

MAUSTON METHODIST CHURCH
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service @ 9:00am

Wednesday Night Devotion @ 5:30pm

Covenant Missions

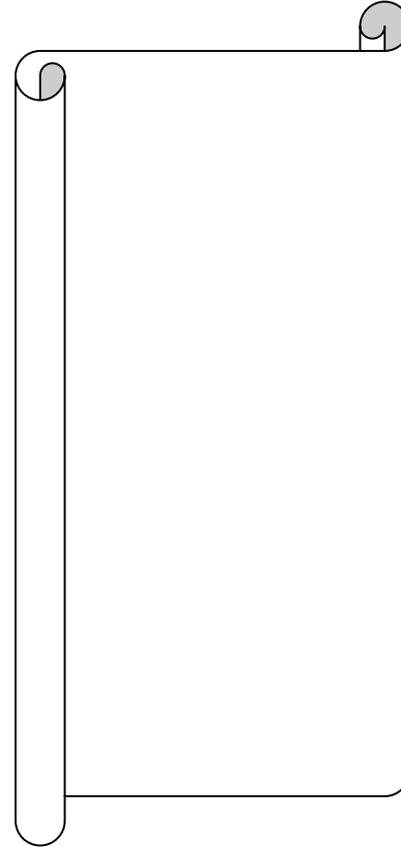
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*Ye shall find the babe
 wrapped in swaddling
 clothes, lying in a manger.*
 Luke 2:12



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There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—

- A time to give birth and a time to die;*
- A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.*
- A time to kill and a time to heal;*
- A time to tear down and a time to build up.*
- A time to weep and a time to laugh;*
- A time to mourn and a time to dance.*
- A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;*
- A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.*
- A time to search and a time to give up as lost;*
- A time to keep and a time to throw away.*
- A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;*
- A time to be silent and a time to speak.*
- A time to love and a time to hate;*
- A time for war and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

These last few months have been trying for all of us. Between the Formal Complaint that had been filed, the rush of the Advent season, and whatever each of us has going on at home, we have all been under a great deal of stress. As Solomon writes, the seasons of life have an ebb and flow about them. Good or bad, hard or easy, each season has a purpose and a message for the children of God. It is our responsibility to live in faith through each season, knowing that God is sovereign and in control of all that is happening. January brings a new month, a new year, and a new season. As the days grow longer, let us rise up to something new. Each of us has an opportunity to be renewed and reborn. It is time to let the past be just that, the past. We cannot do anything to change it, but each of us can grow from what has been happening. From one day to the next, remember what Jeremiah wrote in Lamentations, in His great faithfulness, the Lord's love never ends, and is renewed each day (3:22-23). Today, and every day, is the time to renew our faith in Christ Jesus, just as God's love is renewed for each of us. Renewed by abiding more in him and his instruction. To come together in grace, knowing that none of us is perfect and will make mistakes. And with that, I would like to offer my apology to you all for the mistakes I have made, especially recent ones. I am sorry that I allowed the stresses in my life lead me to choices being made that are not becoming of your shepherd. I see and understand the hurt that occurred, and can only seek your forgiveness. I also want you to know I love each of you, and not wanting to cause any more pain, I have already taken steps to become a better man and a wiser leader, through increased mentoring with other seasoned pastors, more

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

- January 7th - Scalloped Potatoes & Ham**
- January 14th - Pancake Breakfast**
- January 21st - Baked Chicken**
- January 28th - Meatloaf**



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, January 3rd @ 7:00pm
 Mauston Methodist Church Fellowship Hall



Communion will be 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.



intentional oversight with SPRC, and other training opportunities. As part of this, the Great Lakes Conference has provided guidance to help us to begin the process of restoration. This includes guidance for myself as your pastor, our SPRCommittee, and the Church Council that will help us to be better disciples of Christ, leaders, and guides for one another. Not all may be in agreement with this process, but I ask you to be the bearers of God's image, have patience, humility, and gentleness, being diligent to maintain unity of the Spirit, which allows us to live in peace (Eph. 4:2- 3).



ADULT BIBLE STUDIES & ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS

Bible Studies ~

Adult Sunday School led by Pastor Todd in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am, "*Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way.*"



Sunday Night Bible Study led by Wendell & Sue Williams on Jan. 11th & 25th from 6:30p – 8:00p on the book of "*John*". *Everyone welcome, contact Pastor Wendell or Sue for more info.*

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

Men's Bible Study led by Pastor Wendell in the Lower Level Classroom #1 on the book of "*Romans*". **Women's Bible Study Starting Jan. 5** – All women are invited to come together in a deep-dive study of the "*Book of John*". We'll read scripture, look at cross-referenced scriptures, read from various commentaries, discover the meanings of the original Greek and Hebrew words, and discuss our thoughts and ideas as we discover what John has to tell us confirming that Jesus IS the Messiah! Bring your Bible, some highlighters, pencils, pens and an open and eager mind! Additional study tools provided by leader, Tabetha Frick.

Accountability Groups ~

The **Women's Accountability Group (WAG)** meets on Monday Evenings at 5:30pm in the Family Room.

The **Men's Accountability Group (MAG)** meets on Monday Evenings at 5:45pm in the Lower Level Classroom #1.

January ~ Sunday Morning Worship

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

Jan. 4th ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Pat Beighley
Tech ~ Mark & Sally Erickson
Ushers/Greeters ~ _____
Fellowship ~ Gouker and Erickson families

Jan. 11th ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Tabettha Frick
Tech ~ Chris Lavold
Ushers/Greeters ~ _____
Fellowship ~ _____

Jan. 18th ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Angy Gouker
Tech ~ Gary & Ruth Martin
Ushers/Greeters ~ _____
Fellowship ~ _____

Jan. 25th ~ Communion

Pastor Assistant ~ Jim Gouker
Tech ~ Braeden Haske & Donna Peschel
Ushers/Greeters ~ _____
Fellowship ~ _____

*There are many opportunities for you to serve!
Sign up on the Bulletin Board*



Living Waters Bible Camp SNOW DAYS

Sunday, Jan. 18th
1:00pm – 5:00pm



Outreach Activities

Sharing Jesus, One Relationship at a Time

Friday, Jan. 16th
1:00p – 4:00p



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

Euchre Night ~ Saturday, Jan. 17th

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.



Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 30th & Jan. 27th
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.



January Church Family Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 - Sheila Alderman
- 4 - Jeremy Denman
- 5 - Lura Dahl
- 6 - Sam Rattunde Betty Underwood
- 8 - Scott Haske, Patricia Rothrock
- 9 - Leah Spindler
- 11 - Caitlyn Nickelson
- 15 - Don Kilps
- 16 - Don McGaw
- 21 - Scott Musiel
- 22 - Gloria Hale
- 23 - Lutrelle Manna
- 25 - Cindy Rattunde, Janet Brockman
- 26 - Victor Bollig, Jim Gearhart
- 27 - Debby Bollig
- 30 - Carol Wilkins
- 31 - Lisa Buchmeier, Pastor Todd Frick



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



Counters Needed

Sunday morning Counters are needed. It's easy to do and doesn't take much time! Training will be given. Contact Donna Peschel (608-695-1660) if you can help.



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 ~ February 3rd - 11th, 2026 ~ This is a return trip to Nome, keep the volunteers in your prayers as they prepare for serving. Victor & Debby Bollig, Jacob Hoesly, Bill Jahn, Bonnie Jax, Calvin Kaderly, Terry Nickerson, Donna Peschel, Dave Seelenbinder, Mark & Michael Sherman

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.**



Nome, Alaska Sock Collection



We will be doing a collection of new or gently used socks for the homeless in Nome, Alaska. Collection will run from Jan. 4th - 25th. The Mission Trip Team will be taking them up to the shelter. Please keep the community of Nome in your prayers.



SPRC Update ~

On Tuesday, December 16, a special committee representing the GMC asked for a meeting with both the SPRC and the Church Council. The committee consisted of Pastor Harold Zimmich, our presiding elder from the GMC; retired Pastor Paul Yoder (He will be preaching here on December 28, as a substitute.) who has worked in conflict resolution in the past; and a lay leader, Lori Leverton who is a retired social worker and has experience in conflict resolution, and domestic abuse. She is a member of the Cambridge GMC church. The SPRC meeting resulted in an improvement plan both for the SPRC committee's involvement in supporting Pastor Todd as we move forward, as well as mentoring, counseling and involvement in a Band with other transitional pastors for Pastor Todd. This plan, which was shared with the church council will be implemented over the next several months.

One thing we ask of our church members going forward is to please feel free to seek out any SPRC committee member when you have concerns or questions regarding ANY employee of our church body. Members of the SPRC committee are obliged to ask if you have taken any of your concerns or questions to the Pastor first. I have found that when I share questions about the church service, events, and/or messages with Pastor Todd; he is more than willing to discuss these things directly.

The other thing that has come out of the complaint and will be worked on by the Church council involves communication or/and miscommunication. We are a church family, and just like any family; when communication breaks down, offenses and misunderstandings take place. Please continue to pray for ALL of the members of our church, especially those who have volunteered to be a part of those committees that continue to provide the best of themselves in serving all people.

May the love of the season fill your minds and hearts with the knowledge that all who profess their belief in Jesus; share in God's kingdom and the celebration of God's greatest gift; the birth and life of His son, Jesus Christ, our Messiah.

Merry Christmas!

Linda Pudenz, SPRC Chairperson



Youth Hike

Monday, Jan. 19th
12:00 - 3:00

The Youth in grades 4th - 9th are invited to a lunch and a hike. We are planning to hold a winter hike at Mile Bluff on Monday, Jan. 19th from 12:00 - 3:00p. Lunch, Hike and Chats around a bonfire. Please meet at the church at noon. We will need a few adult volunteers, we are looking for some relational giants to pour into these kids.



New Year's Party

Wed, Dec. 31st @ 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Gather with your friends and family to bring in the New Year in a family friendly fellowship. There will be a potluck dinner, teachings, group games, resolutions, ball drop and prayers for Your New Year!



Come Celebrate!!