

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28th, 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....."Jesus, Draw Me Close"...TFWS No. 2159

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....."Sanctuary"...TFWS No. 2164

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Psalm 63:1-8**

All: A psalm of David, written when he was in the Judean wilderness.

L: O God, you are my God! I long for you! My soul thirsts for you, my flesh yearns for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

All: Yes, in the sanctuary I have seen you, and witnessed your power and splendor.

L: Because experiencing your loyal love is better than life itself, my lips will praise you. For this reason, I will praise you while I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

All: As if with choice meat you satisfy my soul. My mouth joyfully praises you, whenever I remember you on my bed, and think about you during the nighttime hours.

L: For you are my deliverer; under your wings I rejoice. My soul pursues you; your right hand upholds me.

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM....."Walk With Me Lord"...Faith Choir [accompanied by Nathan Kilmer on Alto Sax]

KID'S TIME....."What Does God Do With The Money We Give Him?"

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.....**Matthew 5:13–16; Luke 6:27–36**

Living in the Kingdom Part I

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house." *5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.*

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes away your coat, do not withhold your tunic either.

Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your possessions back from the person who takes them away."

Treat others in the same way that you would want them to treat you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, so that they may be repaid in full.

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back. Then, your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to ungrateful and evil people. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

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PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Won't You Be My Neighbor?" ...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....."Just A Closer Walk with Thee"...TFWS No. 2158

*SENDING FORTH.....**Colossians 3:15-17**

3:15 Let the peace of Christ be in control in your heart (for you were in fact called as one body to this peace), and be thankful. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the LORD Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

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Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

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, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Lynne Swenson, Les Wells, Allison and Parker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m.** They will meet at Patrice Waters' residence. This is a permanent time change. They will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for attending the **Review of the Church Budget Meeting.** Thank you for your time and your openness to share your thoughts and opinions.

Dave Baldini and Neil Fruechte

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.

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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- 2/28/2016 (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
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- 2/29/2016 (Mon.) 9:45-10:45 a.m. -Walkers' Bible Study (*LV Room)
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- 3/1/2016 (Tues.) 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
5:30-7:30 p.m. -Relay for Life (not Faith UMC Team)
(**FH)
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- 3/2/2016 (Wed.) **7:00-9:30 a.m.-Administrative Assistant Hours**
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH)
12:00-1:00 p.m. -Lent Lunch at Grace Lutheran Church
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (Sanctuary)
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. -Lent Service at First Congregational Church
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- 3/5/2016 (Sat.) 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -Sanctuary Reserved for Private
Wedding
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- 3/6/2016 (Sun.) 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

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall