

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 29th, 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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

UNISON PRAYER

God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

HYMN....."I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"TFWS #2129

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

ANTHEM....."Open the Eyes of My Heart"Faith Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of light,
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

God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen

HYMN....."O Jesus, I Have Promised"UMH #396

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Carolyn

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"UMH #277

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

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast, Wilda Smith

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista, Keith Smith

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Wilda Smith, Keith 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

2023 Offering Envelope Update: We have been informed that our 2023 offering envelopes will not be shipped until late February. The company is short staffed and has had supply chain and equipment issues. If you have old envelopes, you may use them and just cross out the date and write the current date. Or, you may use the envelopes in the back of the pews. Thank you for your patience as we wait for them to be shipped.

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. If you submit a printed photo, the guidelines they have given are that the photo must be printed on photo paper and must be a vertical photo in either wallet or 4 x 6 in size. We are able to submit up to 8 photos free of charge. The cost after 8 is \$15.00 per photo.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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| 01/29/2023 (Sun.) | 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship |
| 01/30/2023 (Mon.) | 10:00 am - Newsletter Folding (Church Office) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room) |
| 02/01/2023 (Wed.) | 7:00 pm - Choir Practice |
| 02/05/2023 (Sun.) | Birthday Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am - Fellowship |

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

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

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