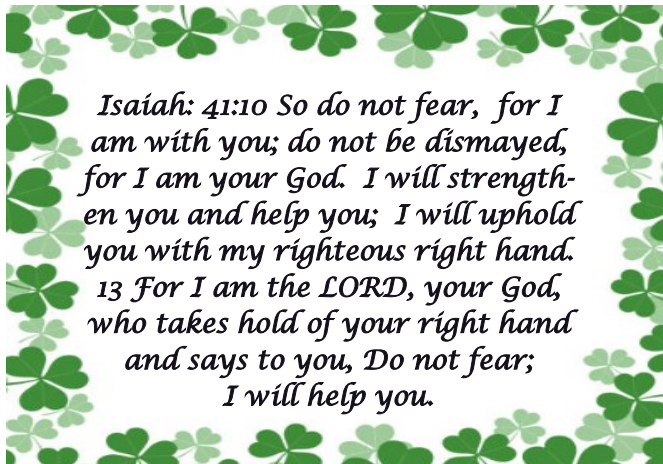
We pray for the Hispanic Ministry that their congregation may continue to flourish and thrive according to

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO NEED MERCY, HEALING, AND COMFORT

Barb & Dan Riederer	Carol Moellenberndt
Elva Spetz	Jeannie Hill
Sandy Temby	Faye Pontzloff
Bob Barnard	Steve Duhr
Paul Klansky	Janice Thorton (Pastor J)
Rosemary Hintz	Shannon Filsinger (Merry)
Maddie Ostrand	

I can do all things
through *Christ*
who strengthens me

Philippians 4:13



SBUMC & JUMC OUTREACH: If you or a loved one are ill, grieving, or experiencing a hardship, and our congregation may lift you in prayer, please contact the church office and let us know your need. We are not always made aware of your circumstances in a timely manner and Pastor JoAnn would like to stay better connected to you in your time of need. If you would like a call or visit from Pastor JoAnn, or Jean, our Parish Nurse, please let us know. Please contact the church as follows:

Email:

Church Office,
church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org
Pastor JoAnn Meyer:
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Jean at parish.nurse@sturgeonbayumc.org

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(if no answer a please leave a message).



NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE
by Lorna Magliaro



Easter Lily Order Forms: Are now available on the table in front of the Office. You may purchase an Easter Lily plant by contributing \$15.00. Contributions should be made to SBUMC with check indicating Easter Lily and placed in the offering box, including this form or sent to the office on or before Sunday, March 29th. The plant may be given as a memorial, a celebration, or a gift, so please be specific to receive proper recognition in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. 🙌



MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH Backpack Buddies

There are children in our community experiencing hunger or food insecurity. Backpack Buddies delivers a bag to children in need once a week to their school in Door County. Currently serving 257 children preschool age to 5th grade, the cost for the school year is \$20,000. Parents, teachers and kids are enthusiastic about the Backpack Buddies program. Perhaps you would like to donate for one child for one school year. That would be \$77. Make a check to Sturgeon UMC. Place in the notation area of the check the words Backpack Buddies. Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration.



MONTHLY MISSION YEAR TO DATE 2026	YTD Gifts
Back Pack Buddies	\$200.00
Boys & Girls Club	\$270.00
Clean Start Program	\$355.00
Interfaith Coalition For Housing - SB	\$820.00
Food For Pantries (Food Walk)	\$105.00
Habitat For Humanity	\$340.00
Help of Door County	\$700.00
Lend a Hand (Econo Receipt)	
Mittens & Blankets	\$105.00
Mujila Falls Agricultural Center	\$105.00
Red Bird Mission	\$375.00
Rice Meals - Midwest Mission	\$105.00
SB Hispanic Ministries	\$105.00
Sunshine Resources of Door County	\$105.00
UMCOR Global Ministries	\$360.00
UMCOR Disaster Recovery	\$517.00
Youth Work Trip	\$196.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2026	\$4,763.00

Thank You for Your Generosity



EASTER BASKETS FOR LAKESHORE CAP KIDS:

Bayview Lutheran Church is working with local churches to collect small toys and candy to put in Easter Baskets for Lakeshore Cap Kids. We will be participating again this year. The collection box is under the secretary's window shelf. **Donation Pickup March 25th.** Thank you everyone for always being so generous.

EASTER CANDY & SMALL TOY DONATIONS

**For Bay View Lutheran Church
They Will Pick Up On
March 25th**



EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS

*Please Turn in to the Office
By Sunday, March 29th*





Nurses Notes

By Jean Kapolnek, RN

Supporting Caregivers in our Church Family

As our journey continues we have been or will be a caregiver to someone in our family or neighborhood. There are quiet heroes among us, those caring for a spouse with memory loss, a parent or adult child with a chronic illness, or a loved neighbor recovering from surgery. Caregiving is an act of deep love, but with it is exhaustion, isolation, and emotional strain. In my family we did this way sooner than I ever thought with my husband's cancer diagnosis 12 years ago. We didn't struggle silently, but in many cases people do. Our family was all hands on deck. I am lucky to be from a large family and have an even larger in-law family. What I surely have found out since living full time in Door County is that we also have a large church family.

As a church family, we are reminded that asking for help shows a sign of faith. It is an invitation for the Body of Christ to function as it was designed. A phone call, a meal, a ride to an appointment, or simply sitting and listening can lighten a heavy load more than you realize. I was in disbelief in all the notes I received and offers of meals when I had a heavy load. In this Lenten season we are constantly reminded that our acts don't have to be big acts. As parish nurse I encourage all who are weary to reach out. We are many and can make a big difference when we are working together.

Above all, let caregivers know they are seen, valued, and not alone. When we bear one another's burdens, we reflect Christ's compassion in tangible ways and strengthen the heart of the congregation.

March 2026

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