

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 15th, 2023~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song,
a song of thanks and praise,
for God has done wondrous deeds,
and is great beyond compare!

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN....."How Great Thou Art"UMH #77

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

ANTHEM....."Stories of Jesus"Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

O Lord
Hear Our Prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERING PRAYER

We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

HYMN....."Here I Am, Lord".....UMH #593

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord
and my reward with my God.”

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN..... "I Know Whom I Have Believed"UMH #714

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick, Wilda Smith

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, Gloria Rollag, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Suzanne Saucier, Wilda Smith, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to printing and supply chain issues with our supplier, 2023 offering envelopes will not arrive until later in January or February. Thank you for your patience as we wait for them to be shipped.

Also, to save on cost and waste, we ordered less envelopes than past years. If you are used to having an envelope number that is higher than 75, you will receive a new number. We will be assigning new numbers sometime in January, once we are sure final offerings for 2022 have been received.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, January 16.

If you were unable to have your picture taken in December for the photo directory, you may submit a picture to the church office for the directory. Printed or digital images are accepted. Digital images may be emailed to faithwaseca@gmail.com.

Thank you for all the beautiful cards I received on my 90th birthday. I really enjoyed them. Blessings ---

Margaret Dahnert

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/15/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship
01/16/2023 (Mon.)	Newsletter Deadline Administrative Assistant Out of the Office 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
01/18/2023 (Wed.)	2:30 pm - Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room) 7:00 pm - Choir Practice
01/19/2023 (Thur.)	10:30 am - Bible Study 6:30 pm - Trustees Meeting
01/22/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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