

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21st, 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Be Thou My Vision"...UMH No. 451

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....

Jesus, the Light of the World bring your light to the dark corners of our hearts and lead us into the light of your day where we will find hope, courage and grace for the future. AMEN.

SONG OF PRAISE....."El Shaddai"...UMH No.123

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 27**

L: The LORD delivers and vindicates me! I fear no one! The LORD protects my life! I am afraid of no one!

All: When evil men attack me to devour my flesh, when my adversaries and enemies attack me, they stumble and fall.

L: Even when an army is deployed against me, I do not fear. Even when war is imminent, I remain confident. I have asked the LORD for one thing— this is what I desire! I want to live in the LORD’s house all the days of my life, so I can gaze at the splendor of the LORD and contemplate in his temple.

All: He will surely give me shelter in the day of danger; He will hide me in His home; He will place me on an inaccessible rocky summit.

L: Now I will triumph over my enemies who surround me! I will offer sacrifices in His dwelling place and shout for joy! I will sing praises to the LORD!

All: Hear me, O LORD, when I cry out! Have mercy on me and answer me!

L: My heart tells me to pray to you, and I do pray to you, O LORD. Do not reject me! Do not push your servant away in anger! You are my deliverer! Do not forsake or abandon me, O God, who vindicates me!

All: Even if my father and mother abandoned me, the LORD would take me in.

L: Teach me how you want me to live; lead me along a level path because of those who wait to ambush me! Do not turn me over to my enemies, for false witnesses who want to destroy me testify against me.

All: Where would I be if I did not believe I would experience the LORD’s favor in the land of the living?

L: Rely on the LORD! Be strong and confident! Rely on the LORD!

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM....."You Are Mine" ...Faith Choir

KID’S TIME.....“Jesus Joggers”

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 6:1-11...Lord of the Sabbath**

Jesus was going through the grain fields on a Sabbath, and His disciples picked some heads of wheat, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is against the law on the Sabbath?”

Jesus answered them, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry— how he entered the house of God, took and ate the sacred bread, which is not lawful for any to eat, but the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?" Then He said to them, "The Son of Man is LORD of the Sabbath."

On another Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching. Now a man was there whose right hand was withered. The experts in the law and the Pharisees watched Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they could find a reason to accuse Him. But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Get up and stand here." So he rose and stood there. Then, Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil, to save a life or to destroy it?" After looking around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." The man did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with mindless rage and began debating with one another what they would do to Jesus.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE.....Who Is Your Lord?"...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness"...UMH No. 140

*SENDING FORTH.....**TITUS 3:4-7**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He

poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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, Jim Keller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KJLY's "**A Day for Women**" can do all that while you enjoy an entire day with other Christian women. This annual event is planned for **April 2, 2016**, at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato. The guest speaker is Liz Curtis Higgs, author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Also, included in the day is coffee and rolls to begin, lots of professional musical talent, a lovely lunch, and fun breakout sessions.

The cost has been about \$30 in the past. Registration will begin mid-February and tickets sell out quickly. I am trying to get several car loads of women from FUMC to attend. If you would like to attend, please let me know ASAP so I can be sure to get tickets for our group. Hope to hear from you!

"so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...to graph how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:17-19

Please call all Linda Lohse at 835-1917 for more information.

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



Lenten Evening Services

Faith United Methodist, First Congregational and Waseca Wesleyan are again joining together for Wednesday night Lenten services and Maundy Thursday services.

Services begin at 7:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday will be at Faith United Methodist

February 17th, First Congregational

February 24th, Waseca Wesleyan

March 2nd, First Congregational

March 9th, Waseca Wesleyan

March 16th, Faith United Methodist

Thursday, March 24th, Maundy Thursday,
Waseca Wesleyan

Friday, March 25th, Community Good Friday
service (TBA)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 2/21/2016 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
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- 2/22/2016 (Mon.) 9:45-10:45 a.m. -Walkers Lenten Bible Study (*LV Room)
11:15-12:15 p.m. -Hospitality Meeting (*LV Room)
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- 2/23/2016 (Tues.) 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Worship at Lake Shore Inn
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
5:15-6:15 p.m. -Church Council Meeting (*LV Room)
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- 2/24/2016 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH)
12:00-1:00 p.m. -Lent Lunch at Grace Lutheran Church
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. -Lenten Service at Waseca Wesleyan
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- 2/26/2016 (Fri.) 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court
6:00-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
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- 2/28/2016 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall