

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th SUNDAY IN LENT

March 31st, 2019~9:30 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP“O How I Love Jesus”UMH No. 170

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Gentle...yet powerful. Lowly...yet almighty. Shepherd...yet King. In Your gentleness, guide us. In Your power, strengthen us. In Your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride which only destroys us. In Your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things. As a shepherd, call us to be Your servants. As a King, call us to be Your royal priesthood. O God, who is our shepherd and our King; O Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead; O Spirit, who comforts and empowers; O great One in Three, Holy Trinity, this hour, set us free to worship. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 32

L: Count yourself blessed, how happy you must be— you get a fresh start your slate’s wiped clean. Count yourself blessed—GOD holds nothing against you and you’re holding nothing back from him.

All: When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans.

L: The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up. Then I let it all out; I said, "I'll make a clean breast of my failures to GOD." Suddenly the pressure was gone— my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.

All: These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we'll be on high ground, untouched. GOD's my island hideaway, keeps danger far from the shore, throws garlands of hosannas around my neck.

L: Let me give you some good advice; I'm looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight: "Don't be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track."

All: God-defiers are always in trouble; GOD-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around. Celebrate GOD. Sing together— everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof!

ANTHEM....."Love Lifted Me"Faith Choir

KIDS TIME....."School Supplies"Sherry Scholljegerdes

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "The Church's One Foundation"UMH No. 545

SCRIPTURE READING..... **Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

“A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarius, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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 Scandal of Forgiveness" Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "I Love You, Lord" TFWS No. 2068

*SENDING FORTH.....

Wesley's Can Cans

**“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can. In all the places you can.
At all the times you can. To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can.”- John Wesley**

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:

Bridgewater Memory Care: Gloria Tollefson

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

Foxdale[Memory Care]: Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Lucille and George Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday: Nikki and Jon Schultz, Ardella Draheim, JoAnn Eggness, the Cole Family, Leona Quast, Adeline Buss, Chantel Norby, The people of Mozambique and New Zealand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION April 10th 6:00-7:00

SERMON NOTE OUTLINES are on the table in the Narthex.

Hospitality team will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Room. This is a change from what was stated at the last meeting. We would like to invite members of the congregation to join the team or come to a meeting to see what we do. You may have an idea or suggestion as to how we can continue to have Faith church be a welcoming church.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Tuesday, April 2.

LENTEN EVENING SERVICE - Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm at Faith United Methodist Church. Jon Schultz will be preaching.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEONS will be hosted on Wednesdays at Noon through April 10, here at Faith United Methodist Church.

Sherry Scholljegerdes will be giving an UMCOR Sager Brown Photo Presentation today after the worship service.

UMCOR Sunday, March 31, 2019, formerly One Great Hour of Sharing, is usually received during Lent. It enables the United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid after disasters. This offering covers administrative expenses so that 100 percent of donations given to particular UMCOR projects and appeals can go directly to them.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 5:30 - 10:00 PM. This is a free service offered by the church for child care, activities and light snacks for your children while you enjoy an evening out on the town or just some down time if that's more your speed. To reserve your spot, please call the church office at 835-3167. Parent's Night Out will be held the first Friday of every month.

The **LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, April 7th 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.

The kitchen at Faith UMC could use some containers with lids. They can be cool whip containers or any other plastic type. If you take something home in one of the containers, it is great if you can return them. It seems like we go through a large number. Thanks!

Would you like to help add color to the sanctuary for Easter, April 21, 2019? If so, you may bring a flowering plant (tulip, lily, azalea, hydrangea, etc.) to the church on Palm Sunday or during the week before Easter on Monday through Thursday. 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 Sunday Sunrise Service.

Kids Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14th. 36 eggs to be discovered after Church in fellowship hall or outdoors if weather permits. Bags for the eggs will be provided. Preschoolers first, then older kids can hunt. What Fun we will have!!!! For the Adults-- Bring a Favorite Easter Decoration to display. Eggs will not be hidden near the displays.

Former member of Faith United Methodist Church, Carol Bates, passed away recently at her home in Fountain Hills, AZ. Her husband, Jim Bates, died last July (2018). Their daughters are Jeannie (Neenah, WI) and Caren (Tennessee).

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

03/31/2019 (Sun.)	9:30 a.m. - Worship Service 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship (UMCOR Presentation)
04/01/2019 (Mon.)	9:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
04/02/2019 (Tues.)	Administrative Assistant Out of the Office 10:00 a.m. - Hospitality Meeting (*LV Room)
04/03/2019 (Wed.)	12:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Lunch (**FH) 6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Worship Service (Faith Church)
04/05/2019 (Fri.)	5:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Parent's Night Out
04/07/2019 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall