

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**January 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2016~9:30 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.*

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/ WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP....." Praise the Name of Jesus"...TFWS No. 2066

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: God, our loving Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, into this world to counter all the forces of evil: sin, suffering and death, and to overcome evil with the force of good; hatred with the power of love, your great love for us in Jesus.

**All: Help us never to curse the darkness, but to join with you in bringing your light into this world, the light that is your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem.**

L: Help us to be instruments of your light and love by doing one special act of kindness or by being your special instrument of reconciliation this New Year.

**All: May the Christ Candle we light symbolize our desire to bring light into a world of darkness and hope into a world of despair.**

L: We ask this through Christ our LORD.

**All: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE....." O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"...vs.1-4...UMH No. 57

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the prayer of your people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Spirit of the Living God" ..UMH No. 393

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Psalm 71:1-8**

L: In you, O LORD, I have taken shelter! Never let me be humiliated! Vindicate me by rescuing me! Listen to me! Deliver me!

**All: Be my protector and refuge, a stronghold where I can be safe! For you are my high ridge and my stronghold.**

L: My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked, from the hand of the cruel oppressor!

**All: For you give me confidence, O LORD; O LORD, I have trusted in you since I was young.**

L: I have leaned on you since birth; you pulled me from my mother's womb. I praise you continually.

**All: Many are appalled when they see me, but you are my secure shelter.**

L: I praise you constantly and speak of your splendor all day long.

**All: Thanks Be to God.**

ANTHEM....."Standing and Leaning " ..Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."God has a word for you!"

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....**Luke 4:16 -30**

Now Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

*“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and the regaining of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor.”*

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to tell them, *“Today this scripture has been fulfilled even as you heard it being read.”* All were speaking well of him, and were amazed at the gracious words coming out of his mouth. They said, *“Isn’t this Joseph’s son?”* Jesus said to them, *“No doubt you will quote to me the proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ and say, ‘What we have heard that you did in Capernaum, do here in your hometown too.’ ”* And he added, *“I tell you the truth, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s days, when the sky was shut up three and a half years, and there was a great famine over all the land. Yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to a woman who was a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, yet none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”* When they heard this, all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, forced him out of the town, and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

**L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**All: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE.....“Jesus and His Townsfolk ”...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

For all you have given, **Thank You God.**

For all you have withheld, **Thank You God.**

For all you have withdrawn, **Thank You God.**

For all you have permitted, **Thank You God.**

For all you have prevented, **Thank You God.**

For all you have forgiven me, **Thank You God.**

For all you have prepared for me, **Thank You God.**

For the death you have chosen for me, **Thank you God.**

For the place you are keeping for me in heaven, **Thank You God.**

For having created me to love you for eternity, **Thank You God.**

\* CLOSING HYMN.....“My Life Is in You, Lord”...TFWS No. 2032

\*SENDING FORTH.....[UNISION]

**Father, thank you that you have revealed Your love to us today. We invite You to send us out from here in the power of the Holy Spirit. Fan into flame the gifts that you have given us, Come reveal Your grace and truth to us each day. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

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:**

**Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson

**Colony Court:** Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,  
Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

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

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

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

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

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

**Those who also need our prayers:** Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Bruce and Deb Hering,

Leona Quast, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Chuck Youngberg, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Bud Deno.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Clarification and Reminder:** The Administrative Assistant's normal weekly office hours are as follows:

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

### **Lenten Bible Study**

During the Lenten season, Faith Church will offer a bible study centered on the book of Luke. It will be held in the Lakeview Room and be hosted by Roberta and Roger Walker. The study will begin on **February 8th at 10:00 A.M.** and go for six weekly sessions. The book used will be Luke: Lessons from Jesus by Bill Hybels. Let the Walkers know ASAP if you plan to take part in this activity so books can be ordered. There will be treats!

### **Relay for Life Garage Sale Reminder**

If you have any items that you are putting away for Christmas or anything that you would like to donate, we would appreciate it. Examples of donations would be: furniture, clothing, jewelry, etc. If you do not have room for it, we can take it and store it now. All our proceeds go towards cancer research. Please contact Dave Baldini at 835-3697 or Vada Dahnert at 833-5477.

**Ruth Circle** has had a permanent time change. It will now be held be the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 9th** at **10:00 a.m.** Margaret Hasslen will be hostess.



**Lenten Soup Lunches** Wednesdays at 12:00 noon February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup> all meals will be held at Grace Lutheran Church.

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

1/31/2016 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
2/2/2016 (Tues.)	3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
2/3/2016 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
2/7/2016 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
2/8/2016 (Mon.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Walkers Lenten Bible Study (*LV Room) 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -UMW Executive Board Meeting
2/9/2016 (Tues.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -UMW Ruth Circle 1:30-2:30 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall