



Announcements & Upcoming Activities



Simple Gifts for March: Bolivia Project

Simple Gift collections during March are going to support Senior Adult Ministries in Bolivia. This project is designed to provide a new assisted living center for older, “orphaned parents.”

Simple gifts can be made by placing loose coins in the offering plates, or by putting cash or a check in mission envelopes.

Flash! Choir

The FLASH! Choir is meeting at 9:00 on Sunday, April 7. We will rehearse a spiritual and then sing it in worship. The FLASH! Choir is made up of whomever comes to sing, and that can be YOU!

Men's Retreat to Pine Lake

All men (cis and trans) and their sons are invited to come to Pine Lake UMC Camp in Westfield, WI the weekend of April 26-28. There will be discussions, sharing of meals, and plenty of time to enjoy all that Pine Lake has to offer. Details are on our website, BethanyMadison.org under Upcoming Events. Register by April 19th.

Vacation Bible Camp

Registration is open for Vacation Bible Camp 2024 (VBC), June 10-13 (Mon to Thurs), 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Bethany. VBC is designed for children who are ages 4 - 11 years old. Contact Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries, (Children@BethanyMadison.org) for registration details.

About Bethany

Refreshments: Enjoy coffee and refreshments in the lobby from 9:30 am until 10:00 am and following worship.

Keep in Touch

Church Office Hours: Weekdays, 8 am to 2:30 pm
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General Conference Information

On Tuesday, April 2 at 7pm Bethany and First UMC will co-host an information session with three of our Wisconsin delegation. Rev. Allie Scott, Rev. Krysta Dedee and Jessica Goebel will join us via zoom to share some information about General Conference. They will answer questions and have some questions for us as well. The meeting will take place at Bethany and First simultaneously. Bethany's meeting will take place in room 228.

General Conference is a meeting of The United Methodist Church that takes place every four years. The next session will take place at the end of April, 2024. General Conference is composed of United Methodist clergy and lay leaders who are elected from annual, missionary and provisional conferences around the world. This representative body is the only one that can set official policy and speak for the denomination.

Childcare: Easter morning childcare is offered in the church library from 8:00 - 8:20 am during music rehearsals. From 8:20 - 11:15 am, the nursery is open in Room 223 for children ages 5 and younger. Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 to 10 for all ages.

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Bethany
United Methodist Church



Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024
8:30 am & 10:00 am



Welcome

We are honored you chose to worship with us today.

To learn more about the life of the church, visit our website:
BethanyMadison.org

Bethany's Vision for the World

Every person feels, knows, and shares God's love.

Gathering Music

Sue Pouquette, Organist

“Three Settings of ‘Easter Hymn’”
(Will Stockton, Wilbur Held, Paul Manz)
“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”
(Rex Koury)

Welcome!

Pastor Julie

We believe all people are recipients of God's love and grace, and that God intends the church to be a community that embodies love, grace, and justice for all people. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, social status, and so much more. Everyone is welcome!

Breakthrough Prayer

Pastor Julie

God of all possibilities, we are listening.
Embolden us to recognize where love and hope are needed most. Amen

Call to Worship * (responsively) *Linda Huttenburg (8:30 am), Rod McKenzie (10 am)*

Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won.

Yesterday we thought all was lost.

Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

People: But not today.

Today we know that love has won.

Today we know that hope is real.

Today we know that Christ is here.

Leader: We have a reason to hope.

People: We have a reason to sing!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen today.

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Song **#302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (v 1-4)** Red Hymnal

Guest Musicians

Josh Brooks (Trumpet)

Katherine Schmit (Trumpet)

Alexadra Dotson (Trombone)

Easter Prayer (together) *Linda Huttenburg (8:30 am), Rod McKenzie (10 am)*

God of today and tomorrow, God of the garden and the tomb, God of our faith and our doubt, we are running toward you. Like Peter on that Easter morning, we simply cannot stay away. So, with beating hearts and wide eyes, we have arrived in this sanctuary, bringing our questions, and our hopes. We come believing in new beginnings. We come seeking the God who created the world and the God who is stronger than death. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope. Amen.

Childrens Message *Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries*

Anthem

"Easter Alleluias!"

By John A Behnke

*Chancel Choir &
Bethany Carillons*

Scripture (Luke 24:1-12) CEB *Linda Huttenburg (8:30 am), Rod McKenzie (10 am)*

¹ Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. ⁵ The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Human One^[a] must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹ Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. ¹² But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message “And I Hope” *Pastor Julie*

Song	#310 “He Lives”	Red Hymnal <i>Sue Poullette, Organ</i>
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Offering *Pastor Julie*



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Special Music **“Christ Is Alive”** *Chancel Choir & Brass*

Time of Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song	#307 “Christ Is Risen”	Red Hymnal <i>Sue Poullette, Organ</i>
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Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

Closing Music *Sue Pouquette, Organist*
“Toccata (from Organ Symphony No. 5)”
(Charles-Marie Widor, 1844-1937)