

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 28, 2024~9:30 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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord has declared victory,

And has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

HYMN....."Be Thou My Vision".....UMH #451

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the Light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and forever. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are invited to attend Sunday school at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

ANTHEM....."Open the Eyes of My Heart/Be My Vision"Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

We thank you for this opportunity, this offering, our gift. We pray for this family of faith and for the church universal. May these gifts strengthen our ministry in making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Janet Welch

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning

against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN.....“All Creatures of Our God and King”UMH #62, vs. 1, 7

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

Mark 1:21-28

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

MESSAGE....."Knowledge and Knowing"Pastor Jon Schultz

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN....."Through It All"UMH #507 (2 times)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Deene Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, Linda Griffin, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes if you have not already done so. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like some, please let Stacy know. We do have extra boxes available.

Reminder: **Big Breakfast at VFW and Bake Sale TODAY** sponsored by Waseca County Caregiver Services. They are serving breakfast until 11:30 am so you still have time to eat after church.

Thanks and Happy Eating!

On Sunday, February 11, after worship service, we will be having a potluck in honor of Bob Stephan to thank him for his years of service to Faith Church. Please bring a dish to share.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We could use more volunteers to serve as liturgist to read scripture on Sundays. We currently have six volunteers who rotate. If we could get a few more volunteers, the rotation would be once every eight weeks or so. You would be emailed the bulletin the Thursday before your scheduled Sunday so you know what you are reading ahead of time. Our schedule is covered through the end of February. It would be great to get some more names added to the next schedule.

There is also a need for additional communion stewards to assist with communion the first Sunday of the month. This also has a rotated schedule. There is an easy instruction sheet to follow and current stewards will assist in training you.

If you feel called to serve in either of these capacities, please let Stacy know. Thank you!

If you were unable to attend the January 11 meeting to hear the Conversations at the Crossroads report, we have hard copies of the report available in the narthex.

Our newsletter folders will be folding the newsletter on Tuesday, January 30 at 1:00. A couple of our regular folders are away for the winter so we could use a couple more volunteers. If you're able to help, please come to the church office on Tuesday at 1:00.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

01/28/2024 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 8:00-11:30 am – WACS Breakfast at VFW 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Fellowship
01/29/2024 (Mon.)	3:00-4:30 pm – Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
01/30/2024 (Tues.)	1:00 pm – Newsletter Folding (Church Office) 7:00 pm – Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
01/24/2024 (Wed.)	7:00 pm – Choir Practice (*LV Room)
02/04/2024 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 9:30 am – Worship Service 10:00 AM – Sunday School 10:30 am- Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Pastor's Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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