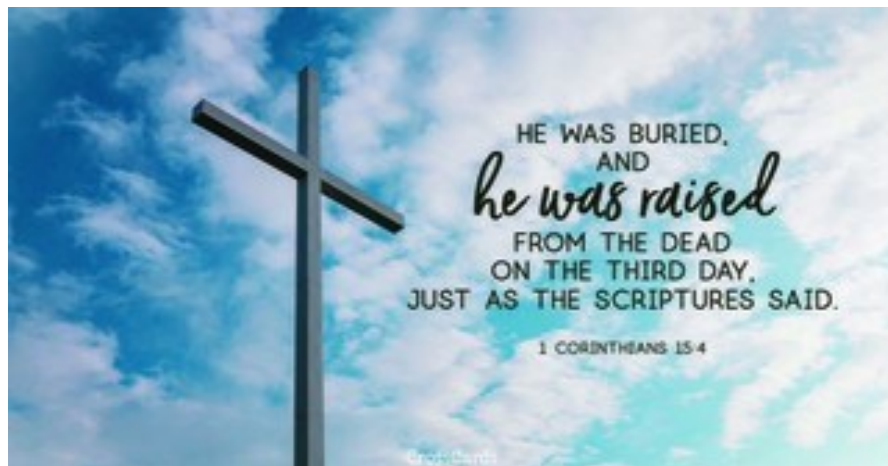




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**APRIL 2026**  
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**SBUMC Sunday Worship Service**

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**



As we step into April, we find ourselves approaching one of the most meaningful and hope-filled days of our faith—Easter morning. It is the day we proclaim again that the tomb is empty, that death is defeated, and that new life is possible for all through Jesus Christ.

Easter is more than a date on the calendar—it is an invitation. An invitation to come and see. An invitation to bring our doubts, our weariness, our questions, and our hopes. An invitation to experience the joy of resurrection together as a community of faith. Whether Easter has long been part of your story or you are simply searching for something more, I encourage you to join us for worship as we celebrate the risen Christ.

And as we continue in the joy of the resurrection, the following week we will begin a brand-new sermon series entitled: **“The Miracles of Jesus.”** In this series, we will explore the powerful and personal ways Jesus moved in the lives of people—healing, restoring, feeding, calming storms, and even raising the dead.

These miracles are not just stories from long ago; they reveal who Jesus is and what he continues to do in our lives today. Together, we will ask:

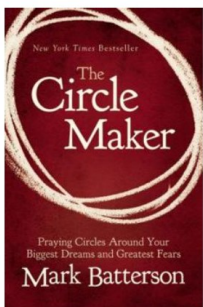
- Where do we need healing?
- Where do we need hope?
- Where is God at work in ways we might not yet see?

My prayer is that this Easter season will renew your faith and remind you that God is still moving in miraculous ways.

I look forward to celebrating with you—on Easter Sunday and in the weeks that follow.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor JoAnn*



### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & STUDY - A NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**

On Wednesday **April 15th, following our evening meal at 5:30 PM,** we will begin our final bible study: You are invited to join in for a meaningful journey through *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson. In this inspiring book, Batterson explores the power of bold, persistent prayer and challenges us to trust God in new and deeper ways.

Drawing from the story of Honi the circle maker, this study encourages us to “circle” our prayers—praying with faith, consistency, and expectation as we seek God’s presence and guidance in our lives.

Whether you are new to prayer or looking to deepen your spiritual practice, this study offers encouragement, practical insight, and a reminder that God is always at work.

Come be part of the conversation as we grow together in faith and discover what it means to pray with confidence and purpose.

April 1st: “He Chose the Nails” Session 4: He chose to Love us Forever

April 8th: “He Chose the Nails” Session 5: He Chose to Give us Victory led by Carol Krueger

April 15th: “Circle Maker” Session 1: Becoming a Circle Maker

April 22nd: “Circle Maker” Session 2: Little People, Big Risks, and Huge Circles

April 29th: “Circle Maker” Session 3: Praying Hard and Praying Through

May 6th: “Circle Maker” Session 4: Praying is Like Planting



**DEBORAH CIRCLE** Deborah Circle will hold their meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 9:00 am in the church lounge. Refreshments will be served before our business meeting which will be followed by our book discussion. This month's book is entitled **Church of the Wild** by Victoria Loorz and was written in 2021.

As you read this book, you will "feel yourself wanting to get outside and connect with "creation". It is on the spiritual growth list of our books for United Women in Faith. Books are available on the shelf in front of our secretary's office for you to borrow. Any women of the church who are interested in reading are encouraged to join us even if you have not read the book. You can always borrow a book after our discussion! Julie Taylor, Deborah Circle Chairperson, 920-743-5619



**MENS' CLUB NEWS** By Ken Boettcher

We thank all who attended, and those who helped out to make our St. Patrick's potluck a success. The food was great as usual. We enjoyed John Swanson's Irish music on the bag pipes, and the trivia session created and cared for by the Haen boys. Our next Men's Club gathering is planned for Monday April 27 at 6:00 at the church. It will be a grilled meal and all men are invited. The program will be a discussion about the future of the Men's group and some of the projects we might pursue. It will be a time of relaxation and good ideas.



**"HE IS RISEN"!**

Come join us at our annual Easter Sunday on April 5, 2026 at a special time of 8:45 AM. We will be celebrating the risen Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for our sins. Worship will include Holy Communion. See you there.  
Blessings, Paul



**DEAR NEIGHBORS IN THE PEW:** Sometimes I shop at Dollar General (Brussels) for food for the Blessing Box. I look for items that are on sale. Often I have a \$5.00 coupon from the previous week which I can use if the total is over \$25.00. This is my shopping list:

- Loaf of bread
- (Weather permitting) Dozen eggs, 8 ounces of cheese, oleo
- Small bottle of cooking oil or spray oil
- 2 cans of Spam or generic equivalent or sardines or tuna
- Flour, sugar
- 2 cans of beef stew or soup or chili with beans
- Small cups of pudding (this has milk ingredients)
- Coffee (if it is on sale)
- Canned chicken, jar of chicken gravy
- Rice or dried mashed potatoes
- Crackers

I usually get a coupon to use the next Saturday. Thank you for helping to fill the Blessing Box. It is a busy place. Susan Pfannenstiel.

For I was *hungry*  
and you gave me food  
I was *thirsty*  
and you gave me drink  
Matthew 25:35-40

# St. Patrick's Potluck



## *Wednesday Night Bible Study*





**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**

**PRAISE REPORT:** Carol Moellenbrant is recovered and would like to extend a thank you to everyone for their prayers.

Please pray: For a call to an end to violence, conflict, and bloodshed, asking for the transformation of hearts from hatred to love in Jesus' name.

Please pray: For those living in fear for their security and safety, in our country and throughout the world. For those who are persecuted or killed for their faith and/or ethnicity in Jesus' name.

We pray for the Hispanic Ministry that their congregation may continue to flourish and thrive according to God's will.

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

Barb & Dan Riederer	Chuck Oxenford (Jacksonport)
Elva Spetz	Jeannie Hill
Sandy Temby	Faye Pontzloff
Maddie Ostrand	Steve Duhr
Paul Klansky	Janice Thorton (Pastor JoAnn)
Rosemary Hintz	Shannon Filsinger (Merry D)



**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 from Pastor JoAnn, or Jean, our Parish Nurse, please let us know when it would be good time to phone you for an update and prayer. If you have a need, please contact the church as follows:

**Email:**

Church Office,  
church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org

Pastor JoAnn Meyer:  
pastorjomeyer@gmail.com

Jean at parish.nurse@sturgeonbayumc.org

**Emergencies & Other Calls:**

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(if no answer a please leave a message).



*Isaiah: 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. 13 For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*



*Palm Sunday, Fun Day*



## APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH Midwest Mission Rice Meals

It's time to make Blessing Bags again! During the last four years, our congregation has assembled about 3000 Blessing Bags, each containing rice, soy, veggies and vitamins and each providing meals for about six people. thousands of bags containing rice, vitamins, veggies and soy. These are shipped by Midwest Mission to people in need. The rice bags we made in 2022 were sent via Poland to Ukrainians; the next year they went to Maui, Hawaii, where there was a fire that destroyed the city of Lahaina. In 2024 they were sent to the U.S. southwest border area where families were living in poverty, and last year they went to the island of Grenada in the Caribbean to a children's home. When there are disasters like war, fire, flooding, and hurricanes, Midwest Mission, if asked, will send rice bags to sustain victims with nutritious food. They also send Blessing Bags to Children's Homes with whom they have a relationship, for kids who are malnourished. Midwest Mission, located four miles south of Springfield, Illinois, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year of helping others. They have huge warehouses where the Blessing Bags and everything else is ready to go when needed. Three years ago, a second location opened in Jefferson, Iowa. **During APRIL, the Missions Committee is asking for your generosity so we can pay for the materials to make the Blessing bags. Each one costs \$2.00. Remember also that we want to support Midwest Mission in everything they do, so we hope to give them a good amount beyond the cost of our supplies. On MAY 17, we will gather right after worship to put together the bags. All are welcome; experienced or first-time volunteers, of any age, including children!** What else does Midwest Mission do? They are known for their "kits", like student kits, personal dignity (aka hygiene) kits, layette kits, cleaning kits, birthing kits and more. In 2025, The Blessing Bag "kits" topped the list in numbers sent out at 281,338, which could feed one and ½ million people. Many of the bags are put together by churches. Midwest Mission is also donating bicycles to individuals in the U.S. and abroad for needed transportation. They have a bike shop where they work on them. **Continued Top of Page....**

There is a program to get unwanted sewing machines into the hands of women in Latin America, so they can sew and even start their own businesses. Midwest Mission is collecting and taking unneeded canes, walkers and wheelchairs to people in Guatemala who cannot walk well. One of their unique projects is making school desks from old wooden bleachers that are being replaced in U.S. schools. The desks are sturdy tables that seat two students. They have been sent to Africa and Latin America. In all of this, Midwest Mission is working with trusted partners on the ground, like Food for the Poor. They have reached out and found others who can help with transportation. They even share an annual project with the military, the United States Southern Command, which this year brought Midwest Mission to six Latin American countries.



MONTHLY MISSION YEAR TO DATE	YTD Gifts
Back Pack Buddies	\$530.00
Boys & Girls Club	\$345.00
Clean Start Program	\$355.00
Interfaith Coalition For Housing	\$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
Operation Christmas Child	
Red Bird Mission	\$375.00
Rice Meals - Midwest Mission	\$155.00
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
<b>TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2026</b>	<b>\$5,218.00</b>



### NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE By Lorna Magliaro 920-743-3241

When Bay View Lutheran stopped by to pick up the Easter Candy, that you so generously donated, they remarked on an increase in visitors to their blessing box. I too have seen the visitors increase, and our box is often empty. Please consider a few extra low cost items as you do your weekly shopping if possible. Thank you every one.





**Sturgeon Bay United Methodist Church  
836 Michigan Street**

**2:00 to 6:00 PM Friday, May 1st  
&  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Sat., May 2nd  
Saturday Everything 1/2 Off**





# Nurses Notes

By Jean Kapolnek, RN

After our many long, long month's of winter, the earth is starting to slowly awaken. The geese are back on the pond, and my bird feeder has been occupied by some very happy birds. Blizzard snow storm Elsa reminded us that storms disrupt and create upheaval, uncertainty, and stress. Just like storms in our lives they are temporary. With our wellness tools we are reminded how to weather these storms. Some examples of these tools are:

1. Breathe and Be Still
2. Move Gently, Move often
3. Stay Connected

Wellness is not meant to be lived alone. We are reminded to check on a neighbor or 2 or 10. We come together after the storm to restore and we are called to care for one another offering strength, encouragement, and hope.

April and the Easter season also remind us that even after life's storms, renewal is possible. Easter speaks to restoration, hope, and quiet strength that carries us through difficult seasons.

Happy Easter!!  
Jean Kapolnek RN



# April 2026

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