

SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL FORM

MEETING DATE: 2/11/2026

EVENT NAME: Sunrise Easter Celebration - MCM

ORGANIZER: First Presbyterian Church - Matt Sauer

E-MAIL ADDRESS: mattsauer2835@gmail.com

EVENT DATE: 4/5/2026

NEW OR RECURRING: Recurring

LOCATION/DESCRIPTION: Use of the beach at Lighthouse Park to hold a sunrise easter celebration. This has been a 50 year tradition.

COMMITTEE CONCERNS: The committee does not permit a cross to be erected for the days leading up to and after the event.

WAIVER OF FEES: Not granted

COMMITTEE DECISION:

APPROVE	DENY
Todd Blaser /ec Courtney Hansen /ec Eric Nycz /ec Brock Wetenkamp /ec	

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:

Waiver of sound ordinance and park hours to accommodate the 5am-7am time of the event.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN LETTER:

Per the City's Attorney, a cross is not to be erected on public property except during the event hours, as this is against the Constitution.



General Event Information

Event name	Sunrise Easter Celebration - MCM
Location	Lighthouse Park Beach
Date	Sunday, April 5, 2026
Event time	5:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Setup start time	Sunday, April 5, 2026 05:00
Takedown end time	Sunday, April 5, 2026 07:00

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant	Matthew Sauer
Organization Name	First Presbyterian Church
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On-site contact & phone number	9208606880
Security name & phone number	Matt Sauer 9208606880

Event description

This has been a Lakesore tradition for over 50 years. We gather on the shores of Lake Michigan to worship the resurrection of Jesus as we watch the sunrise. This open to anyone in the community is broadcast on WOMT

Estimated total attendance	150
Est. attendance from outside Manitowoc	30

Event Features

Expected revenue	100
Revenue will be used for	Normal Church Work

Route & Road Usage

Where are cars parking? In parking lot

Event Structures

Safety & Security

Describe any assistance needed from the Police Dept. and/or Fire Dept.
none

Equipment & Facility Requests

Park and/or Athletic Field Request Lighthouse Park

Do you need power or lighting? no

Estimated cost per day 0

Waiver of Fees

Are you requesting a Waiver of Fees? Yes, we are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) or acting on behalf of one

Why should this Waiver of Fees be granted?

We are a registered non-profit active in the city of Manitowoc for 175 years. We are engaging in community building and tradition as we celebrate Easter.

Map

Upload map and supporting documents



Legal Notice and Submission

**Would you like to meet with the
Special Event Committee to discuss
your event?**

No

Applicant date of birth

Monday, March 9, 1970

Sign

Matthew Sauer