

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

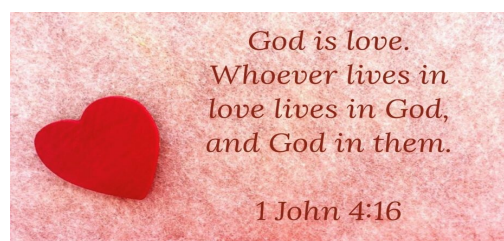
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**FINANCIAL
ELETRONIC
GIVING:**



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February

God is Love

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:45am Worship  Noon: Mission/Outreach	2 Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 2pm Riverwood BOW 7:30pm	5 10am-2pm Office Hours Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	6 <i>Serenity Nelson</i>	7
				ILI History Makers II Training—Washington, IL		
8 10:45am Worship Noon: Admin. Council (Open)	9 Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 2pm Riverwood BOW 7:30pm 6:00pm Corp Board	12 10am-2pm Office Hours Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm <i>Bonnie Stratton</i>	13	14
15 10:45am Worship Mission Sunday: Food Pantry—Dells	16 Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 2pm Riverwood ASH WED 7pm Combined Worship Holy Cross & Methodist	19 10am-2pm Office Hours Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm Free Community Meal 5-7pm	20	21
22 10:45am Worship Trapper's Turn fellowship	23 Bait of Satan 5pm—7pm	24 9am Worship Committee Pastor's Day Off	25 2pm Riverwood BOW 7:30pm 5:30—7:30pm Lent Supper/Study	26 10am-2pm Office Hours Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	27	28 9am-3pm One Heart Women's Event (Dells)

“God is Love! Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in him.”

1 John 4:16

Stewardship

& Opportunities for Growth

Be Rich Toward God—A Valentine Gift to God

We are in a Spiritual battle every day. It impacts how we make decisions regarding life choices and serving God. **Do we believe that God is Sovereign? Do we believe that God knows all? Do we trust that God loves us? Do we believe that God created us and has a purpose for our lives?** If we do, then why do live like **WE** are in charge of our own destiny and in control of our financial resources? **Luke 12: 13-21** recounts Jesus' response to two brothers squabbling about their inheritance with a parable about **GREED**. I encourage you to read it. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about you are doing with all the LORD has given you.

Tithing means a tenth of all we've earned/received. It is not just an offering gift of what we believe we can spare. Not a gift of what we have left over after we take care of our plans. Trusting and honoring God, is to give a tithe unto the LORD's kingdom work (your local church body). Offerings are an **additional** gift for special projects or ministries that your personally support. Giving of your time is not tithing to God, it is serving the LORD with your Spiritual Gifts.

This year, we are challenging each member to work on honoring God with a tithe of what the LORD provides. Trust that God will take care of you. Paul told Timothy (1 Tim. 6: 17-18, NASB) *¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share."*

May our Love for God, be evident in how we live obediently , **Pastor Anita Genrich**

February 28th—SAT.

9am-3pm

Wisconsin Hotel (new
Wintergreen Conf. Center)

1-920-229-6310 (reservations)

www.oneheartseminar.com

Tickets Available Online
\$49.00/person

Contact Pastor Anita Genrich
for more information

Acts 4:32

All the believers
were one in heart
and mind. No one
claimed that any of
their possessions
was their own, but
they shared
everything they had.



Prayer & Ministry

Our Church Ministry—people in Service

Prayer Point: FEBRUARY

~~ God has provided us with the church for mutual growth, fellowship, and encouragement.

~~ **Hebrews 10:24-25** ²⁴ *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* ²⁵ *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* (NIV)

~~ Pray for an opportunity to encourage another member of our faith family this week by sharing a personal story of God's love and faithfulness with them.



New Ministry Opportunity: Senior Care

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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Mission Sunday Giving Wendy & Rolli Lombard: Treasurers

Our church family is grateful for the work Rolli and Wendy Lombard do as treasurers of our congregation.

The Lombards have asked that when we collect money for our third Sunday mission that the money be entered (deposited) separately. So, in the future if you are among those who write a check for mission, please do not include it with your weekly giving check. Write two separate checks. Hopefully this will make the monthly reports easier to understand.

It is not always very easy and we know they spend a lot of time that we are not aware of doing this work for the church. With hearts of Gratitude from the Dells Delton Methodist Church family, we say, Thank you, Rolli and Wendy!

Sue White, Finance Chair

Mission & Outreach

Lisa Helm—Chair

**** Community Suppers—Third Thursdays of Month 5-7pm (February 19, 2026)**

Card games, serving, visiting and a grateful gathering of people (45) in cold January to enjoy the meal. Connecting is what it is all about. Serving is a natural for this church, and our volunteers age from 11years to 80+. The food is always good. But more important we are connecting with our community. Help us spread the word with friends. Contact **Bonnie Morton** for more information.

**** Food Panty Collection for February: Bar Soap**

**** Third Sunday Mission Bucket Giving — Food Pantry—Dells/Delton**

**** Fellowship Dinner Out— Trapper's Turn—Fourth Sunday of the Month following Worship**

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



Kalasin, Thailand



New Year, New Home, New Church Start
Ministry in the heart of Buddhist Country

YouTube: **Nhia Wahn and Mao Her**

Facebook: **Mao Her**

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



Season of Lent

(40 days—not counting Sundays)

Ash Wednesday—as we prepare for the greatest gift of Love given by God for humanity, we start with Ash Wednesday **Service, 7pm**, combined worship on **February 18, 2026**.

Throughout Lent (February & March) we will meet on **Wednesdays** to share a **light supper and Bible Study** (Lee Bushweiler facilitating) **5:30pm—7:30pm**. **Holy Week** will be **March 29th—April 4th**. We will do combined worship services with Holy Cross that (**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday**).

EASTER—our Resurrection Sunday Celebration is April 5th this year. **Sunrise Service (6:33am)** is planned, if possible, out in our garden like last year. Then we'll have **Easter Breakfast and Easter Service at 10:45am**. Come prepare your hearts to connect with God and go into a deeper relationship with the God who loves us beyond our understand-



Congregational News

January Administration Council Meeting Summary

Present: Melody Hinkel, Chair; Michelle Bushweiler, Secretary; Wendy Lombard, Treasurer, Sue White, Finance Chair; Lisa Helm, Outreach Chair; Pastor Lee Bushweiler, Worship Chair; Tim Hinkel, Corporate Board Rep; Anita Copper; Pastor Anita Genrich; Don Genrich; Kathleen Engelman; John Hoffman; Pat Holton; Ellie Urban, Bonnie Stratton, Bonnie Morton.

Old Business

Corporation Board By-Laws: Work remains ongoing. Pastor Lee is leading this effort, and John has offered assistance.

New Business

- **Electronic Sign Request:** Tim reported that the city of Dells and Makowski's will not approve an additional sign for Holy Cross due to zoning restrictions and concerns about clutter. Tim will inform the corporation board that this will not move forward.
- **Unclaimed Dishes:** Items under the cup rack have been unclaimed since before Thanksgiving. They will be donated to the Wilderness for Bridge students. Anita G. will deliver them after Monday night.

Committee Reports

+Finance: No recent meeting; A full audit will be conducted by Dave and John.

Financial Overview:

- ✦ Operating expense for 2025: \$92,555.24
- ✦ Non-designated giving for 2025: \$90,859.07
- ✦ Online giving confirmed.
- ✦ Expenses were higher than expected, but overall financial position is better than anticipated.
- ✦ **Treasurer's Report:** Attached. Pastor Lee, John, and Wendy will meet Wednesday at 11 a.m. to address finance issues.

✦ Outreach:

- Pancake Brunch scheduled for Jan. 31.
- Finalize 3rd Sunday offerings.
- Lisa will take over the checkbook; bank switch under consideration. Gail is authorized to sign.
- Pastor Lee and Tim will purchase sausages in Madison; Lisa will check ham pricing.
- Advertising Committee improving event promotion; flyers suggested for ADRC and Community Supper.

+ Worship:

- Decorations removed; next meeting Jan. 27.
- Usher checklist in progress; newsletter consistency emphasized.
- Streaming services ongoing; plan to integrate with YouTube feed as Facebook removes videos after several weeks.

○ Building Corporation Board:

- Meeting Jan. 14 to discuss flooring (five bids received).
- Siding approved; colors pending donor recommendation.
- Roof will be shingled; colors recommended by donor.
- Officer elections upcoming.

Reverend's Report

Pastor Lee expressed gratitude for year-end progress & encouraged deliberate efforts to invite & welcome people.

Next Meeting: Feb. 8 after service (open to all)

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Ever had a head cold that will not end?

I have felt fine yet not quite right. It is exhausting, knowing that you are close to fine yet still nowhere near healthy. You move along for a bit, then realize something is terribly wrong. We have many illnesses that we carry along with us. Medications seem to treat some of the symptoms and the most difficult of the problems, but the underlying illness is still there; and things don't always go smoothly. We have replaced a cure with many options for treatment.

Why do we do that? Sometimes a cure is not available or obtainable, and I understand that. Yet other times we stop looking for a cure because we can manage the difficulties we have for some time. In the end there is a catastrophe. The problem overwhelms or there are other conditions caused by covering up the issues that plague us. It is the same with our sinfulness.

We don't like to acknowledge the depth of our problem with sin. We think we have it under control, or we follow rules and boundaries in an effort to mask the problem. But our problem still remains with us, just beneath the surface, waiting for the opportunity to overwhelm. We put up with the problem because we know it so well, but we forgo the cure we have been offered.

We are entering the season of Lent now, a time to reflect and remember why God extended us a cure rather than having us continue to try our best. It is a season to realize how empty our hope are apart from the only solution that God has offered. We have a chance again to get to know ourselves, so that we know how important the offer of a Savior is for us. When we realize that, it changes everything. We understand ourselves, those around us, and the God who offers hope in Jesus. We have a chance to both receive and proclaim the hope that ends our real problem.

There is a simple truth.... all illnesses end. They are either cured or they destroy the host they inhabit. That is the nature of illness and it cannot be changed. But illness can be defeated with the correct treatment. Jesus told us that there is only one treatment for the illness we have, which is Himself. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

Peace and Blessings!

Pastor Lee

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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