

# 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

5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper

6:00pm Lenten Study

10:00 AM Thursday—Pastor Lee

6:00 PM Thursday—Men's/Don G.

## March

### 2026 Newsletter

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**St. Patrick's Day**

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GIVING:



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# March



God is Three in One

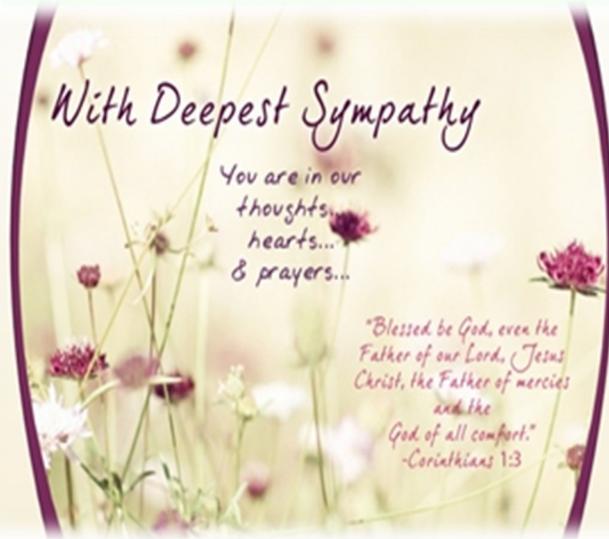
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<b>8</b> 10:45am <b>Worship</b> No Admin. Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> </div>	<b>9</b> Bait of Satan <b>5pm-7pm</b> <i>Helen Miotke</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <i>Jane Friday</i>	<b>11</b> 2pm <b>Riverwood</b> 5:30-7:30pm <b>Lent Supper/Study</b> BOW 7:30pm 6:00pm <b>Corp Board</b>	<b>12</b> Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:45am <b>Worship</b> Mission Sunday: <b>Smile Train</b>	<b>16</b> Bait of Satan <b>5pm-7pm</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <i>Pat Holton</i>	<b>18</b> 2pm <b>Riverwood</b> 5:30-7:30pm <b>Lent Supper/Study</b>	<b>19</b> Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Free Community Meal 5-7pm</b> </div>	<b>20</b> <i>Elaine Black</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:45am <b>Worship</b> <b>Lake City Social</b> fellowship	<b>23</b> Bait of Satan <b>5pm-7pm</b>	<b>24</b> 9am <b>Worship</b> Committee <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>25</b> 2pm <b>Riverwood</b> BOW 7:30pm 5:30-7:30pm <b>Lent Supper/Study</b> <i>Marge Hegland</i>	<b>26</b> Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BS 5-7pm <i>Lisa Helm John Hoffman</i>	<b>31</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>April 1</b> 5:30-7:30pm <b>Lent Supper/Study</b>	<b>2</b> 5pm <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>SEDAR MEAL</b>	<b>3</b> 2pm <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Silent Saturday</b>



## Holy Week: Come to Worship and Remember

"Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father,'" (Galatians 4:6)

# Care & Outreach



As a church (body) of Christ, we care about our Members and Friends. We want to offer our love, support and condolences. Your loved one received their eternal upgrade with God, which is promised in Scripture to all who believe and call on the name of Jesus.

**Vicki Sprang**—sister of Bob Pendleton. June 22-1951 — February 12, 2026 (76). A nurse all her life.

**Natalie Sly**—granddaughter of Darlene Zeppelin

August 18, 2002 — February 18, 2026 (23). May the love of God give you and your families Peace in your grief! You do not walk alone! -----

## Outreach/Mission Committee

We had my first meeting as Chair in February and we got a lot discussed and planned for 2026. **Thank you Anita Coper**, former chair extraordinaire! She will still be the coordinator for 4th Sunday Fellowship. It was fun planning for places to go in 2026. In addition to the Community Free Dinner on 3rd Thursdays, Outreach has additional events planned for each month—which gives this church an opportunity to serve the Community and share the Gospel of Christ's love and grace. Check the Bulletin Board in the Lounge/Gathering Room for what's happening. We need lots of volunteers for each event. Let myself or Tim Hinkel know if you are interested or willing to serve! We served 120-130 people at the Pancake Brunch on January 31st! On February 19th, 53 people were served at the Community Dinner. Great Fellowship was had at both. The Volunteers were amazing at both—Thank you! We want to thank the Local Food Pantry for their donation of 40 pounds of Chicken thighs for the Community Dinner. Bonnie Morton is our head cook and coordinator of this event, we are grateful for her leadership, even with an injured arm. If you have any ideas for activities, let me know!



**Blessings, Lisa Helm, Chair**

# Prayer & Ministry

## Our Church Ministry—Globally

### Prayer Point: MARCH



~~ Shortly before his crucifixion, Jesus prepared his disciples for His absence by teaching them what they needed to know in order to bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

~~**John 15: 1—5** *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

~~As we observe this Lenten season of reflection and self-examination, **pray** that we will abide securely in Christ so we can bear fruit showing ourselves to be his disciples and glorify God.

7,000+  
CONGREGATIONS WORLDWIDE



Lubbock, Texas, February 18, 2026 - The Global Methodist Church (GMC) has officially surpassed **7,000 churches worldwide**, marking a significant milestone in the denomination’s ongoing mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

The denomination now includes **48 Annual Conferences**, the majority of which are located outside the United States, along with four emerging areas, reflecting an expanding global footprint shaped by local ministry and united by shared faith. While many GMC congregations remain in the U.S., much of the church’s growth over the past year has occurred internationally, with meaningful expansion across **Africa, Asia, Eurasia, the Philippines, Europe, and Latin America**, along with emerging presence in **South America and the Caribbean**.

Since its launch in 2022, the Global Methodist Church has **experienced rapid growth across multiple continents**, demonstrating a collective commitment among clergy and laity to vibrant faith, orthodox Wesleyan theology, and bold witness in communities around the world.

“This moment represents far more than a number,” said Connectional Operations Officer Mike Schafer. “Each local church represents people growing deeper in Jesus, their communities being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and new people coming to know Christ. **We give thanks for every church family who has helped shape this growing global movement.**”

# Mission & Outreach

Lisa Helm—Chair

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

Corn Beef & Cabbage is the Main Course...we will need desserts as usual. And volunteers to help prepare/cook/set-up and others to serve and clean up. Contact **Bonnie Morton** for more information.

**\*\* Food Panty Collection for February: Shampoo/Cream Rinse**

**\*\* Third Sunday Mission Bucket Giving — Smile Train**

**\*\* Fellowship Dinner Out— Lake City Social—Fourth Sunday of the Month following Worship**

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

Pastor Anita Genrich—Goshen Blessings, Uganda (will be going to visit August/September.

## New Year, New Home, New Church Start

Ministry in the heart of Buddhist Country YouTube:

**Nhia Wahn and Mao Her**

Facebook: **Mao Her**

**Rev. Nhia Wahn & Rev. Mao Her** will be returning to Wisconsin for this Summer—Missionary furlough. They want to meet will all the churches that are supporting them in their missionary work in Kalan, Thailand. We look forward to hearing their stories and what God is planning to do with them in Asia minor. Mao recently was in the Philippines supporting Bishop and GMC. Churches are continuing to join, new churches are being started, and people are being baptized in the name of Jesus, the Christ. God is using Mao and Nhia Wahn to reach out to GMC forming churches in Vietnam, Philippines, Laos as well as their work in Thailand. God is good—and they say THANK YOU for your support. We received their email below this week.



## Kalasin, Thailand

It is good, with my soul!

**Hello Lee & Anita,**

February 19, 2026

Please let the church know we are so grateful for their partnership in ministry. God is good to us and we thank them for making it possible for us to serve in this part of the world. We are very fortunate to be a part of what God is doing over here. Our work reaches beyond Thailand and it is all God's doing. Again **thank you so much and blessings to everyone**. Looking forward to meeting you all this summer as we return to Wisconsin to share what God has been with us! **Mao & Nhia 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)

**Wednesdays— 5:30pm—7:15pm** (February & March) -

Shared ministry with our brothers/sisters in Christ at Holy Cross

**Light Soup supper and Lenten Discussion** (Pastor Lee & Father Michael)

### Holy Week — March 29th-April 4th.

**March 29th—Palm Sunday Worship Services**

**April 2nd—Maundy Thursday 5pm—6pm** Combined Worship Service, Foot washing and Communion with message—Father Michael.

**6:30pm—8:30pm Seder Meal** in Fellowship Hall. This will be a full meal with participating in the Jewish/Hebrew Passover Meal tradition/format. **Pastor Anita & Don Genrich** will work with **Pastor Lee & Michelle Bushweiler** and **Father Michael & Dawn Carmichael** on preparing the food (Lamb & Matzah will be the main course). The cost will be \$20.00/person or \$50.00/family. You will need to reserve your place at the table so we know how many to prepare for and how to do the seating arrangement in the Fellowship Hall. See Pastor Anita, Pastor Lee or Father Michael for tickets.

**April 3rd — Good Friday—Stations of the Cross (Father Michael leading) - 2pm**

**April 5th: EASTER**—our Resurrection Sunday Celebration

- **Sunrise Service (6:33am)** is planned, if possible, out in our garden like last year.
- 7:30am **Easter Breakfast** and
- **10:45am Easter Service**

Come prepare your hearts to connect with God and go into a deeper relationship with the God who loves us beyond our understanding! We are Easter/Resurrection People of God.

*"We serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today, and just the time we need Him, He's always there! He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with us and talks with us along life's narrow way...Salvation to impart! He lives within our hearts!"*

# Congregational News

## February Administration Council Meeting Summary

### Council Business

- Melody will be absent on March 8th. Bonnie S and Michelle B will run the service slideshow.
- Administration Council will not meet in March; the next meeting is scheduled for **April 12**.
- To make the budget section of the bulletin, the categories will be renamed them “**Actual Giving**” and “**Actual Expense.**”
- Kathleen Engelmann transferred membership from Mauston to Dells/Delton. A motion to support Kathleen in pursuing Certified Lay Ministry was passed.
- Pastor Lee will formally recognize new members—Don Genrich, Deb Bishop, and Kathleen Engelmann—at an upcoming service.
- The council will explore ways to financially support Pastor Anita’s upcoming trip to Africa.
- Extra funds for the Thailand Now missions will be forwarded to the ministry, with designated and general mission funds clearly separated.

### Committee Reports

#### Treasurer

- A request was made to include last year's comparative totals on monthly financial statements.

#### Outreach

- First joint meeting including Women of Faith members was productive; the Women of Faith checkbook will merge into Outreach.
- Yearly mission events are planned, with a few open months remaining.
- Community Supper winter hours will shift to **4:30–7:00 p.m.** on a trial basis.
- Discussions continue regarding the Salad Luncheon and the future and location of the annual brat fry.
- The Food Pantry donated 40 lbs. of chicken legs for Community Supper.

#### Finance

- Women of Faith funds are being incorporated into the general fund; Gail Otte and Lisa Helm will manage the transition.
- Pastor Lee recommended a second Outreach credit card holder for Outreach purchases.
- Wendy, Roly, and John are working together to clean up financial records. Annual comparisons may be added to the reporting format.

#### Worship Committee

- Joint Ash Wednesday service was held at 6:30 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held with Holy Cross and possibly Bridge Point.
- Traditional Wednesday night soup and study will resume for Lent.
- Easter sunrise service planned outdoors, weather permitting, followed by breakfast.
- The committee is exploring more outdoor worship opportunities.

#### Corporate Board

- Holy Cross’ annual meeting has concluded. Election of Corp Board officers will be at next meeting.
- Flooring decisions continue; new flooring in the fellowship hall will accentuate sound.
- A check will be deposited for siding/roofing down payment.
  - Committee was started for the sound system and other sanctuary ideas.
- Discussion continues about removing back pews near the computer area to allow for more flexible seating.

#### Reverend’s Report

- Pastor Lee completed ILI training in Washington, IL and thanks the congregation for support.
- Upcoming events include Annual Conference in June at Lake Geneva and Clergy Gathering in April.
- Pastor Lee requests prayers for two area churches currently without clergy.

# Congregational News

## Dells Delton Church Building Corporation Summary February 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Diane Jones, Tim Hinkel, Father Michael, Pastor Lee, Jan Pauc, Michelle Bushweiler, Lisa Helm, Tom Reeder Fr. Michael provided opening prayer. Jan introduced to Board.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Siding: Met with contractor; verified colors and made deposit. Bid had an error but costs are covered by donations.

Flooring: discussion about flooring in hallway, fellowship and lounge areas. Inviting someone to discuss LVP and carpet options with us.

Emergency planning – Joint 5th Sunday meeting to remind all about AED/exits/etc.

Training for AED/fire/other on a Saturday.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ash Wednesday – service at 6:30pm.

Lenten program – Joint program with meal at 5:30pm and 6:00pm study.

Cameras: put up stickers warning about video surveillance/recording.

Sign – Dells Delton willing to run Holy Cross ads

Election of officers:

Tim as president; Tom as treasurer; Jan as vice president; Pastor Lee as secretary. **Approved.**

Next meeting: March 11, 5pm

Closing prayer offered by Michelle.

**THANK YOU! Dells Delton Church**

### **A Note from the NA Group—To the Pastors,**

We are grateful to continue to have the facility for our meetings. We choose to give a donation 2Xs a year. Enclosed \$100.00. We would have given more but the insurance increased to \$150.00, so we are not able to give as much for the donation. We know that you do not require anything from us.

**Thank you,**

**Vicki Topp-Secretary, Just One Life NA Group**

TO: Pastor Anita Genrich & Dells Delton Methodist Church

### **Re: Appreciation for School & Food Donations in 2025**

Greetings to you from Goshen Blessings Primary School, Happy New Year 2026,

On behalf of all our staff and pupils at Goshen Blessings Primary School in Mirima, Kiryandongo District Uganda (West Central Uganda), I want to express our gratitude for the support you have given our school. In a special way, I wish to acknowledge the money sent to support the teachers' salaries and the gifts for food. We received gifts of money to buy food in January, April, June, August and October of 2025. (8,392,000 ugx = \$2,397.71).

God bless you all for this great work of supporting the school in Uganda

Yours faithfully, **James Olumansi, School Head Teacher**

# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I've been struggling with a head cold and other related problems for a couple of months. It has affected daily life, sleeping and had all kinds of other minor irritations. I was getting used to it. Several of my vocal friends have offered to drag me to medical care or suggested I gain the wisdom to get it done, but sometimes I can be a bit stubborn.

Years ago I needed to be treated for apnea, and it does reappear occasionally, so I intended to clean my old equipment and get it back in service, but never got it done....until a few weeks ago. Recently someone else pulled me aside and commented that I looked a whole lot younger (keep those coming) reminding me that others had been concerned earlier because I was not looking healthy.



I don't like my CPAP... not fun to wear, dries out your sinuses, bites you occasionally, and reminds you that there is a deep problem. But that's the point: there is a problem, and it is quite dangerous. The really irritating part: the solution is simple and available. Now I know there is variety in the options for these systems, but the point is still valid—the one solution is what is necessary.

We're working our way through Hebrews and listening to the writer reason with those early Jewish believers about their faith. They knew the Law convicted them. They knew there could never be enough sacrifice. They knew there was separation that only a priest could solve. They knew the system was falling apart under the Law. That is why they turned to the hope offered in Jesus. But then they questioned their faith. They couldn't remember the foundation of their belief. They knew the restoration and forgot why they needed it in the first place.

You used to be able to get antibiotics for any minor infection or hint that one might occur. That's not the case now because we learned that antibiotics must be used correctly or the bugs get strong enough to resist them. People take antibiotics, feel better in a few days, and then stop taking them. The problem is that now they are in worse shape than before—sick again but with bugs that cannot be easily removed.

These Hebrew believers were in the same situation. They had been dying under the Law and had found hope and life in the Gospel. They thought they were cured; they thought they had enough Gospel; they thought they could go back to the Law. The problem is that they were not cured, and they soon realized that sin is still a problem. The Gospel is the cure and it gives life, but it has to be with us until we meet God face to face. The Gospel does not just treat the symptoms, it does solve the problem, but it must be used continually. Just like the CPAP restores breathing, the Gospel restores our life in God because of Christ.

This Lent, be certain to renew your commitment to receiving the restoring hope of God truth of the Gospel. We have a problem and He has given us the solution. It may not always be comfortable or easy, but it will always provide us the breath of life we need... in this life and the next.

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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