

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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....."Open Our Eyes Lord"...TFWS No. 2086

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:....."My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"...UMH No. 368

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**

L: Have mercy on me, O God, because of your loyal love! Because of your great compassion, wipe away my rebellious acts!

All: Wash away my wrongdoing! Cleanse me of my sin!

L: For I am aware of my rebellious acts; I am forever conscious of my sin.

All: Against you—you above all—I have sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. So you are just when you confront me; you are right when you condemn me.

L: Look, I was guilty of sin from birth, a sinner the moment my mother conceived me.

All: Look, you desire integrity in the inner man; you want me to possess wisdom.

L: Sprinkle me with water and I will be pure; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

All: Grant me the ultimate joy of being forgiven! May the bones you crushed rejoice!

L: Hide your face from my sins! Wipe away all my guilt!

All: Create for me a pure heart, O God! Renew a resolute spirit within me!

L: Do not reject me! Do not take your Holy Spirit away from me!

All: Let me again experience the joy of your deliverance! Sustain me by giving me the desire to obey!

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM.....“Hope of The World”...Faith Choir

KID’S TIME.....”How Long Did It Take To Write The Bible?”

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 8:22-25**

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples and said to them, “Let’s go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, and, as they sailed, He fell asleep. Now a violent windstorm came down on the lake, and the boat started filling up with water, and they were in danger. They came and woke him, saying, “Master,

Master, we are about to die!” So He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they died down, and it was calm. Then He said to them, “Where is your faith?” But they were afraid and amazed, saying to one another, “Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him!”

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 “Are We There Yet?” ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... “Give Me a Clean Heart" ...TFWS No. 2133

SENDING FORTH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13 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, Marlin 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.

The **Hospitality Team** will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 24th at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Lakeview room**.

This meeting is opened to anyone who wishes to attend.

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).

The Waseca Ministerium will again sponsor an Easter Dinner for elderly persons and others who will be alone on the Holiday. It will be held at **12:00 noon on Easter, April 5, 2015**, at the Waseca Senior Citizen's Center. The meal will be hosted by Christ the King Lutheran Church. Reservations may be made by calling the Center at 835-4552, or by signing up at the Center in person by noon on Wednesday, April 1st. Rides, delivery, and take out are available upon request. There is no set charge for this dinner. A free will thank offering donation will be gratefully accepted.

Give the gift of warm, caring kindness by delivering hot, nutritious meals to seniors and disabled individuals in our community. **Consider volunteering with Lutheran Social Service's Meals on Wheels Program in Waseca.**

Please contact Norm or Harold at 835-4160 between 9:00-1:00 at the Senior Citizens Center for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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
3/23/2015 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger Mailed 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Lent Bible Study (*LV Room) 11:00-12:00 p.m. -UMW Executive Meeting (*LV Room)
3/24/2015 (Tues.)	1:00-6:00 p.m. -Administrative Assistant Hours 3:30-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room) 5:15-6:15 p.m. -Church Council Meeting
3/25/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 12:00-12:55 p.m. -Lenten Luncheon at Christian Assembly 3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Lenten Evening Worship at Faith UMC
3/26/2015 (Thur.)	7:00-8:30 p.m. -Trustees Meeting (*LV Room)
3/27/2015 (Fri.)	Office Closed 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
3/29/2015 (Sun.)	Palm 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