



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Therefore Jesus said, "Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial."

John 12:7

Easter Choir Practice Today!

If you would like to participate in a congregational choir that sings a special number during Easter service next Sunday. Please stick around after service today for a 30-minute practice.

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Message notes for March 34, 2024

A storm front is moving into Jerusalem ... John 11:47-57 sets the scene as religious leaders plot the deaths of Jesus and Lazarus.

It is Saturday night in Bethany. Jesus, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary are dining at the home of Simon (Matthew 26) ... Mary enters the dining room and anoints Jesus with pure nard. Mary is bold to enter the room and bolder yet to let her hair down to wipe the nard off of Jesus' feet.

Nard is an expensive spice that grows only in Northern India. It is used for perfume (sweet smelling like gladiolas), breath freshener, and medicinal remedies. It is likely Mary's most valuable possession.

A spiritual thunderstorm breaks out in the room as Judas challenges Mary for "wasting" the nard ... Jesus defends her and says the nard is for his burial ... meanwhile curious villagers gather to get a look at Lazarus, the man raised from the dead.

All of Holy Week is a spiritual storm front in Jerusalem ... Judas' betrayal of Jesus, Peter's denial of Jesus, the crowd shouting down Pilate, and the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This Week at BSW

This Week's Micro-Church Schedule:

Sunday morning at Wood County Jail (Pastor Lonnie)

Wednesday morning at Waterford (Pastor Milt)

On Monday (3-25) - Ladies Study Groups at 1:30 and 6 pm.

On Tuesday (3-26) – The Shepherd's Loft clothing ministry is open from 9:30 until noon. The Shepherd's Loft is closed on Friday.

On Tuesday (3-26) – Bible Study (I Peter) in the Shepherd's Loft 11:15 am until noon with Pastor Milt.

On Wednesday (3-27) – Underground youth leaders outing.

Our Holy Week Schedule:

Thursday, March 28th at 6 pm ... “The Last Supper” service with the serving of Holy Communion.

Friday, March 29th at Noon ... “At the Cross” prayer vigil.

Friday, March 29th at 6 pm ... “At the Tomb” reflections.

Sunday, March 31st at 10 am ... Resurrection Celebration. He is Risen!

By The Numbers

Celebrating new life in Christ:

For the 2023-24 Church year (June 1, 2023, until May 31, 2024):

Those confessing Christ as Savior and Lord: 26

Those recommitting their life to Christ: 6

Those being baptized: 4

Call-to-Ministry: 2

Week 42 of the Church Year	March 17 through March 23, 2024
Sanctuary Attendance	106
Micro-Church Attendance	35 (three sites)
Live Stream Raw	32
Adjusted Live-Stream Reporting (X 1.7)	54
Total Footprint	195

Please pray with Pastor Milt for the students he is currently teaching for Kingswood University. Pentateuch class: Honey-Lee, Jennifer, Josie, and Bree. Inductive Bible Study class: Jesse, Phil, Austin, Cory, Kayla, and Elianne. Spiritual Formation class (Unit One): Karen, Kalyn, and Jessica. Spiritual Formation class (Unit Two): Joey, Kristine, Randy, Lorrie, Lauri-Anne, and Susan.

Supporting BSW: There are four ways that you can support BSW with your tithes and offerings.

- 1) Securely online at bakerstwesleyan.org using the “support BSW” tab on the right-hand side of the homepage.
- 2) In the jar provided in the sanctuary on the tech booth.
- 3) By mail to Baker Street Wesleyan Church, 640 Baker St. Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, 54494. Attn: Treasurer.
- 4) Donation of stock and securities to our Edward Jones account.

Week 42 of the Church Year	March 17 through March 23, 2024
Total Tithes and Offerings last Sunday	\$ 1,713
Month to Date	\$ 8,264
Year to Date	\$ 122,563
Earmarked Giving	\$ 3,904 Zambia
\$ 1,496 Middle School Retreat	\$ 320 Wish list
\$ 1,087 Women’s Conference	\$ 5,141 Warehouse Ministry
\$ 2,333 Christmas Benevolence	\$ 3,000 Staff Education Gift
\$ 100 Christmas Shoeboxes	\$ 168 Sanctuary AV Improvements

Shepherd’s Loft Clothing Mission:

The Shepherd’s Loft Clothing Mission is open to the public on Tuesday and Friday mornings for patrons to receive free clothes, shoes, and linens. Please call 715-421-5335 to schedule your 30-minute appointment for 9:30 am, 10 am, 10:30 am, or 11 am.

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Leadership Team 2023-24:

Local Board of Administration as elected at the Local Church Conference
on Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Chairperson: Rev. Milt Van Natta, Senior Pastor

Treasurer: Jamie Mlsna

Secretary: Diane Jackson

Members-at-Large: Kat Esser, Mike Hamilton, Judy Henke, Jonathon
Johnson, Kevin Lien (Vice-Chair)

Your BSW Staff Team

Lead Pastor/Teaching Pastor: Rev. Milt Van Natta

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Assistant Pastor of Spiritual Care/Prayer Chain: Rev. Jim Leston

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Jail Ministry Missionary: Rev. Lonnie Selje

Cot-Bearing Prayer Guide for Governmental Leaders

Monday: Wisconsin Senate Leadership

President: Chris Kapenga. President pro tempore: Patrick Testin

Majority Leaders: Devin LeMahieu, Dan Feyen, Van Wanggaard, and Joan Ballweg.

Minority Leaders: Melissa Agard, Jeff Smith, Chris Larson, and Dianne Hesselbein.

Chief Clerk: Michael Queensland. Sargent at arms: Tom Engels

Tuesday: Wisconsin Assembly Leadership

Speaker: Robin Vos. Speaker pro tempore: Kevin Petersen.

Majority Leaders: Tyler August, Jon Plumer, Rob Summerfield, Cindi Duchow, Nancy VanderMeer, and Treig Pronschinske.

Minority Leaders: Greta Neubauer, Kalan Haywood, Lisa Subeck, Jill Billings, Kristina Shelton, and Lee Snodgrass.

Chief Clerk: Edward Blazel. Sargent at arms: Anne Tonnon Byers.

Wednesday: Indiana Congressional Delegation

Senators: Mike Braun and Todd Young.

Representatives: Frank Mrvan (1), Rudy Yakym (2), Jim Banks (3), Jim Baird (4), Victoria Spartz (5), Greg Pence (6), Andre Carson (7), Larry Bucshon (8), and Erin Houchin (9).

Thursday: Iowa Congressional Delegation

Senators: Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley

Representatives: Mariannette Miller-Meeks (1), Ashley Hinson (2), Zach Nunn (3), and Randy Feenstra (4).

Friday: US Supreme Court

Chief Justice John Roberts. Justices: Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, and Ketanji Brown Jackson