

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## The "Baptism of Our Lord"

January 12th, 2014~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service, where Jesus is lifted up for all people, and God's word is honored.

*We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.*

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### ENTRANCE

*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 to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

*All attendees please sign our Red Friendship Registration Pads. If you are new to our church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.*

### GATHERING

#### WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**CALL TO WORSHIP**..... "Surely the Presence of the Lord"...UMH 328

Leader: Here we are Lord, Your creatures standing before You.

**All: Gathered together to praise You and worship You.**

Leader: This is Your day Father, and we thank you for giving this day to all of us.

**All: Help us to always remember that each day is a blessing and a gift from You for we are not owed anything from You.**

Leader: Be with us in our midst and let us feel Your breath upon our faces.

**All: And hold us close to You each day of our lives. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

L: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**All: Amen**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Jesus, Name Above All Names”...TFWS No. 2071

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Isaiah 42:1-4

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

ANTHEM....."You are Mine" ...Faith Choir

**KIDS TIME**

(All children Preschool - 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Sunday School at this time)

EPISTLE LESSON.....Acts 10:34-43

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said, “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all

that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people, but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

HYMN OF PRAISE .....“Spirit Song”...UMH No. 347

\*GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 3:4-17

4 Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree, therefore, that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him; and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest

on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD**

MESSAGE....."The Beginning of the Gospel"...Rev. Victor Waters

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks"...TFWS No. 2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son**

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**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"**

**Let the poor say, "I am rich"**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Awesome God”...TFWS No. 2040

\*SENDING FORTH.....Revelation 22:12-13

*12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”*

EXIT MUSIC

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY 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:**

**Koda Living Community, Owatonna:** Elaine Flathers

**Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

**Colony Court:** Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch

**Those who also need our prayers:** Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson

- Please pray For Dan Possin. He recently had his hip replaced.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet **Wednesday, January 15**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room**. Please note the time change from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Our hostess will be Shirley Hansen and Peggy Deno will be leading devotions. Guests and visitors are welcome.

**Nina Youngberg** is now in the **Janesville Nursing Home**. The address is:  
102 E North St.  
Janesville, MN 56048

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**UMW Ruth Circle** will not meet in January.

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**The Norby/Toot Baby Shower** is **January 19th**, from **1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please contact Karen Norby for more information.

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**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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01/12/2014 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m. -Worship service *Children's Church (ages 4-second grade) *Sunday School (grades 3-6) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
1/13/2014 (Mon.)	7:00-8:00 p.m. -All Member Church Conference (FH)
1/14/2014 (Tue.)	1:30 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion 4:00-6:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
1/15/2014 (Wed.)	10:00-2:00 p.m. - <b>No Some Time Away this week</b> 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Inn Video 3:30 p.m. -Elizabeth Circle (LV Room) 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Quiet Time in the Sanctuary 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
1/17/2014 (Fri.)	Office Closed 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Set-up for Food @ Faith
1/18/2014 (Sat.)	Food @ Faith 7:00-10:00 a.m. -Food Truck and Set up 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -Waseca Food Distribution 12:00-1:00 p.m.-Food Program Clean-up
1/19/2014 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Children's Church (ages 4-second grade) *Sunday School (grades 3-6) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 1:00-8:00 p.m. - Norby/Toot Baby Shower (FH) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)

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