

MAUSTON METHODIST CHURCH
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service @ 9:00am

Wednesday Night Devotion @ 5:30pm

Covenant Missions

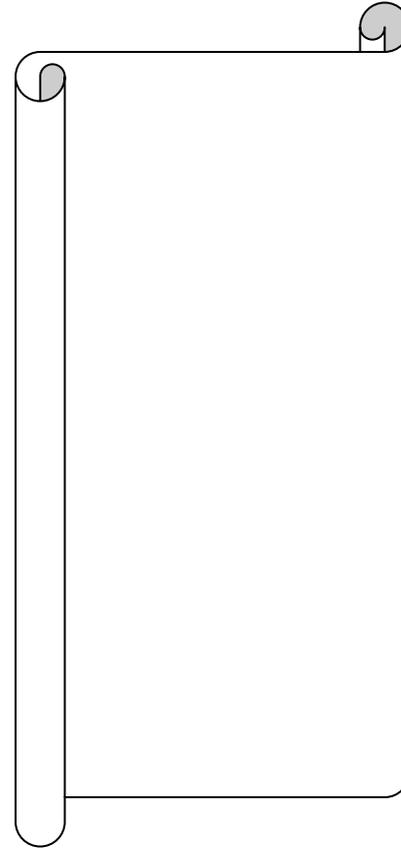
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Can you believe it? We are already into Lent. That means Easter is just around the corner. Over the last few months, we have been busily trying to get things going again. Like spring, today is the day we rise up renewed by the Holy Spirit to do the work of our Lord.

March is filled with great opportunities to serve and to be in fellowship with one another. Starting on Sundays, the Adult Sunday School gathers to study the Intercessory Life, making prayer more than a talk with God. Pastor Wendell and Sue lead a Bible Study on two Sunday evenings a month, check the calendar for dates and times. Continuing on Mondays with the Women's and Men's Accountability Groups and Bible Studies. Currently the women are deep diving into the Gospel of John. Don't worry about coming in mid-stream, they are just beginning to tackle John 3. The men just finished James and will begin 1 Peter. Of course, we could always use some help at WoW, for both the service and dinner.

As I look at the calendar, our card players will be together for Canasta on the 13th at 1pm and Euchre on the 14th at 5:30p. I also see the Women of Faith have a couple of events planned, a Lenten Breakfast on March 21st and a 5th Sunday Prayer Circle on the 29th; see Angy Gouker or Tabetha Frick about these. There is a Passion Play Bus Trip on the 28th, 15 spots left, grab a friend and register soon! Closing out the month are an Easter Adult Fellowship Gathering on the 26th at 11:30a and a Women's Luncheon at Mauston China Buffet on the 31st at 12:15p.

Before you know it, Easter will have come and gone, and we will be getting ready for the Rummage Sales. Speaking of Easter, for Holy Thursday (April 2nd) we are planning to do the Living Last Supper and could use a few good men to make sure we are able to do this. Let me know if you are available to help.

WOW ~ (Worship On Wednesdays)

The Wednesday Night Devotion/Worship time is in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm. 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 6:00.

Menu

March 4th - Baked Chicken

March 11th - Baked Potato Bar

March 18th - Tator Tot Casserole

March 25th - Pulled Pork



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 6th @ 7:00pm
Mauston Methodist Church Fellowship Hall



Communion is served every Sunday morning



Church Library

Looking for something to watch or read this winter, check out the Church Library! There are many Good Christian books & movies. 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 Debby in the church 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 can borrow puzzles? We do! It's in the **Basement Classroom # 6**. There are many puzzles of various sizes. Please feel free to exchange or borrow puzzles.



You may be wondering why I have given you a rundown of March. Well, that's because much of Jesus' message at the Passover Meal was about serving one another. We are a family, albeit adopted, but a family nonetheless. We are called by our Lord to serve our community and the Church. That serving can take many forms, from making sure food and snacks are prepared for little gatherings like playing cards, to cooking the meal for WoW. However, the most important service we give to each other is to be present in one another's lives. These opportunities exist in every moment of every day. A simple phone call or an invitation to coffee (you can take them or take it to them). By the way, research is showing that more people are wanting to receive hand-written cards or notes. That tells me we are yearning for physical contact with each other.

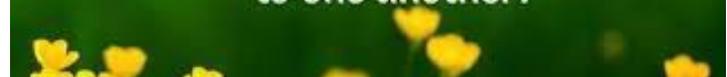
So, let's do what Ma Bell said back the 1970's: "Reach out, reach out and touch someone, wherever you are, you're never too far, to call up and just say hi." Come on out and spend some time with the family.

Jesus said, *"the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45). Since we are one with Christ, we too are here to serve, to give our lives so that others might live.

Shalom, Pastor Todd

Romans 14:19

So then, let us go after the things which make peace, and the things by which we may be a help to one another.



for 3 weeks and is not feeling well again. We send our Love, Appreciation and of course our 'Hugs'.

Dale & Donna Olson God Bless All of You!



It takes many people to run a church and we need you!
Take a moment to pray about how you can get involved.

Most tasks are simple and do not require lots of time.

Sunday Counter ~ Contact Donna Peschel (608-695-1660)

Sunday Morning Communion Stewards, Ushers & Greeters ~ Sign Up Sheets on the Bulletin Board.

Weekly Communion Prep Team ~ Contact Pastor Todd

Church Committee Members ~ Contact Pastor Todd or Angy G.

Ministry Workers ~ We need people to help with the Hands of God Team and Rummage Sales. Contact Debby Bollig or Donna Olson for details.



2026 Walk to Emmaus Weekend



Men's Walk ~ April 16th – 19th, 2026
Women's Walk ~ April 23rd – 26th, 2026

Imago Dei Village in Clintonville, WI

If you are looking to grow in your faith, this weekend is for you. If you have questions, just ask around, there have been 38 people in our congregation who have attended a Walk. If

God has been nudging you to sign up for a Walk to Emmaus weekend, now is the time to register.

March ~ Sunday Morning Worship

Live Sunday Morning Worship @ 9:00am
YouTube Worship Service posted following service

March 1st ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Tom Wolff

Tech ~ Mark & Sally Erickson

Ushers/Greeters ~ Wayne Daniels & Al Wulf

Fellowship ~ Al & Cheryl Wulf

March 8th ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Chris Lavold

Tech ~ Chris Lavold

Ushers/Greeters ~

Fellowship ~ Sue Williams & Kathy Seif

March 15th ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Linda Pudenz

Tech ~ Gary & Ruth Martin

Ushers/Greeters ~

Fellowship ~

March 22nd ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Don Teske

Tech ~ Braeden Haske & Donna Peschel

Ushers/Greeters ~ Steve & Bernie Lange

Fellowship ~ Gary & Ruth Martin

March 29th ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Pat Beighley

Tech ~ Braeden Haske & Donna Peschel

Ushers/Greeters ~ Gary & Ruth Martin

Fellowship ~

There's many opportunities to serve! Sign up on the Bulletin Board



Outreach Activities

Sharing Jesus, One Relationship at a Time

Friday, March 13th
1:00p - 4:00p



Spend an afternoon in Christian Fellowship playing Canasta. If you don't know how to play or if you are rusty, we can teach/reteach you to play! Finger Foods welcome.

Euchre Night ~ Saturday, March 14th



The evening 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.

Easter Adult Fellowship Gathering
Thursday, March 26th ~ 11:30a - 1:30p

Gather with your friends for teachings, games, activities and a potluck lunch at noon.

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, March 31st
Mauston China Buffet @ 12:15pm



Gather your girlfriends and come on out for an informal time of Christian Fellowship. (Paying for your own lunch) Bring a favorite Bible Verse, poem or devotion to share.

Bring your friends and Join the fun!

March Church Family Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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
- 23 - Wanda Bartz, Jerry Nickelson, Treyton Jefferies
- 28 - Dawson Champlin
- 31 - Layton Barr



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



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 ~ August 6th - 15th, 2026 ~ This is a return trip to Nome. Brochure/Registration forms are on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. If you are interested, contact Vic or Debby Bollig. 7 Spots Left.



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.

Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets - Volunteers needed to crochet or knit. We are low on Prayer Shawls/Blankets; if you are a 'yarner' please consider making a few for this ministry. If you are in need of yarn for this project contact Debby in the Church Office.

Lenten Season Specials

Women's Lenten Breakfast, March 21st

Ladies join the Women of Faith for a Lenten Breakfast at 9:00 am. (egg casserole, baked oatmeal, ham or sausage, fruit and muffins) Enjoy a Spiritual Gifts Bible Lesson with Tabettha Frick. Then get your creative juices going as we create beautiful crafts together. Join us for good food, great lessons, fun crafts and of course lots of love & laughter.

Passion Play, March 28th



Come Witness God's promise fulfilled in a dramatic musical celebrating the Ministry,

Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. Tickets are \$90.00 each; includes transportation on a motor coach, lunch at Pizza Ranch and the play. We have 20 spots available. Leaving at 9:00am and returning before 6:00pm. Please reach out to your friends and family and invite them! Brochures/Registrations on bulletin board.

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Come celebrate the start of Holy Week with a Palm Processional in Worship Service at 9:00am.



Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Living Last Supper presentation will be at 6:00pm. Please see Pastor Todd to volunteer.

Good Friday, April 3rd

Worship Service at 6:00pm



Easter Sunday, April 5th

Easter Breakfast served before the worship from 7:30am - 8:30am (Eggs, sausage, pancakes, muffins, fruit, & yogurt)

Easter Worship Service at 9:00am



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.



Living Waters Bible Camp ~ Sugar Bush Day



Sunday, March 22nd

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Come to Living Waters for an afternoon of fun, learning about how God provides us Maple Syrup. The cost for the day is \$2.00 per person, payable to the church.

(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
Lunch included too!



Everyone is invited; it is not just for youth!



Our Rummage Sales are still a few weeks away; but 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.

Many Volunteers needed, sign up on Bulletin Board!

Furniture Pre-Sale

Friday, May 1st (8:00a - 6:00p)

Saturday, May 2nd (9:00a -2:00p)

Spring Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 7th (4:00p - 8:00p)

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

Saturday, May 9th (8:00a - 12:00p)

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



**Women of Faith
5th Sunday Prayer Circle
March 29th ~ 8:15am**

Ladies please join us on March 29th at 8:15 to prayer together and "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2 ESV. Praying that our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that [we] may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" Philippians 1:9-11 ESV.

CHRISTIAN BUS TRIP



CHICAGO

SEPT. 22ND – 24TH, 2026

Join us on a short but exciting trip to Chicago. We will experience the breathtaking downtown and lakefront from 1,000' above at 360 Chicago. Relax on a Skyline Cruise on



Lake Michigan before spending the afternoon on Navy Pier. We will see the Field Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science and Industry. Bring your dancing shoes as we spend an evening with other travelers sharing dinner and entertainment. The best part is the short bus ride there!

[Trip Brochures available on the church office Bulletin Board.](#)



Pastor, Debby and the women that pick up Carol Arens,
A note to thank you and all at the Mauston Methodist Church for your love and prayers for Carol. Carol is so thankful for you! Our family, too, are so grateful for this congregation and all who have embraced Carol and shown her God's love. **Best Regards, Barbara Boyle**

Alaskan Mission Trip Report

People ask me why you would want to go to Alaska in the winter... Well, the answer is you can make a difference in people's lives at any time!



Twelve volunteers traveled to Nome, Alaska on Feb. 2nd – 11th. The focus on this trip was to experience the Nome Homeless Shelter (NEST). The NEST is open from 8:00pm – 9:00am. Donna Peschel made many batches of cookies that a team of 2 or 3 took over to the NEST each evening. We prayed with the people and just spent a little bit of time with them, listening to their stories and just taking the time to be with them. So many expressed to us how they feel invisible in their own community.

During the day, the team worked on many projects in the community. Projects ranged from building a deck, stairs and ramp on the back of the Food Pantry; small repair

jobs at the Home Plate Homeless Housing Apartments and the United Methodist Church; weatherproofing a Community Center Home rental; building a wall and fixing plumbing at the Nazarene Church parsonage; and many repair projects at the NEST along with painting 3 of their classrooms. It was a very busy week!

Another Nome Mission Trip is planned for Aug; brochures are available on the church office bulletin board.

*Thank you for all the prayers and care that I have received from my church family. I thank God for friends that care. Especially Pastor Wendell & Sue who have encouraged me so much, they have been so good to me. They are so caring and loving, showing me what true Christians are like. I hope to be returning to church soon. **Mabel Morrow***



Free Movie Green and Gold

Elroy Theater – 122 S. Main St
Saturday, March 14th ~ 2:00p
(doors open at 1:30p)
Concessions for purchase

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Why Jesus Matters

“Who is Jesus to **you**, really?” and “How has trusting him changed **your life** (hope, identity, forgiveness, purpose)?” Give this some time and really think about it, better yet, write it down.

Christianity is not just “rules” but also a relationship with a real, risen Person who gives meaning, forgiveness, and hope beyond death.

Sharing faith begins with honestly telling what Jesus has done in your own story, not with winning arguments.

Why it matters: If faith does not touch your own heart and daily life, you will not care enough to defend it, and your friends will not see any reason to take it seriously.

near the back. Marian is Carol Arens' sister. Her address is 502 Grote Street, Apartment 18 in Mauston.





*In the May Newsletter

At 96, Marian Williamson is our oldest member of the Mauston Methodist Church. In earlier years she was a faithful member coming to church each Sunday sitting