

March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; constant in prayer.” -Romans 12:12</i></p>					<p>1 Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00</p>	<p>2</p>
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<p>17 Worship 9:00 Asst. - Tom Wolff Adult Sunday School 10:30</p>	<p>18 WAG 5:00 MAG 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>19 Missions 5:00 Church Council 6:30</p>	<p>20 WOW 6:00 Praise Team 6:00 Prayer Group 6:30</p>	<p>21 Membership 6:30</p>	<p>22 Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00</p>	<p>23 Passion Play Bus Trip 8:00—5:30 Lenten Breakfast 9:00</p>
<p>24 Worship 9:00 Asst. - Jim Gouker Sunday School 10:30 LWBC Sugar Bush Days Noon</p>	<p>25 WAG 5:00 MAG 5:30 Bible Study 6:30</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 WOW 6:00 Praise Team 6:00 Prayer Group 6:30</p>	<p>28 Maundy Thursday 7:00</p>	<p>29 Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00 Good Friday 6:00</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Easter Breakfast 7:30—8:45 Worship 9:00</p>	<p><i>What will you give your family this Easter?</i></p> <p><i>Chocolate bunnies, colorful eggs, jelly beans, marshmallow chicks. Sure these add to the fun but can there be a deeper meaning for your family? Join your church family for Holy Week. This year give your family faith, hope, and a spiritual compass that will enrich your lives throughout the year. Leave the sugar buzz to the Easter Bunny!</i></p>					

MAUSTON METHODIST CHURCH
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

Wednesday Night Devotion 5:30pm

Covenant Missions

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GOSHEN BLESSINGS
PASTORS IN BUSIA
Uganda, Africa





In like a lamb, out like a lion? According to *The Farmer's Almanac*, this idiom is about the weather. But I found this from *The Guardian*: "Another theory gives the saying a biblical origin. 'Jesus's first appearance was as the sacrificial lamb, but he will return as the Lion of Judah, hence those symbolic animals.'" Just like the weather or the opposite qualities of a gentle lamb and a raging or strong lion... so goes our continued search for a permanent pastor; highs & lows, ups & downs. The good news is there has been someone interested, the waiting has begun as they are processed according to the GMC. We will update you after hearing from Pastor Zimmick, our presiding elder.

In the meantime, we have great news. Pastor Blake Overlien and Pastor Jonathan Tipton have agreed to be our interim pastors for the next three months. Pastor Overlien is known by some of you already, along with his wife Dinah. He has retired from full time pastoring and lives in Baraboo. He has several additional part time endeavors, making us his fourth commitment. Pastor Tipton is a chaplain at the hospital in Baraboo. He has a family and is from Baraboo.

Both Pastors have a schedule worked out between them where they will cover Wednesdays, Sundays and Holy Week services. We are asking those attending church to wear a nametag for the near future as they try to become familiar with us. Thank you for making them feel welcomed and appreciated.

A big thank you to both Pastor Wendell and Pastor Anita who will continue to support us as able with emergency calls, etc. Pastor Bill and Melodye Jones will be covering Terrace Heights and Fairview Nursing Home visits each month, until a new pastor becomes available.

Pastor Zimmick encouraged us to continue searching online and to seminary graduates as discussed. He asks that we honor the process when anyone shows an interest by directing them to follow the process required by the GMC. I assured him this was our intention.

If you haven't had a chance to listen to any of the Sunday School lessons about John Wesley and the growth of Methodism, I would strongly encourage you to check them out. They can be found on Youtube under Mauston Methodist Church. This coming Sunday the focus will be on the creation of the GMC and the break from the Methodist Church. This would be a great opportunity for anyone to gain a deeper understanding on how the Global Methodist Church has been and is still developing.

As always, continued prayers for a pastor of His choosing that will stretch us and help us grow in our faith. **Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Blessings, Your **SPRC Committee**.

WOW ~ (Worship On Wednesdays)

The Wednesday Night Devotion/Worship is in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm. Pastor Jonathan Tipton or Pastor Blake Overlein will lead WOW this month with Lenten Reflections. Come, join us!

Meals

There is a full meal, furnished for a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person with a \$10.00 max. per family. Dinner follows worship in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00ish.

Menu

Mar. 6th - Breakfast

Mar. 13th - Italian Chicken

Mar. 20th - Goulash

Mar. 27th - Pizza



Have you visited the church Website, YouTube channel or Facebook page? These are great tools for us to reach out to our members & friends. We have information on upcoming events and videos of the Sunday sermons.

For the church website: Go to www.maustonmethodistchurch.com where you'll find church information, event information and much more.

For the YouTube channel: Type in www.youtube.com Type MaustonMethodistChurch in the search bar. You can watch past sermons.

For the Facebook: Go to www.facebook.com and search for Mauston Methodist Church and hit like.

AA Open Meeting
Friday, March 1st @ 7:00pm
Mauston Methodist Church Fellowship Hall



Communion served the 1st Sunday of every month



Church Library



them.

Looking for something to watch or read this spring? Check out the Church Library! There are many new books and movies and borrowing materials is easy. Please return materials within a few weeks so that others may enjoy

Hands of God Team



The team continues to be in ministry to our community and church family. Contact Mark Severson, Jim Mills or Debby in the office if you would like to be a part of this local ministry team.



Puzzle Exchange Closet

Did you know that we have a place the **Basement Classroom # 6**. feel free to exchange or borrow



where you can borrow puzzles? We do! It's in There are many puzzles of various sizes. Please puzzles.



Euchre Night ~ Saturday, March 16th



There is no cost for the evening, which starts with a potluck dinner at 5:30. Cards start at 6:00; night ends at 8:00. An opportunity to invite your friends & family for Christian Fellowship.

ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDIES & ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS



Bible Studies ~

Adult Sunday School led by Jim Gouker in the Upstairs Classroom at 10:30am. All invited to join the study on "*Scripture and the Wesleyan Way*".

Monday Night Bible Studies on Monday from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Men's Bible Study led by Pastor Wendell on the book of "*Acts*", meets in the Lower Level Classroom #1.

Women's Bible Study led by Sharon Daniels in the Upstairs Classroom on "*Mark*". Linda Pudenz leads a women's study "*Breathe .. Making room for Sabbath*" in Family Room.

Women of Faith Bible Study on Fridays at 9:00am. Led by Angy Gouker on a "*What We Believe about God is Foundational to Every Other Belief We Hold*", meets in the Upstairs Classroom.

Accountability Groups ~

The **Men's Accountability Group (MAG)** meets on Monday Evenings at 5:30pm in the Basement Classroom #1.

The **Women's Accountability Group (WAG)** meets on Monday Evenings at 5:00pm in the Family Room.



Volunteers Needed

To give rides to and/or from church for homebound Methodist members in Necedah once a month. Please call Wendy Jensen @ 608-408-0744 if you are interested in participating in this Membership/Outreach Mission.



Rummage Sale Clothes Available

The Church Basement is set up with clothing for people to come shop at reasonable prices. Spread the word to those in need and to those who enjoy shopping for a good bargain! Volunteers needed for this local ministry. See Debby in the Church Office.

Prayer Group Wednesdays - 6:30pm

Weekly, after WOW worship/meal, a group meets God's will in our lives, for the world, and others. more prayer warriors the mightier the power of God



faithfully to pray for the church, for This is an open prayer group. The at work.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14



Friday, March 15th
1:00p - 4:00p

Spend an afternoon in Christian Fellowship playing play or if you are a little rusty, we can teach/reteach

Finger Foods Welcome



Canasta. If you do not know how to you to play!



Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of each month; please have all articles/notices into the church office by this date.



Daily Devotions

Are you looking for some great Daily the Daily Bread and the Upper Room There are also Devotion Books available in great devotions online too.



Devotion Resources? We have available in the Church Lobby. the Church Library. There are



CHRISTIAN BUS TRIP WASHINGTON DC JUNE 6TH – 12TH, 2024

Join us on a Christian Bus Tour where you will be inspired with patriotism as we take in the majesty of our nation's capital through many sights. Be inspired at the brand NEW Museum of the Bible containing six floors of exhibits and many ancient biblical artifacts. \$75 deposit due ASAP; balance due April 1st.

Guided tours of Washington DC, motor coach transportation, 6 nights lodging, and 10 meals for \$975.00!

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GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Mauston Methodist Church Mission

Our mission is to teach people to be followers of Jesus, the Christ, who worship passionately, love sacrificially and witness boldly.

Mauston Methodist Church Vision

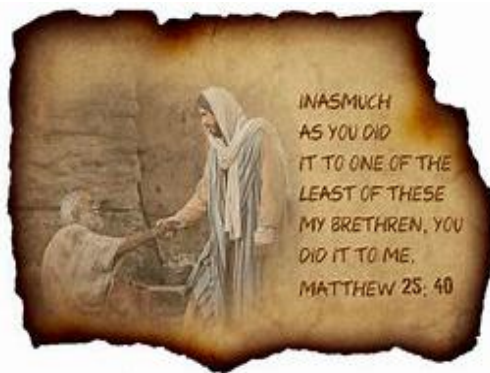
Our vision is to join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation and the presence of Jesus, the Christ, to all people; using the Bible as our foundation and authority while being led by the Holy Spirit.



Feed My Sheep Ministry



We all are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and giving congregation. If you have been extremely ill or will be having surgery, please let us know. Your church family would like to support you by providing a few meals. All you have to do is contact Debby in the church office (608-847-5964) or Sharon Daniels (608-847-6028). We would like to Bless You in your time of need.



Matthew 25:40 Ministries

There is much need here, there and everywhere; the Mission Committee invites you to get involved! Don't feel you have to participate in all, just the ones that God touches your heart with.

Souper Bowl Sunday Report - Thank you to everyone who donated! We collected over 115 cans of soup for the Mauston Sharing Pantry.

Plarn Mats - As we continue the project there is a need for volunteers to: cut bags, roll plarn or crochet mats. Mats are given to the homeless

here in the US and around the world in war torn & third world countries.

Spring Fling - The annual Spring Fling (Fundraising Dinner of BBQ Ribs and Baked Chicken) will be held on Sat. April 13th at 5:00pm. There is a Silent Auction and live Dessert Auction. The Missions Committee is looking for donations for the Silent Auction. Contact Donna Olson for more details or to donate items.



ALL RISE!

THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00am – 5:30pm

Come Witness God's promise fulfilled in a dramatic musical celebrating the Ministry, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our

Lord. We will ride in a fully equipped motor coach, with lunch at Pizza Ranch. We are only able to take the first 38 to register. Tickets on sale for \$70.00 each and includes transportation, meal, and play. Please reach out to your friends and family and invite them!

March Church Family Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 - Wanda Hover, Heidi Stalsberg, Phyllis Bush
- 4 - Keith Reed
- 8 - Morgan Bellile
- 9 - Kathie Delap, Ruth Hammer
- 11 - Margaret Gearhart, Julia Asbel
- 12 - Darryl Teske
- 13 - Jennifer Laursen
- 17 - Reese Hansen
- 18 - Tyler Ilgen
- 22 - Trevor Newlun, Bryan & Tara Hansen
- 23 - Wanda Bartz, Jerry Nickelson, Treyton Jefferies
- 24 - Jamesen Pfaff
- 26 - Abbie Morris
- 28 - Tom Morris, Dawson Champlin



If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list please let the office know



It doesn't make any cents, but volunteering is rewarding.

FYI

The Mauston Methodist Church strives to provide a safe place for worship for all individuals, especially children. To that end, we have a Safe Sanctuary policy (available for review: www.maustonmethodistchurch.com)

As a place to worship, we are called to do the ministry God directs as stated in Matthew 28. We are a body of believers that all have broken lives and pasts that may be tarnished in many different ways. Some of our body of believers may have a history of incarceration and/or legal standings that have been deemed not suitable for society. Our church is a place full of sinners in need of a Savior. All are welcome. The MMC has in place guidelines to help provide the safest possible environment and reflects God's grace and mercy for all.

Living Waters Bible Camp ~ Sugar Bush Day

Sunday, March 24th, 2024

1:00pm – 4:00pm



Come to Living Waters for an afternoon of fun, learning about the production of Maple Syrup. The cost for the day is \$2.00 per person, payable to the church before leaving.

(Cost is \$7.00 at Camp; CEC is paying \$5 of this cost)

* Youth will need a signed permission slip to attend without a parent *

Meet in the Church Parking Lot at Noon to Car Pool.

There is a yummy Pancake

Everyone is invited; it is not just for youth!



Lunch included too!



Church Summer Camp

It's warming up outside and summer is coming fast. It is time to sign up for Summer Church Camps! Camps are a great way to build lasting relationships with Jesus Christ and wonder so fast.

Brochures available on youth bulletin board. camps, contact the church office for more



friendships, develop a stronger how a week (or weekend) can go by

The Youth Rhode Fund helps pay for information.



2024 Walk to Emmaus Weekends

Men's Fall Walk ~ April 18th – 21st, 2024
Women's Fall Walk ~ April 25th – 28th, 2024

Camp Fairwood - Westfield, WI

If you are looking to grow in your faith, this weekend is for you. More info available on Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board.

Come Journey with Christ



Thank You Corner

There are so many who quietly serve God and us without any fanfare. We are grateful for what they do and appreciate them so much.

Think about this... there are those who love to attend worship and being part of our church family. However, they can't drive, have driving restrictions, or don't have a vehicle. How do these members of our congregation get to and from services?

Our congregation is so blessed to have **Wendy Jensen and Patty McGaw**, who both have a heart for service! They work as a team to bring those to church who would not be able to attend without the transportation ministry Wendy and Patty provide.

The next time you see Wendy or Patty, shake their hand, give them a hug, give them a big smile and say thank you for all you do! **HINT: If you would like to put a smile on their faces, offer to join their transportation ministry making it possible for the non-driving members of our church to join us in worship!**

~ Diane Kropiwka, Trustee Chair

March ~ Sunday Morning Sermon Series

YouTube Worship Services posted following each service.

Mar. 3rd ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~ Communion ~ 9:00am

Going With God ~ Exodus 33:12-23

***Pulpit Fill** ~ Pastor Jonathan Tipton*

***Pastor Assistant** ~ Kathleen Engelman*

***Ushers** ~ Mark & Sheri Severson, Katie P, Kathy E*

***Fellowship** ~ Steve & Bernie Lange*

Mar. 10th ~ 4th Sunday of Lent ~ 9:00am

***Pulpit Fill** ~ Pastor Blake Overlein*

***Pastor Assistant** ~ Ben Harrison*

***Ushers** ~ Lois Barto, Sherry Barto*

***Fellowship** ~ Gary & Ruth Martin*

Mar. 17th ~ 5th Sunday of Lent ~ 9:00am

Jesus Wept! ~ John 11:32-37

***Pulpit Fill** ~ Pastor Jonathan Tipton*

***Pastor Assistant** ~ Tom Wolff*

***Ushers** ~ Wayne & Sharon Daniels*

***Fellowship** ~ Ericksons / Goukers*

Mar. 24th ~ Palm Sunday ~ 9:00am

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna! ~ John 12:12-19

***Pulpit Fill** ~ Pastor Blake Overlein*

***Pastor Assistant** ~ Jim Gouker*

***Ushers** ~ Steve & Lisa Buchmeier*

***Fellowship** ~ Diane Bevins / Dawn Carmichael*

Mar. 28th ~ Maundy Thursday ~ 7:00pm

A Night of Remembrance ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 22:19-20

***Pulpit Fill** ~ Pastor Jonathan Tipton*

***Ushers** ~ Angy Gouker*

Mar. 29th ~ Good Friday ~ 6:00pm

Reflection of God's Sacrifice

***Pulpit Fill** ~ Pastor Blake Overlein*

***Ushers** ~ Gary & Ruth Martin*

Mar. 31st ~ Easter Sunday ~ 9:00am

Empty Tomb ~ John 20:1-9

***Pulpit Fill** ~ Pastor Jonathan Tipton*

***Ushers** ~ Jim Mills & Terry Beck-Mills*



Short Term Volunteers in Mission

Acts 1:8 ~ You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth

Mauston Methodist Church Led Trips

Nome, Alaska – July 19th – 27th, 2024 ~ We are building a team of 12 volunteers for a nine day return trip to Nome, where the need is immense. We work with the Nome Community Center on projects that help the low income and homeless population. Skilled and non-skilled construction volunteers needed. Lodging will be on air mattresses/army cots in the church classrooms. Showers in the community center. Youth must be in 6th grade or above, unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. Cost **\$1,350.00**, includes travel from Minneapolis, lodging and meals on workdays. (Not included 4 meals and excursion costs) **Deposit of \$650 is due with registration by April 10th. Final payment due by May 15th.**

Hazard, Kentucky – August 24th – 31st, 2024 ~ Seven or Nine-day trip; working with the Housing Development Alliance in Perry County, Kentucky. *On July 27, 2022, a flood swept through 14 counties in East Kentucky, killing 45 people and displacing thousands more. The area hit by the flood is one of the most rural regions in the country. Two years later, the affected communities remain on the road to recovery.* Work will involve light carpentry on home repairs or home rebuilds. Skilled and non-skilled construction volunteers needed. Lodging on air mattresses in church classrooms. Showers in the community center. Youth must be 14 years old, unless accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Option #1: Cost **\$550.00**, includes travel from Mauston, lodging and meals on workdays. One overnight in hotel and visit to the Ark Encounter. (Not included 6 meals and excursion costs)

Option #2: Cost **\$350.00**, includes lodging and meals on workdays. (Not included travel and excursion costs)

Deposit of \$275 (option #1) / \$175 (option #2) is due with registration by June 16th. Final payment due by July 10th.

Wisconsin VIM (Volunteers In Mission) Led Trips

Wisconsin VIM offers monthly trips with a variety of locations and activities. Check out the bulletin board by the church office for more information.

Trustees Consider Camera Purchase

The members of the Board of Trustees have been working with the Tech Team and outside vendors researching the creation of a security system for our church that will help protect life and property. We are considering the installation of cameras both inside and outside the church building; other considerations include a door open alarm system and building access control system.

Why? Because as trustees we feel an obligation to be the best stewards possible taking care of the people and property God has blessed us with. Some reasons to do this project include; visual documentation of injuries and accidents, cameras provide a visual deterrent to vandalism and property damage and evidence if needed; also additional security for the many groups and organizations that use our facilities. Although we pray it will not happen, we face the real possibility of accidents or violence happening in our midst.

No decisions have been made as of the printing of this newsletter. Trustees are carefully considering the cost and logistics of moving forward. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to support this project financially, please see Diane Kropiwka, Trustee Chair, or Jim Gouker, Tech Chair.



Spring Fling ~ Dinner & Silent Auction

BBQ Ribs, Baked Chicken with Mashed Garlic Red Potatoes,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls/Corn Muffin and Dessert

Saturday, April 13th

Serving @ 5:00pm

Tickets: \$20.00 - Limited to 70 tickets

Tickets available at church weekdays from 8 a.m. - noon,
Wed. nights from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. or call the office at 847-5964.

**Silent Auction bidding ends at 6:00pm at the dinner
Table Trivia Competition with Door Prizes during dinner
Live Dessert Auction after dinner**



Save the Dates ~ HOLY WEEK



Easter Bus Trip, March 23rd

Bus trip to Appleton Passion Play; leaving the church at 8:00am. Info on bulletin board.



Palm Sunday, March 24th

Worship Service at 9:00am

Holy Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00pm; with communion.



Good Friday, March 29th

Worship Service
at 6:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Easter Breakfast will be served before the worship service from 7:30am - 8:45am



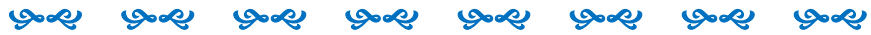
Easter Worship
at 9:00am





We want to thank everyone so much for all the love and support we have received from our church family over the last 6 months. It means the world to us and this would be a much different journey for our family without you.

*Thank You and God Bless you all,
Victor, Debby, Thomas, Jeremy & Cole*



Our Rummage Sales are still a few weeks away; you may or not know what it's all about! Not only is this a great way to raise money for a lot of the Outreach and Mission work of the church... We sell all items at a low cost, to bless our community. By blessing the community, we have become well known as the church that helps, serves, and reaches out.

This Spring we have been so very Blessed with furniture that we will be holding an Early Pre-Sale of Furniture in April also. (*only if the weather cooperates!*)

Furniture Early Pre-Sale

Friday, April 5th (8:00a - 6:00p)

Saturday, April 6th (8:00a - 12:00p)

Furniture Pre-Sale

Friday, May 3rd (8:00a - 6:00p)

Saturday, May 4th (8:00a - 12:00p)

Huge Sale

Thursday, May 9th (4:00p - 8:00p)

Friday, May 10th (8:00a - 6:00p)

Saturday, May 11th (8:00a - 12:00p)

Now is the time to get involved in this LOCAL MINISTRY!

The Missions Committee invites the church family to get involved in our newest local ministry. We are working with the Juneau County Department of Human Services (DHS) to support families in our community in a variety of ways.

- 1) **Kids4Keeps** – This is a program that our church family created and has supported since September 2017. We donate money for the social workers to use to help families stay together. Some items that have been purchased are baby gates, medicines, cleaning items & door alarms.
- 2) **Care Portal** – A nationwide program with our focus on Juneau & Adams Counties. We have signed up to respond to needs that social workers come across working with families. Ex. a grandparent takes custody of her grandchildren and is in need of beds for the children. A social worker can put the need out on the portal and any responder can then help fill that need.
- 3) **Foster Care Packs** – When a child is removed from their home most of the time they leave with just the clothes on their back. When they go into a foster home, we would like to make it a little easy for them by providing an age appropriate pack. For younger kids it would contain a book, stuffed animal, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush, and a new pair of pajamas. For teens, it would contain a devotional, small blanket and personal care items. These packs will include a message of love too.
- 1) **Visitation Room Upgrade** – Social Services has a room for families who need supervised visits. This room currently has a sterile environment with cast off toys for the kids. It is our hope to help families feel more comfortable by remaking the room into something a little more homey and cozy. We will also be purchasing games and craft projects that parents and children can do together to make their visit a fun time.

Do any of these projects interest you? Is God calling you to help our friends and neighbors? We will be getting out more information as these plans develop and we will let you know how you can get involved. If you have ideas or would like more information, contact a member of the Missions Committee.