

## Where are we in Maranatha's Interim Season?

Interim Pastor Jeff MacLurg is leading our church for 12-18 months. A key part of his ministry is walking us through a 5-Step process designed to strengthen Maranatha's effectiveness in preparation for our next Pastor.

### Stage 1: CONNECT WITH PEOPLE: **COMPLETED**

Listening interviews with 93 Maranatha attenders and a church survey.

### Stage 2: ASSESS CHURCH HEALTH: **IN PROCESS**

A Transition Team has been formed which will use various tools and activities to get a clear, up-to-date picture of Maranatha and surrounding community, and to celebrate what God has done in and through the church.

**Pray for this Transition Team:** Ben Baye, Darren Bjugstad, John DeCleene, Amber Heer, Mary Holmes, Bob Lindner, John Peterson, Matt Shilts, Brent Swan, Kelsey Swanson

### Stage 3: FACILITATE ACTION: **COMING**

The church will determine the most appropriate steps to deal with issues that may be hindering fruitful ministry.

### Stage 4: LEAD STRATEGIC PLANNING: **COMING**

The church leadership team clarifies our biblical mission, vision, and core values, to craft a strategy to put them into effective ministry.

### Stage 5: COACH PASTOR SEARCH: **COMING**

When the church has achieved sufficient health, unity and vision clarity, Pastor Jeff is a key resource in the search for our next Pastor.

## PASTOR JEFF'S PRAYER TEAM

If you are willing to pray for Pastor Jeff MacLurg and Joan through this interim season at Maranatha, please send him a text (253.227.2081) or email ([jeff@maranathafree.com](mailto:jeff@maranathafree.com)). You will receive a monthly email detailing key matters that need God's presence. That's all he's asking, for you to pray.

**OUR VISION:**

To reach **all** generations for Christ

**OUR MISSION:**

According to God's Word we proclaim **the joy of salvation** in Christ to people in need and encourage His followers in their devotion to Him.

**OUR CORE VALUES:**

- ✓ Founded on Christ
- ✓ Grounded in Scripture
- ✓ Powered by Prayer
- ✓ Committed to Evangelism
- ✓ Responding in Worship
- ✓ Intentional in Discipleship
- ✓ Characterized by Love



# WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Sunday, February 22, 2026

**The Measure of a Christian Leader**

1 Timothy 3:1-13 | Pastor Jeff MacLurg

## Nursery | Preschool

Available for children 2 and under in the south hallway and pre-school area for children in the Conference Room.

## Children's Activity Kits

Available next to the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

## Children's, Youth & Adult Sunday School

10:45AM—11:45AM

### Connect With Us

Need to update your info or want to connect?

Scan the QR code or fill one out at the Welcome Desk.



### Tithes & Offerings

Give through the offering box located between the sanctuary doors.

Scan the QR code for easy online giving.



### Events

Want to know what's coming up?

Scan the QR code to view upcoming church events.



## WAYS TO CONNECT

### Change for Life | Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Claravita

Pick up a bottle in the lobby, fill it, and return it to the Welcome Desk—or give online using the QR code at the table in the lobby.

### Maranatha Membership Class

**Sunday, March 8 • Noon – 3:00PM**

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or with the QR to learn about becoming a Maranatha member. Lunch provided. If you are uncertain about your membership status, check with Jim Holmes (715-418-9760).



### Intersect | A Place for Young Adults., Bible Study

**Sunday, March 8 • 5:00PM - 7:00PM**

Looking to build real connections and grow in your faith? This group is geared toward post-high school through your 30s. and will meet at Dantae Olson's home: 611 W. Main St Apt 2, Cameron, WI  
What more info? Call or text Dantae: 715-914-7402

### Men's Retreat | Sign up today

**Saturday, March 14**

A men's retreat is coming up, and you won't want to miss it! Join us for a time of fellowship, renewal, and growth. Sign up now to be part of it!



### Easter Cantata | New Auburn Community Choir

**Sunday, March 15 • 3:00PM - 5:00PM**

Join us for an Easter Cantata as we celebrate the hope and joy of Christ's resurrection through music and worship.

### Men's Boundary Waters Trip | Save the Date

**September 17-20, 2026**

More details coming.

### Free CDs | In the Lobby

Grab a CD of music that was written by Lance Micheals

## The Measure of a Christian Leader

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Pastor Jeff MacLurg, February 22, 2026



### Leadership (1 Timothy 3:1)

- **Overseer/Elder/Bishop** (1 Timothy 3:2-7)
- **Deacon** (1 Timothy 3:8-13)

### Character Matters

- Above reproach / blameless
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate
- Self-controlled / prudent
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to teach
- Not given to drunkenness / not addicted to wine
- Not violent but gentle
- Not quarrelsome / uncontentious
- Not a lover of money / free from the love of money
- Manages his own household / leads family well
- Not a recent convert
- A good reputation with outsiders
- Worthy of respect / dignified
- Sincere / not double-tongued
- Not pursuing dishonest gain
- Unwaveringly hold the deep truths of the faith
- Not malicious talkers
- Trustworthy in everything

### Remember

1. **“Aspire” to** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1)
2. **The reward is** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13)

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