

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19TH, 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP....."Oh How He Loves You and Me".....TFWS No. 2108

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Jean Slattery comes to join our church on confession of her faith on Jesus Christ as her savior.

- Membership Vows
- Congregational Welcome:

ALL: We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

L: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Lord of the Dance"UMH No. 261

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 95**

L: Come, let's sing out loud to the LORD! Let's raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation! Let's come before him with thanks! Let's shout songs of joy to him!

All: The LORD is a great God, the great king over all other gods. The earth's depths are in his hands; the mountain heights belong to him; the sea, which he made, is his along with the dry ground, which his own hands formed.

L: Come, let's worship and bow down! Let's kneel before the LORD, our maker! He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep in his hands. If only you would listen to his voice right now!

All: "Don't harden your hearts like you did at Meribah, like you did when you were at Massah, in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me and scrutinized me, even though they had already seen my acts.

L: For forty years I despised that generation; I said, 'These people have twisted hearts. They don't know my ways.' So in anger I swore: 'They will never enter my place of rest!'

ANTHEM....."Just a Closer Walk".....Faith Choir



KID'S TIME....."Pass the Salt Please"

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 14: 25-35**

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said,
26 "Whoever comes to me and doesn't hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one's own life—cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 "If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn't finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. 30 They will say, 'Here's the person who began construction and couldn't complete it!' 31 Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? 32 And if he didn't think he could win, he would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. 33 In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.

34 "Salt is good. But if salt loses its flavor, how will it become salty again? 35 It has no value, neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. People throw it away. Whoever has ears to hear should pay attention."

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 "An Admirer or a Follower?"Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "Shine, Jesus Shine"TFWS No. 2173

*SENDING FORTH..... **Luke 14:34-35**

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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:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

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

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht

Latham Place: Liz Corchran, Lucille and George Kubista

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship Bruce & Deb Hering, Peter & Verna Fog, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Lynne Swenson, Mike, Marie Wells, Leona Quast, The Coy family, The Carlson family, Peggy Deno, Clair Voshell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, April 2nd at the American Legion Club from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Proceeds support Waseca Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, college scholarships and the Lions Eye Bank. (Bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids.) Adults: \$7.00. Children age 12 and under: \$3.00. Toddlers: Free.

Aging Mastery Program Invitation:

Waseca Area Caregiver Services is pleased to announce that we will be offering another health and wellness 10 week program to residents 55 and over. The program begins April 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Waseca Senior Center. The program encourages mastery—developing sustainable behaviors across many dimensions that lead to improved health, stronger economic security, enhanced well-being, and increased societal participation. For more information please call Kelly Boeddeker at 507-461-3820 or e-mail at waseacs@outlook.com.

A hospitality meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 20 at 11:30 a.m.**, after Bible Study, in the Lakeview Room.

Lenten Soup Lunches - Wednesdays at Noon

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.

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 22, Faith United Methodist

March 29, Waseca Wesleyan

April 5, First Congregational

April 13, Maundy Thursday, Waseca Wesleyan

April 14, Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m., Faith United Methodist

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

03/19/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

03/20/2017 (Mon.) 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (* LV Room)
10:00 a.m. Newsletter Deadline
11:30 a.m. - Hospitality Meeting (*LV Room)
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

03/21/2017 (Tues.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - WACS Board Meeting (*LV Room)
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn

03/22/2017 (Wed.) 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch at Christ Community Church
6:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle (**FH)
6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. - Lent Service at Faith United Methodist

03/23/2017 (Thur.) 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tai Ji Quan (**FH)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Terra Lamont Intro to Essential Oils
Class (**FH)

03/24/2017 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

03/26/2017 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Youth Group

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall