

# THE DELLS-DELTON HERALD



**Dells Delton  
Methodist Church**

320 Unity Dr.  
Wisconsin Dells,  
WI 53965

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Worship Services**  
10:45 AM Sunday
- **Weekly Bible Studies**  
5:00—7pm Mondays—Pastor Anita  
10:00 AM Thursday—Pastor Lee  
6:00 PM Thursday—Men's/Don G.
- **Office Hours:** Thursdays 10am — 2pm

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## January

### 2026 Newsletter

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**HAPPY  
2026  
NEW YEAR**

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# January

New Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <b>New Year Day Blessings</b>	2	3
<b>4</b> 10:45am <b>Worship</b>  Noon: <b>Mission/Outreach</b> <i>Barb Jantz;</i> <i>Bill Fisher</i>	<b>5</b> Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm	<b>6</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>7</b> 2pm <b>Riverwood</b> BOW 7:30pm	<b>8</b> 10am-2pm <b>Office Hours</b> Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	9	10  <i>Melody Hinkel</i>
<b>11</b> 10:45am <b>Worship</b> Administrative Council	<b>12</b> Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm	<b>13</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <i>Judy Nelson</i>	<b>14</b> 2pm <b>Riverwood</b> BOW 7:30pm 6:30pm <b>Building Corp Board</b>	<b>15</b> 10am-2pm <b>Office Hours</b> Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm <b>Free Community Meal 5-7pm</b>	16	17
<b>18</b> 10:45am <b>Worship</b> Mission Sunday: <b>Fuel Assistance</b> <i>Shirley Nelson</i>	<b>19</b> Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm	<b>20</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>21</b> 2pm <b>Riverwood</b> BOW 7:30pm	<b>22</b> 10am-2pm <b>Office Hours</b> Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	23	24
<b>25</b> 10:45am <b>Worship</b> Monks fellowship	<b>26</b> Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm <i>Michelle Bushweiler</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <i>Pam Dickerson</i>	<b>28</b> 2pm <b>Riverwood</b> BOW 7:30pm <i>Darlene Hackl-Frank</i>	29	30	<b>31</b> 9am-noon 

**“Go & tell, what great things God has done for you!”** Luke 8:39

# Prayer & Senior Care

## New Ministry Opportunity

### Prayer Point: JANUARY

~~ We live in a dark and hurting world, yet too often we lack confidence in sharing our hope to bring others to the spiritual light of Christ.



~~ **1 Peter 3:15** <sup>15</sup> *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,* (NIV)

~~ Pray for the Spirit's help to honor Christ in our hearts and lives and to be prepared to not only explain our faith but to do so humbly with gentleness and respect.

### New Ministry Opportunity: Senior Care

***"Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly, and revere your God. I am the LORD."***—Leviticus 19:32

God created us in his image (*imago dei*), and we honor him by respecting the dignity of the people he has made. Dells-Delton Methodist is implementing a Senior Care Ministry to connect with, and support, those in our church family who have limitations (temporary or permanent) on being present for worship and other church activities.

If a visit would be welcome, the care team (ideally in pairs) will come for 20-30 minutes monthly to those who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in senior care facilities. What the visit involves (simple conversation, scripture reading, prayer, and/or communion) will be up to the individual being visited.

### How you can help

--Join the team! Your time commitment making visits is expected to be about 2 hours per month.

--Consider being involved in mutual adoption in which an active church member is paired with a homebound individual so they can pray for each other and stay in touch.

--Communicate! Let us know if you or someone you care about could use a visit. We can't offer support if we aren't aware of the need.

--Pray for this ministry: for willing volunteers, for those receiving visits, and for God to be glorified as we minister in His name.

Because He first loved us, **Barbara Jantz**  
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Our GMC Mission: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe."

# Mission & Outreach

Lisa Helm—Chair

## \*\* Community Suppers—Third Thursdays of Month 5-7pm (January 15, 2026)

Cold weather and snow did not stop people from coming. We served 5 new student/workers from Peru (They are working at the Wilderness). In January—Scalloped Potatoes/Ham Dinner. We need desserts and helpers for prep, serving and clean up—different crews :). Contact **Bonnie Morton** for more information.

## \*\* Food Panty Collection for January: Deodorants

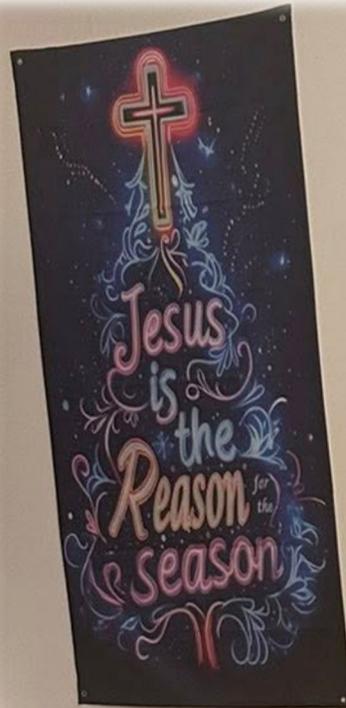
## \*\* Third Sunday Mission Bucket Giving — Fuel Assistance—Pastor Lee distributes

## \*\* Fellowship Dinner Out— Monks—Fourth Sunday of the Month following Worship

## \*\* Missionaries: Pastors Nhia Wahn & Mao Her—Thailand Now (monthly support)



Kalasin, Thailand



**Dear reader,** this is for my benefit. If you are reading this article, please let me know your thoughts. What are your spiritual gifts? As a church—body of believers—at Dells Delton GMC, we want to engage all of our members and friends in using their Spiritual Gifts for God's Kingdom. You can send me an email or text message with your response: [pastoranita4355@gmail.com](mailto:pastoranita4355@gmail.com) or 608-393-0856 (cell) Feedback is important in ministry! **Pastor Anita Genrich**

# Ministry Activities

## Bible Studies

We have a number of Bible study opportunities and you are invited to participate.

- **Mondays** — 5:00pm-7:00pm— Pastor Anita, leader—"Bait of Satan" - Offense; 12-week course.
- **Thursdays**—10am—open to all—**Pastor Lee**, leader — Gospel of Matthew
- **Thursdays**—6pm—Men's Bible Study—**Don Genrich** leading—Gospel of Matthew



Matthew: 16:23

***23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's purposes, but men's."*** NASB

This study will be in the Fellowship Hall of Dells Delton Church—320 Unity Drive. This is a community Bible Study Outreach—for all adults (Male/Female). 12 week—course with Video teaching by **John Bever**. Worksheets for discussion/Bring Bibles. If you want to buy the Book, you can get it online, off Amazon, or other bookstores. We will be using the Orange/Red edition. You can also get your own Workbook, but there will be handouts for each week. Starts January 5th. Contact Pastor Anita for more information. 608-393-0856.

**January 31st Saturday**

**9am—Noon**

Dells Delton Church: 320 Unity Dr.

Community Outreach Event

**INVITE NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, FRIENDS**

Pancakes, Ham/Sausage & Beverages

**Free / Donations Accepted**



# Congregational News

## **Mission/Outreach Summary** (met 12/7/2025 after worship)

**Present:** Lisa, Tim, Pastor Lee, Anita, Bonnie S., Gail, Pastor Anita, Jerry, Dave, Michelle, Joann, Ellie, Pat  
Anita opened with prayer. Committee Welcomed new members from the Women of Faith. Lisa Helm now Chair.

### New Business

#### Charities

Pastor Anita started out because she had to leave. Indicated which charities she would like to see incorporated into our lineup.

Kairos Outside—Weekend ministry in WI—for women impacted by incarceration

Thailand Now -which we support as a church—Mao & Nhia Wahn Her missionaries

Emmaus Walk (Fox Valley)- Bonnie Morton is participating this year

Christian Disciple Farm which we had on our calendar for June

Uganda- putting up fencing at Refugee Resettlement Community Primary School. Pastor going there in Sept. 2026

Michelle said we should most definitely support missions coming from our church.

Jerry wanted to support an organization helping kids with food insecurities. Discussion of several places nearby that have programs in place. Nothing decided.

#### Christmas Bags

Bonnie S. brought two examples of a sticker book and glider airplane along with apples, oranges and candy to fill bags. She will pick up fruit and extra bags using Women of Faith money. Bags will be assembled Dec. 21 after church (takes no more than 5 minutes for 10 bags). Bags will be on a cart ready for children following Christmas Eve service.

#### Celebration of Life

Lisa made up a menu of sorts and will make the items Saturday morning (day of service) starting at **8-8:30am**. Discussion continued on how this process worked in the past which was good information, Lisa appreciated the input.

Menu: meat sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, cowboy beans, vegie/fruit tray, cheese & cracker tray.

Plan for 50 people Have a small gluten Free option

Desserts from church families

Make a list to offer to families going through this to choose from.

#### Marketing

Well discussed topic about how to get the information out and be consistent. A sub-committee was formed.

Gail (chair), Michelle, Ti and John

We will meet Tuesday, December 30 at 9am

Use yard signs (like voting signs) that we will put up early and leave up for better advertising.

Looking into a "DEAL" on printing signs.

#### Pancake Brunch

January 31st. 9am-noon—Dells Delton Fellowship Hall

Meats: Sausage, ham; Toppings for pancakes; Love to use metal cookie cutters if someone could bring a few

Gail Otte, Recorder of Meeting

**Next Meeting—February 1st after worship**

# Congregational News

## Geraldine “Gerry” Potter (89)

May 26, 1936—November 27, 2025



On December 13, 2025, Family, friends, & members of the Dells Delton Church celebrated the life of Gerry Potter. She was a long-time member and servant to the Dells Delton Methodist Church. She was remembered as a woman with a great sense of humor, outspoken wit, and heart to serve anyone in need. Her two children, Pamela & Francis Mark with their children were loved, honored, and supported by this woman of practical faith. Pastor Lee Bushweiler officiated and it truly was a Celebration of Life! A special thank you to those who helped plan/prepare/serve the meal for the Potter family after the service.

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## Worship/Education Summary (met)

**Present:** Pastor Lee, Chair, Pastor Anita, Sue, Wendy, Tim

**Summary of Discussion:**

**Next Meeting—???**

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## Administrative Board Summary (met 12/14/2025)

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** No report. Request for yearend balance sheets to be turned to Sue.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer reports are hard to understand. John Hoffman to help Wendy and Rolle to categorize report data.

**Building Corporation Board:** Obtained five bids for flooring for the church for LVP (Fellowship Hall and Hall/Narthex). The Siding/roofing bid approved, donor picked colors for presentation to Board. Other updates: new tool kit; new sensors for outdoor lights; Active shooter training event on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**Outreach:** Lisa Helmi is Chair. Sunday fellowship lunch destinations set. Pancake supper on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to noon. Brat Fry is in the works. Ice cream social may be held behind Pirates Cove.

**Worship Committee:** Updating usher duties, communion flow and consistency. Thanksgiving ecumenical service went well. Advent decorating done. Mic for Wendy and Barbara to help lead singing. Wendy and Carolyn will take care of cards of encouragement. Possible Saturday morning breakfast with educational opportunities. Plan for communion to those who cannot come to service. Cookie exchange, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, with Holy Cross. Bait of Satan bible study Monday evenings starting in January 2026. Easter Sunrise service planned. Next meeting is on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Reverend's Report:** Pastor Lee asked for feedback on the Charge business meeting. Members stated the reports in the packet were very well done. Bulletins contain the weekly Giving reports. We had a deficit for one week in 2025. We were billed for Pastor Lee's insurance that he is not qualified for, for the last 18 months. The insurance company is sending a refund check back to the church.

J.C. has his paperwork done. He is now living in Hiawatha housing. Pastor Lee will send tax status and number for writing a grant to Pastor Anita. Gatherings are going well. Thanksgiving dinner went well.

Next Administration Meeting-January 11, 2026, after service.

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

As we close another year, we look from Advent to Epiphany and see the Child that is also the King. The end of the calendar year has much planning and preparation in it. We plan our Christmas celebrations and our annual business meeting, all in preparation for what is to come. Now as we cross into the new year, the reality is that it is now here... the next step.

Can you imagine the excitement as the Church stepped into the reality of a risen Christ? Can you imagine the call on their lives because of the gift and requirements of the presence of the Spirit? Do you feel the urgency that is placed on the churches to reach a broken and hurting world in this day and age? Are we ready to meet the challenges that will come before us this year?

We should be. We should know the call and the hope that God places upon us, as well as the redemption and relationship He wants us to experience. We should feel the urgency of each day, knowing that we only have one chance to do our very best to honor the price that Christ paid to provide our salvation. Each day provides that opportunity and each day we rise to meet it, but we do get the chance to take it one day at time.

At the end of Matthew 6, in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says "Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Rather He tells us to be concerned what we are doing today; to pay attention to how we pray, fast, treat each other and practice our righteousness. How we live out the day before us is important, and it is the one thing that is within our control. We make plans, but then we must also carry them out carefully and intentionally. When Jesus concludes the sermon, He reminds us to either act on these words of His or not. That choice will determine whether or not our works will stand or fall.

As we step into this new year, let's act on our plans remembering who we belong to and why we do the things we have planned. We need to be intentional and deliberate, but also gracious and understanding as we work with our neighbors and visitors this year. We have a good number of plans and a good number of hopes for this coming year, but the blessings will be determined by our faithfulness to the call place upon us.

God always call us forward and we continue to take steps toward maturity. We want to be the people God called us to be, and we can only get there by living out the righteousness He provides. So, we will step out in faith again in this new year and take steps to accomplish the plans we have made. Hopefully we will realize many of them as we follow where the Spirit leads. My prayer for all of us is that we make the most of each day before us, always testifying to hope we have in Christ.

Peace and Blessings!

*Pastor Lee*

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We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday this month.

We hope we have all of the birthdays on the calendar. Please let us know if we've missed anyone.

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