

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**5th SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 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....."I Love You, Lord" .....TFWS No. 2068

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 51:1-12

**TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET WENT TO HIM, AFTER HE HAD GONE IN TO BATHSHEBA.**

**L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

**All: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

**All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ANTHEM .....“My Church” .....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 READING .....**Matthew 26: 23-25; 27:3-5; 26:31-35, 69-75**

## JUDAS

Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

PETER

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "This very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away." Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Open Our Eyes" .....TFWS No. 2086

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE ..... "Betrayal and Denial" .....Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN....."I'll Fly Away" .....TFWS No. 2282

\*SENDING FORTH.....Philippians 4:7

*And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

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:**

**Foxdale[Memory Care]:** 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, Carey Root, Joshua Law, Shelley King, Leona Quast.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFIRMATION** Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> 5:45 will meet at church for Seder @ 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational

**SERMON NOTE OUTLINES** are on the table in the Narthex.

**YOUTH GROUP** TBD

Relay for Life Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 5**. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions about donations, please contact Vada Dahnert or Dave Baldini.

Please note Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on **Friday, March 23** and **Friday, March 30**.

**Pancake Sunday** is the fourth Sunday of the month. Please bring pancake mix and syrup which will be donated to the Neighborhood Service Center. Thank you for your participation!

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## ***SHARE A PLANT***

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 thru Thursday from 9 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.

Thank you for helping to beautify our Sanctuary during this special Season!

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The Springtime Sandwich Luncheon will be served here at Faith Church on **Wednesday, April 4**, from **11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Menu consists of sloppy joes, egg salad sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips, pickles, assorted cakes, and coffee. Free will donations will be accepted and take-outs available. The public is cordially invited. To be successful, this whole-church event will need and welcome your help. Please watch for clipboards with sign-up sheets and volunteer for work opportunities as well as donations of food ingredients or monetary donations.

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

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### Lent Services Schedule

Fellowship with dessert & coffee after the services

**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**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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03/18/2018 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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03/19/2018 (Mon.) **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
10:30 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (\*\*FH)  
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)

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03/20/2018 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. - John Wesley Study (\*LV Room)  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Terra LaMont Essential Oils Class (\*\*FH)

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03/21/2018 (Wed.) 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Lunch (First Congregational)  
7:00 p.m. - Lent Service (First Congregational)  
7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

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03/22/2018 (Thur.) 10:30 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (\*\*FH)

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03/23/2018 (Fri.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**  
10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

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03/25/2018 (Sun.) Pancake Sunday  
Palm Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship  
5:00 p.m. - M & M Night

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall