

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> , 2016~9:30 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

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, our resurrection and life, the promise of your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We have gathered as believers, and as those who are honestly seeking the truth. Guide our worship this hour.

\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....Sanctuary” ...TFWS No. 2164 [2x’s]

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

**Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, such that we might truly see what is really real. Help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This, we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the light, which is the light of all people. Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM....."Hope of the World" ...Faith Choir

KID’S TIME.....“DOES GOD MAKE MISTAKES?”

## REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND RECEPTION INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

(See insert)

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.....“Oh, How I Love Jesus” ...UMH No. 170

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....**Luke 6:37-39 Living In The Kingdom Part III**

*L: “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap.*

***All: For the measure you use will be the measure you receive.”***

*L: Why do you see the speck in your brother’s eye, but fail to see the beam of wood in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck from your eye,’ while you yourself don’t see the beam in your own?*

***All: You hypocrite! First, remove the beam from your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.***

*L: “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from brambles.”*

***All: The good person out of the good treasury of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasury produces evil, for his mouth speaks from what fills his heart.***

*L: “Why do you call me ‘LORD, LORD,’ and don’t do what I tell you? “Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and puts them into practice—I will show you what he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep, and laid the foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the river burst against that house, but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the person who hears and does not put my words into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against that house, it collapsed immediately, and was utterly destroyed!”*

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.....“Kingdom Living Part III: *Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak out and remove all doubt. Abraham Lincoln*” .....Pastor Victor Waters

OUR RESPONSE

L: LORD, make me an instrument of thy peace!

**All: That where there is hatred, I may bring love.**

L: That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness.

**All: That where there is discord, I may bring harmony.**

L: That where there is error, I may bring truth.

**All: That where there is doubt, I may bring faith.**

L: That where there is despair, I may bring hope.

**All: That where there are shadows, I may bring light.**

L: That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

**All: LORD, grant that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted.**

L: To understand, than to be understood.

**All: To love, than to be loved.**

L: For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. —*Saint Francis of Assisi*—

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Here I am, Lord” ...UMH No. 593 vs. 1

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\* CLOSING HYMN....."He Who Began a Good Work in You"...TFWS No. 2163

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*SENDING FORTH.....**TITUS 3:4-7**

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

## 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

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

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

**Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch

**Those who also need our prayers:** Willie Mahler [Home Hospice]

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Bruce and Deb Hering,

Leona Quast, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Chuck Youngberg, Brenda and Kipp Westrum, Jim Keller, Bill Brooks, Lynne Swenson, Les Wells, Dick and Elaine Westrum, the Kellers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lenten Soup Lunches** Wednesdays at 12:00 noon February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup> all meals will be held at Grace Lutheran Church.



**UMW Ruth Circle** will meet **Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m.** They will meet at Patrice Waters' residence. This is a permanent time change. They will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

**Aging Mastery Program** starts **April 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the **Waseca Senior Center**. Cost \$15 for 10 week program. God has given us the gift of longevity, let's be as healthy and productive as we are called to be. Call Kelly Boeddeker at 461-3820, Waseca Area Caregiver Services to register. AMP is a grant from the National Council on Aging.

On Saturday afternoon, **April 2nd**, a group of adults and youth will go from Faith Church to **Simpson United Methodist Church** in Minneapolis, to provide a supper meal for the men and women who sleep in the overnight shelter. Around 110 persons will be served. Again this year, the meal will be catered by HyVee and taken to Minneapolis. **A sign-up is available.**

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**SHARE A PLANT!**

Would you like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, March 27th. If so, you may bring a flowering plant (tulip, lily, azalea, hyacinth, etc.) to the church **Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** 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. Thank you.

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There will **NOT** be a **Walker Bible study session** on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. The last session will be held **Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:45 a.m.

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## Lenten Evening 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 pm.**

March 16th, Faith United Methodist

Thursday, March 24th, Maundy Thursday,  
Waseca Wesleyan

Friday, March 25th, Community Good Friday  
service (TBA)

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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3/13/2016 (Sun.)	Daylight Savings Time Starts 9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage
3/14/2016 (Mon.)	*Walkers Bible Study cancelled, meets for last session on March 21st
3/15/2016 (Tues.)	10:00-10:30 a.m. -Worship at Memory Care 1:00-2:00 p.m. -UMW Mary Circle 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
3/16/2016 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away 12:00-1:00 p.m. -Lent Lunch at Grace Lutheran Church 2:00-3:00 p.m. -UMW Elizabeth Circle 7:45-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Lent Evening Service at Faith UMC
3/18/2016 (Fri.)	11:30-1:30 p.m. -Caregiver Meeting (*LV Room) 3:00-4:30 p.m. -Set up for Food at Faith
3/19/2016 (Sat.)	7:00-10:00 a.m. -Food Truck and Set Up 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -Waseca Food Distribution 12:00-1:00 p.m.-Food Program Clean-up
3/20/2016 (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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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall