


February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 <p>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5</p>			1 Worship Committee 6:00	2 Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00 Clothes Rummage Sale 8:00a—6:00p AA Open Meeting 7:00p	3 Clothes Rummage Sale 9:00a—noon
4 Worship 9:00 <i>Communion</i> Adult Sun. School 10:30 The Chosen Movie Outing 2:00	5 WAG 5:00 MAG 5:30 Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30	6	7 WOW 5:30 Praise Team 6:00 Prayer Group 6:30	8 <i>Terrace Heights</i> <i>Worship 10:30</i> Trustees 5:30	9 Women of Faith Bible Study 9:00	10
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MAUSTON METHODIST CHURCH
420 Suszycki Drive, Mauston
“Living the John Wesley Lifestyle”

Hill Top News
February 2024

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Check us out on Facebook & YouTube

Debby Bollig, Office Administrator
Church Office Phone: 608-847-5964

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service *9:00am*

Wednesday Night Devotion *5:30pm*

Covenant Missions

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PASTORS IN BUSIA
Uganda, Africa



SPRC ~ Update

Hello Church Family,

We just want you to know that we met January 18, and are looking at options and ways to proceed in our ongoing search for our next pastor. We have decided to put out a search notice on a popular Christian search website. We are also considering postings through Christian Schools or Seminaries. Pastor Harold Zimmick assures us that they meet Mondays remotely and know that they continue to assist and support us while we still search.

One thing that was brought to my attention since the Jan. 18th meeting, regards housing. I am not sure how it will be addressed, but the thought is... If we are asking someone, especially someone with a family to move here, finding housing is an issue, just one more thing for us to consider as we progress in our search. Please pray that as this season continues we will not only be patient and continue our journey together, enabling each other to stay strong and committed, but that God's call to one of His servants will be heard and answered regarding this need.

Please feel free to reach out with any concerns or ideas to any of your SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) members:

Pat Beighley, Lisa Buchmeier, Chadwick Ellsworth, Lori Hammer, Steve Lange, Gary Martin, Dale Olson, or Linda Pudenz. **God Bless!**

WOW ~ (Worship On Wednesdays)

The Wed. Night Devotion/Worship in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm

WOW Sermon Series

Feb. 7th ~ Sin Cities of Sodom & Gomorrah ~ *Genesis 19:1-29*

Feb. 14th ~ **No WOW ~ Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:00pm** Service of Ashes & Communion "True Fasting" ~ *Isaiah 58:1-12*

Feb. 21st ~ Drunkenness, Tool of the Enemy ~ *Genesis 19:30-38*

Feb. 28th ~ Fear → Deception ~ *Genesis 20:1-17*

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



Feb. 7th - Baked Chicken

Feb. 14th - WOF Chili Fundraiser Dinner

Feb. 21st - Soup

Feb. 28th - Cook's Choice



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, February 2nd @ 7:00pm
Mauston Methodist Church Fellowship Hall





Communion served the 1st Sunday of every month

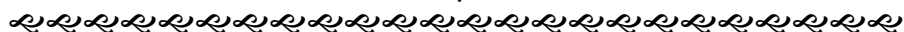


Church Library

Looking for something to watch or read this winter? 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 them.

Hands of God Team

The team continues to be in ministry to our community and church family. Contact Mark Severson 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 where you the **Basement Classroom # 6**. There are many free to exchange or borrow puzzles.



can borrow puzzles? We do! It's in puzzles of various sizes. Please feel

Euchre Night ~ Saturday, February 17th

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 Kathleen Engelman in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. All invited to join the study.

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 "**Proverbs**". Linda Pudenz leads a women's study on "**More Than a Carpenter**" in the Family Room.

Women of Faith Bible Study on Fridays from 9:00am – 11:00am. Led by Jean Bonney & Angy Gouker on a "**What We Believe about God is Foundational to Every Other Belief We Hold**", meets in the Family Room.

Accountability Groups ~

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

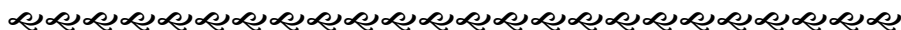
The **Women's Accountability Group (WAG)** meets on Monday Evenings at 5:00pm in the Family Room.

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 church, for God's will in our lives, for the world, group. The more prayer warriors the mightier the



meets faithfully to pray for the and others. This is an open prayer power of God at work.

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

humble themselves and pray and I will hear from heaven, and I will



Friday, February 16th
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 Devotion Daily Bread along with the Upper Room available in Devotions available in the Church Library.



Resources? We now have the the Church Lobby. There are also



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!





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.

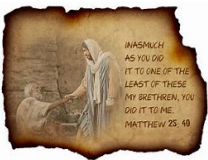
Feed My Sheep Ministry



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.*

Food Pantry - Don't forget the needs of our friends and neighbors. As you are grocery shopping, pick up an item or two to share. Non-Perishable Food can be placed in the Giving Box by the kitchen door.

Plarn Mats - We will continue this ministry through 2024. Now is a great time to get involved! Cut bags, roll plarn or crochet mats; any/all help is needed. Mats are given to the homeless here in the US and around the world in war torn and 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.

Clothes Rummage Sale - We will be having a clothes sale on Fri, Feb. 2 from 8a - 6p and a bag sale on Sat, Feb. 3 from 9a - noon. Please spread the word to those in need and to those who like a good deal! We have been So Blessed with donations for our sale and ministries. Thank You Everyone.

Winter Healthy Habits

If you are one who enjoys staying healthy by walking and would like a safe, dry place this winter to walk, **come to church!** We have a small group that walks the halls Monday – Friday in the morning.



February Church Family Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 - Charlotte Sharp
- 3 - Michelle Museil
- 4 - Abbi Panten, Mike Golden, Corey Champlin, Al & Val Walling
- 5 - Emily Morris
- 6 - Roger & Leah Spindler
- 7 - Barb Wells
- 8 - Wayne Daniels
- 9 - Amy Teske, Ben Lavold
- 12 - Walker Golden, Bev Quitno
- 13 - Dallas Bevins
- 14 - Jim & Terry Beck-Mills
- 16 - Margo Beaver
- 20 - Jeremiah Pfaff
- 21 - Corben Champlin, Teresa Wilhite, Roger Spindler
- 22 - Bob Franke
- 23 - Justin Stull
- 24 - Elizabeth Rudolph
- 25 - Wally & Edith Winker, BJ & Tami Keating
- 26 - Tammy Jones
- 27 - Mike Jones, Sue Williams
- 28 - Doug Bellile



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



Walk to Emmaus Gathering
Saturday, Feb. 3rd
Noon – 3:00pm
Sparrow's Nest in Sparta

I would like to thank the Methodist Church for all they have done for the community & me. I truly appreciate the clothes and suitcase given to me when I was in desperate need. I will forever be in your debt.

Love, Karen

Dear Mauston Methodist Church,

I am so thankful for you all – Debby Bollig for all her efforts with our Red Kettle Campaign, Bell Ringers for giving of your time, \$2,000.00 donation from Missions we are grateful and humbled. Most of all for your continued prayers and love for the Salvation Army Programs.

Many Blessings! Christy Duhr

Mauston Methodist Church Family,

Thank you for hosting the December Emmaus Gathering. You made us all feel right at home.

Thank You, Lynn

Monday Night Bible Study Ladies,

Thank you so much for the Christmas Cookie Tray. It was very nice of you to think of me.

Thank You, Jean Bonney



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!

Living Waters Bible Camp ~ Snow Days



Sunday, Feb. 11th

12:00pm – 5:00pm

Come to Living Waters for an afternoon of winter fun. 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's a yummy Lunch included!

Everyone is invited; it is not just for youth!



Church Summer Camp

It may still be winter outside, but summer is coming up; which means it is time to sign up for Summer Church Camps! Camps are a great way to build lasting friendships, develop a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ and wonder how a week (or weekend) can go by so fast.

Brochures available on youth bulletin board. The Youth Rhode Fund helps pay for camps, contact the church office for more information.

2024 Walk to Emmaus



Men's Fall Walk ~ April 18th

Women's Fall Walk ~ April



Weekends

– 21st, 2024
25th – 28th, 2024

Camp Fairwood - Westfield, WI

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

Come Journey with Christ



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 14th

Chili Supper ~ 5:00pm – 5:45pm

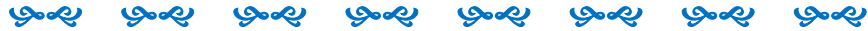
Free will offering to cover meal costs

Hosted by Women of Faith



Worship ~ 6:00pm

Service of Preparation for season of Lent. Repentance, Forgiveness, Music, Scripture, Message & Communion



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.

The Global Methodist Church (GMC) is planning its first General Conference. The Theme will be, **"So the World Will Know."**



(John 17:23a) ***"So the world will know God's love. So the world will know salvation in Christ. So the world will know grace and forgiveness, ..."***

Presenting Christ as a unified witness to the world.

The GMC now has **4,336 local churches worldwide**. Its convening General Conference will be held in **San Jose, Costa Rica, September 20 – 26, 2024**.

Subscribe to the GMC e-newsletter, ***Crossroads*** to learn more about the GMC and to stay informed of developments regarding its convening General Conference. <https://globalmethodist.org/connect>

The theme will begin appearing in multiple languages so GMC members all around the world can become familiar with it. The Church continues to register in countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas with the hope that delegates from these areas will be able to participate in the GM Church's convening General Conference.

As a member of the ***Great Lakes Annual Conference***, <https://greatlakesgmc.org> Mauston Methodist Church is a part of this truly global Methodist movement, still in formation. GMC is focused on helping the world know about Jesus and how to live lives holy and pleasing to our LORD as defined by the Inspired Scriptures! You are a part of this new expression of Methodism in the 21st Century. God is at work! ***"See, I am doing a new thing!"*** (Isaiah 43:19a)





Movie is playing at the Desert Star Theater. Sign up to car pool with the group.

Sunday, Feb. 4th
3:00p

Leaving the Church at 2:00p

Possible Dutch Treat Dinner after the movie.

February ~ Sunday Morning Sermon Series

Live Sunday Morning Worship @ 9:00am

YouTube Worship Service posted following service.

Feb. 4th ~ Heavenly Confirmation ~ Communion

Jesus is "God with Us" ~ *Luke 2:22-40*

Pulpit Fill ~ *Pastor Anita Genrich*

Pastor Assistant ~ *Linda Pudenz*

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

Fellowship ~ *Haske Family*

Feb. 11th ~ Transfiguration Sunday

God Speaks – Jesus is God's Son ~ *Mark 9:2-9*

Pulpit Fill ~ *Pastor Anita Genrich*

Pastor Assistant ~ *Jim Gouker*

Ushers ~ *Lois Barto, Sherry Barto*

Fellowship ~ *Al & Cheryl Wulf*

Feb. 18th ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

Repent & Believe the Good News ~ *1 Peter 3:18-22 & Mark 1:9-15*

Pulpit Fill ~ *Pastor Wendell Williams*

Pastor Assistant ~ *Don Teske*

Ushers ~ *Wayne & Sharon Daniels*

Fellowship ~ *Ben & Cathy Harrison & BJ & Tami Keating*

Feb. 25th ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

Having a God Perspective ~ *Mark 8:31-38*

Pulpit Fill ~ *Pastor Anita Genrich*

Pastor Assistant ~ *Don Genrich*

Ushers ~ *Scott Haske, BJ Keating*

Fellowship ~ *Lisa Buchmeier*



We are SO Blessed and Thankful

There are so many who quietly serve God and us without any fanfare. We are grateful for what they do and want them to know they are appreciated. If you know of someone who is blessing our church with their quiet service let the church office know.

Thank you for the scholarship towards my college education! I really appreciate all the love and support I've received throughout my life from you all that has continued into today! I hope the Lord blesses your church in 2024!

Allison Lavold



Women of Faith
Three P's for God (Police, Protection, Provision)
A note from the Mauston Police Chief:

We have used \$100 dollars of the cards provided. The funds were used to provide fuel for individuals in need. The cards have been useful for us. MPD appreciates the ability to use these provided resources for individuals in need.

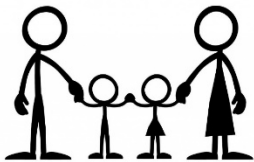
It is a blessing for you folks to provide this to others. I appreciate this and so do my officers. In the past officers have personally provided services (money) to others in need because of the circumstances. Thank you for what you do and we will continue to use this resource.

Chief Michael Zilisch #101, Mauston Police Department

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Sign Up Online and if you would like to carpool to WI Dells with the group, sign up on the lobby bulletin board.



Kids4Keeps

Dear Methodist Church

Below is a list of the types of things we have been able to do to support families with using the generous Kids4Keeps donations.

Household maintenance-items for cleaning (often unsafe conditions), treatments for insects, organization items (helps with care of children and safety in the home)

Home safety-items to make the home physically safer for children including gates, door alarms and latches, smoke alarm.

Personal care- items that the family needs for personal care. Often this is a secondary need but important for parents to get/keep a job or interact with others.

Family activities that allow parents to spend fun quality time with children- ex fishing license, toys

Work related- often assistance with getting driver's license to get to work to maintain income

Groceries- food supply in home is not appropriate and could contribute to removal of children

Miscellaneous-laundry, food when meeting with kids by themselves (like ice cream or McDonalds)

This is an overall idea of ways we can support families. We have used the donation to keep families together and to get kids back home and stay home. We are so grateful for the support of the United Methodist members/Mission Committee! Thank you does not begin to convey our heartfelt joy when we know using this donation will keep kids with parents or get them home.

Thank you from the Children, Youth, and Family Service Unit as well as all the staff of Human Services!

Kelly Firlus, CSW



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 Eight-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.