

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Third Sunday In Lent

March 23rd , 2014~9:30 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 to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

We welcome children and their families to our worship service. For those who need the use of a nursery, for children ages birth through three yrs old, we have a well-staffed and safe space for your children. It is to the right as you enter the church.

*All attendees please sign our red Friendship Registration Pads.
If you are new to our church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.*

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

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*All who wish may stand.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (thin black book)

Nursery available for Children (Birth - 3 year olds)

OPENING PRAYER

L: 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.

L. And all God's People Said:

All: Amen

THE JESUS CREED.....*By Brian McLaren*

**We have confidence in Jesus
Who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralyzed.
And even raised the dead.**

He cast out evil powers and confronted corrupt leaders.

He cleansed the temple.

He favored the poor.

He turned water into wine,

Walked on water, calmed storms.

**He died for the sins of the world,
Rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father,
Sent the Holy Spirit.**

We have confidence in Jesus

Who taught in word and example, sign and wonder.

He preached parables of the kingdom of God on hillsides, from boats, in the temple, in homes,

At banquets and parties, along the road, on beaches, in towns,

By day and by night.

He taught the way of love for God and neighbor,

For stranger and enemy, for outcast and alien.

**We have confidence in Jesus,
Who called disciples, led them,
Gave them new names and new purpose
And sent them out to preach good news.**

**He washed their feet as a servant.
He walked with them, ate with them,
Called them friends,
Rebuked them, encouraged them,
Promised to leave and then return,
And promised to be with them always.**

He taught them to pray.
He rose early to pray, stole away to desolate places,
Fasted and faced agonizing temptations,
Wept in a garden,
And prayed, "Not my will, but your will be done."
He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept.

**We have confidence in Jesus,
So we follow him, learn his ways,
Seek to obey his teaching and live by his example.
We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him,
As a branch in a vine.**

We have not seen him, but we love him.
His words are to us words of life eternal,
And to know him is to know the true and living God.
We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus.

Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE....."I Will Call upon the Lord" ...TFWS No. 2002

FIRST EPISTLE LESSON.....ROMANS 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope; 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person; though perhaps for a good

person one would dare even to die, 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

ANTHEM....."Come, Now is the Time to Worship" ...Faith Choir

KIDS TIME

(All children Preschool - 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School at this time)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Isaiah 1:16-20

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Jesus, Name Above All Names "TFWS No. 2071

*** GOSPEL LESSON**.....[The Earliest Manuscripts Do Not Include 7:53–8:11. But the teaching is consistent with what Jesus did and taught] ***John 7:53-8:11**

They went each to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He came again to the temple. All the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in their midst they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now, in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test Him, that they might have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And, as they continued to ask Him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without

sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once more He bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before Him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks Be To God.

MESSAGE....."Jesus: His Incomparable Offer of Forgiveness"...Rev. Victor Waters

JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING.....“Give Thanks”...TFWS No. 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

**Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**Give thanks
Give thanks**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE....."O How He Loves You and Me!"...TFWS No. 2108

*SENDING FORTH

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:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause

Prayer Request from Sunday Worship: Leona Quast, Rodger and Vada Dahnert, Dick and Elaine Westrum, Marie Wells



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **Lions Pancake Breakfast** will be held **Sunday, March 30**, at the **American Legion** from **7:30 a.m. to Noon**. Proceeds support Waseca Boy and Girl Scouts, college scholarships and the Lions Eye Bank. (Bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids) Adults: \$6:00. Children age 12 and under: \$2.00. Toddlers: Free. Thank you so much. Sincerely, *Robert Hunter*

The **Younger Women's Dinner Out** is **Wednesday, March 26** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Come and enjoy a nice meal with friends and make new friends. This is sponsored by UMW. The nursery will be provided.

I am looking for **two** cat litter pails with handles, like the one in our entryway. They will be used to store Ice-Bite in. Please call (me) Bob Stephan at: 507-461-3482. Thank you.

We want to **thank you** for all the well wishes, the strong **prayers**, and all of the wonderful cards that we have received. Please keep the prayers going for **Rodger**. They have done a lot for him. Prayers are healing, so we do need them. Thank you, Vada.

Children's Activity:



Samaritan Woman
John 4:1-42

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- 3/23/2014 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
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- 3/24/2014 (Mon.) *Newsletter Mailed this week*
10:00-11:00 a.m. -Walkers' Discipleship Series (LV Room)
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- 3/25/2014 (Tues.) 10:00-11:30 a.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at
Waseca Public Library
10:00-11:00 a.m. -Worship at Lake Shore Inn
4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
5:15-6:30 p.m. -Church Council Meeting
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- 3/26/2014 (Weds.) 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH)
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time - A personal time
for **prayer and reflection**. Stay for 10 min. or an hour -
your choice!
6:00 p.m. -Younger Women's Dinner Out (FH)
6:30-7:15 p.m. -Lenten Evening Worship Service at First
Congregational Church
7:30-8:30 p.m. -Choir Practice
7:30-8:30 p.m. -Youth Group at Parsonage
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- 3/28/2014 (Fri.) Office Closed
6:15-8:15 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
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- 3/30/2014 (Sun.) 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
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- 3/31/2014 (Mon.) 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Walkers' Discipleship Series (LV Room)
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- 4/01/2014 (Tues.) 10:00-11:30 a.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregivers at
Waseca Public Library
4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)