

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1st Sunday in Lent

February 22nd, 2015~9:30 a.m.

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

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

WELCOME

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of infamous sins had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP....."What Wondrous Love Is This? "...UMH No. 292

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Light of the world shine forth in our hearts to give us light in the dark, hope in despair and courage in the face of our fears.

HYMN OF CELEBRATION:...“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” ...TFWS No. 2112

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wickedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 25:1-10**

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

All: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

L: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

All: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

All: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

L: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

L: This is the Word of The Lord for the people of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM.....“Here is Love” ...Faith Choir

KIDS TIME.....I've Got A Secret”

SUNDAY SCHOOL (All children ages 4-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**MARK 9:14-29**

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” 19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “ ‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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.....“YES, NO, MAYBE!” ... Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... “God of The Sparrow”... UMH No. 122

SENDING FORTH

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,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

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

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[Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Rodger and Vada Dahnert, Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Jim Barber, Dave and Joann Eggness, Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Jim Keller, Floyd Lamont, Marilyn Possin, Linda Lohse and her mother Betty, Pastor David Crow is battling bladder cancer and needs prayer, Sandy Voshell, Willie Mahler.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: Two volunteers are needed. We need a volunteer to find **greeters** each month and a volunteer to find **nursery attendants**. Both voluntary positions are open and need to be filled **immediately**. Thank you.

For all current members of Faith, men and women, who are past/or present members of the armed forces (veterans), I am constructing a bulletin board for all to see. What I need is any military snapshot of yourself (no larger than 4 x 6 or smaller), the branch you served in, your name, and the dates you served. Please bring your photo to the church office or mail it to the church. When all photos are received, I will begin the project. We can add "snow birds" pictures when they return to Waseca. Many thanks, Bob Stephan.

Reminder: The Relay for Life Garage Sale will be held the first week of May. We will accept any items you wish to donate - furniture, clothing, jewelry, Christmas items, etc. No prices will be put on the items, as they are paid for by donation. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. If you won't be able to deliver your items, please contact Vada Dahnert or Sue and Dave Baldini. Thanks to our 'Church Family' for planning ahead to make donations for this event. With your support, our garage sale will be a huge success.

Plans are underway for a popular event at Faith Church: **The Collectors' Showcase and Potluck Brunch**, set for **Sunday March 8** following worship. This is a great opportunity for you to bring and display your favorite collection(s). Sign up for a table or half a table, let us know how many tables are needed. The Showcase will also include a Potluck Brunch featuring pork loin roast; bring a dish to pass.

Over the years we've enjoyed many different types of collectibles as their owners proudly display their treasures, so mark your calendars now for Sunday March 8 and plan to be a part of this interesting and fun event. Remember that a collection needn't be vast...whether you have a few items or a table-full we'd love to get to know you better by viewing your favorite things and learning about them.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 2/22/2015 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
*Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade)
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
1:30-8:00 p.m. -Marcus Norby Birthday Party (**FH)
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- 2/23/2015 (Mon.) Faith Messenger Mailed this week
10:00-11:00 a.m. -Lent Bible Study (*LV Room)
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- 2/24/2015 (Tues.) 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., 5:15-6:15 p.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours
3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends at Ardella's
5:15-6:15 p.m. -Church Council Meeting
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- 2/25/2015 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away
12:00-12:55 p.m. -Lent Lunch at Christian Assembly
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at Parsonage
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Lent Evening Worship at Waseca Wesleyan Church
7:45 p.m. -Choir Practice
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- 2/27/2015 (Fri.) Office Closed
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- 3/1/2015 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service with Holy Communion
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* Lakeview Room

**Fellowship Hall