

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP...."Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"...TFWS No. 2088...

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:....."O How He Loves You And Me"...TFWS No. 2108

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]
Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 107: 1-22**

L: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

L: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them.

All: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

L: He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

All: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

L: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

All: So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help.

L: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

All: He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.

L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

All: For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

L: Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

All: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

L: He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

All: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

L: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM.....“Amazing Grace/ My Chains Are Gone”...Faith Choir

KID’S TIME.....

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.)

***GOSPEL LESSON**.....**Luke 5:17-24**

On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

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.....“The Man who Went Through the Roof”...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... “Sanctuary” ...TFWS No. 2164

SENDING FORTH

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

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

New Richland Care Center: Paul Krause

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, Barber Family, 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, **Maryln** Olson (Patrice’s Dad), Paul Krause.



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.

Tour the City of Waseca. (Space available)

Have you ever wanted to see Waseca? Really see the city. Here is your chance. It's the chance of a lifetime. And it will not cost you any money. Ride in comfort, no driving required. Sometimes there is coffee available for a fee. Our church is responsible for providing a rider on the Sunday bus the month of April. You meet the bus at the fair grounds and ride along, helping people on and off the bus. Sometimes we walk to their door, others hop on and off. We assist where we are needed. It's a rewarding service, meeting people, visiting as we ride along. Please volunteer to ride the Sunday Bus. Call Kim at the church office 835-3167 or contact Barbara Friedl (cell 832-969-6109).

Conversation Bible and Friends will move back to the **Lakeview Room** starting **Tuesday, March 24th**.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

3/15/2015 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Sunday School (Ages 4 years - 6th grade) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
3/16/2015 (Mon.)	10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. -Lenten Bible Study (LV Room) 10:00 a.m. -Newsletter deadline
3/17/2015 (Tues.)	1:00-2:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (Ardella's)
3/18/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 12:00-12:55 p.m. -Lent Lunch, St. John Lutheran at Christian Assembly 12:00-11:00 p.m. -Ash Wednesday Service at 1st Congregational 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 7:00 p.m. -Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Lent Service at 1st Congregational
3/20/2015 (Fri.)	6:30-8:00 p.m. -Set up for Food at Faith
3/21/2015 (Sat.)	Food at Faith 7:00 -10:00 a.m. -Food Truck and Set Up 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. -Waseca Food Distribution 12:00-1:00 p.m. -Food Program Clean-up
3/22/2015 (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

* Lakeview Room

**Fellowship Hall