

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25th, 2018~9:30 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....."My Tribute"(To God Be the Glory).....UMH No. 99

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 32

L: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

All: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. (pause)

L: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will

confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. (pause)

L : I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

All: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

ANTHEM“Here Is Love”Faith Choir

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 READINGLuke 14:25-35

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days".....UMH No. 269

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE "An Admirer or a Follower"Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING..... "Doxology" UMH No. 94

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "O How He Loves you And Me"TFWS No. 2108

*SENDING FORTH.....Mark 8:34-38

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

EXIT MUSIC

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 Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

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

Emmetsburg Care Center: Peter Fog

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Lucille and George Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday: Don Paulson, Janice Kaupa, Les Wells, Leona Quast and the Groskreutz family, Carey Root.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION Mar. 7th 6:30-7:15 and every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

SERMON NOTE OUTLINES are on the table in the Narthex.

YOUTH GROUP TBD

HAPPY IN GOD: THE LIFE AND WORKS OF JOHN WESLEY a 9 week study that begins on **February 27th 10 am** in the Lakeview Room. Led by Pastor Victor

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant will be out of the office on **Monday, March 5.**

UMW Unit Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 26 at 2:00 p.m.** (Rescheduled from last Monday). Due to this meeting, Conversation, Bible & Friends will not meet this Monday.

Lenten Soup Luncheons will be served on Wednesdays at Noon, February 21 through March 21, at the First Congregational Church. Faith United Methodist Church will be hosting the March 21 lunch.

Newsletter Folding - Newsletter folding is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church office. Newsletter folding will be scheduled the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Please join us if you are able.

Lent Services Schedule

Fellowship with dessert & coffee after the services

February 28 at 7pm -- Faith United Methodist

March 7 at 7pm -- Waseca Wesleyan

March 14 at 7pm -- Faith United Methodist

March 21 at 7pm -- First Congregational

March 28 at 6pm -- First Congregational

Passover Seder - RSVP 507-835-4548

March 30 (Good Friday) -- First Congregational

Tenebrae Candlelight Service 7 - 9pm

The Keller family would like to say THANK YOU to all... for the prayers, cards, visits, celebrating the special events, rides to dialysis, and support for our family as Jim had a very long journey home, where he is now at peace.

Thank you to everyone who provided food and helped in the kitchen at the lunch after the service. It took many hands, Thanks so much. A Special Thank You to Pastor Victor (Better known as Padre to Jim) for his visits, prayers, and support for us through this difficult time.

It would be our wish for you to remember Jim with a smile. Everyone has a special memory about him, so just smile and say, "That was Jim!" We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you and God Bless all of You!

The Kellers

Would you like to help add color to the Sanctuary for Easter, April 1, 2018?

If so, you may bring a flowering plant (tulip, lily, azalea, hyacinth, etc.) to the church on Palm Sunday or during the week before Easter on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3 pm.

Please leave the plant on the table or on the floor in the nursery and it will be moved to the Sanctuary on Saturday in time for the Sunrise Service.

If you would like to have the plant given in honor or memory of someone, please attach a note to the plant along with your name as the donor or leave a message or note in the church office.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/25/2018 (Sun.) Pancake Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

02/26/2018 (Mon.) **Faith Messenger Mailed this Week**
10:30 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
2:00 p.m. - UMW Unit Meeting (*LV Room)

02/27/2018 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. - Happy In God John Wesley Bible Study (*LV Room)
7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting (*LV Room)

02/28/2018 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. - Newsletter Folding (Church Office)
12:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Lunch (First Congregational)
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. - Lent Service (Faith United Methodist)

03/01/2018 (Thur.) 10:30 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)

03/04/2018 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:15 a.m. - Hymn Sing
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall