

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**March 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2017~9:30 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.....“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” .....TFWS No. 2088

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" .....UMH No. 384

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Psalm 32**

L: The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly happy! The one the LORD doesn't consider guilty— in whose spirit there is no dishonesty— that one is truly happy! When I kept quiet, my bones wore out; I was groaning all day long— every day, every night!— because your hand was heavy upon me. My energy was sapped as if in a summer drought.

*[Pause and think on this] Selah*

**All: So I admitted my sin to you; I didn't conceal my guilt. "I'll confess my sins to the LORD," is what I said. Then you removed the guilt of my sin.**

*[Pause and think on this] Selah*

L: That's why all the faithful should pray to you during troubled times, so that a great flood of water won't reach them. You are my secret hideout! You protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of rescue!

*[Pause and think on this] Selah*

**All: I will instruct you and teach you about the direction you should go. I'll advise you and keep my eye on you. Don't be like some senseless horse or mule, whose movement must be controlled with a bit and a bridle. Don't be anything like that!**

L: The pain of the wicked is severe, but faithful love surrounds the one who trusts the LORD. You who are righteous, rejoice in the LORD and be glad!

**All: All you whose hearts are right, sing out in joy!**

HYMN OF INVITATION....."One Bread, One Body" .....UMH No. 620

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**

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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 READING.....**Luke 15:8-10**

"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you,

joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

L: This Is The Word Of God For The People Of God.

**All: Thanks Be To God.**

MESSAGE....."The Relentless Grace of God".....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Glory Be to the Father".....UMH No. 70

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN....."Lamb of God"..... TFWS No. 2113

\*SENDING FORTH.....**Luke 15:10**

*"In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and 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:**

**Foxdale:** Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

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

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

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

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Bruce & Deb Hering, Peter & Verna Fog, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Lynne Swenson, Fern Papke, Darla Dahnert.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Lenten Bible study with the Walkers**

You are invited to join Berts and Roger Walker for six weekly sessions of study on the book of Matthew. We will meet each Monday morning from 9:45 to 11:00. The study begins on March 6, 2017 and will be in the Lakeview Room. A film about Matthew will be our study resource.

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### **Collector's showcase/potluck**

The Collectors showcase/potluck is going to be held on March 12. People are asked to bring their hobbies or collections to Faith to display in the fellowship hall. There is a signup sheet for those who have something to show and please indicate how big of a space you need for your items and whether you need an electrical hookup.

You can bring just a few things or as much as you want. We want to encourage individuals of all ages. I'm sure even the kids have things they like to show. Even if you have brought your collection before, we have new members in our church and what a great way to get to know our fellow members of our church family.

The potluck will be great because there are some fantastic Methodist cooks at Faith. So think about what dish you can bring and enjoy a great lunch with your Faith Family.

We need a lot of people participating in this event to make it the **Biggest and Best** we have ever had.

## **INFORMATION FOR LENT**

### ***Lenten Soup Lunches - Wednesdays at Noon***

March 8 - Hosted by Waseca Wesleyan

March 15 - Hosted by First Congregational

March 22 - Hosted by St. John Lutheran

March 29 - Hosted by Christian Assembly

**April 5 - Hosted by Faith United Methodist**

All meals will be held at Christ Community Church, 2200 4th St. NE, Waseca.

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### ***LENTEN 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 p.m**

March 8, Waseca Wesleyan

March 15, First Congregational

March 22, Faith United Methodist

March 29, Waseca Wesleyan

April 5, First Congregational

April 13, Maundy Thursday, Waseca Wesleyan

April 14, Good Friday Service (TBD)

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 03/05/2017 (Sun.) 9:15 a.m. - Hymn Sing  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship
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- 03/06/2017 (Mon.) 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (\*LV Room)  
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)
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- 03/07/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (\*\*FH)  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Worship at Lakeshore Inn  
5:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Relay for Life Committee Meeting (\*\*FH)
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- 03/08/2017 (Wed.) 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch at Christ Community Church  
1:00 p.m. - Communion at Colony Court  
7:00 p.m. - Lent Service at Waseca Wesleyan  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 03/09/2017 (Thur.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (\*\* FH)  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Faith Crafters & Stitchers (\*\*FH)
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- 03/10/2017 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court
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- 3/11/2017 (Sat.) 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Terra LaMont Intro to Essential Oils  
Class (\*\*FH)
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- 3/12/2017 (Sun.) Daylight Savings Time Begins  
9:00 a.m. - Blood Pressure Check  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship - Collector's Showcase/Potluck  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group
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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall