

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

COMMUNION SUNDAY

APRIL 2nd, 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....."To God Be the Glory".....UMH No. 98

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READINGPsalm 130

L: I cry out to you from the depths, LORD— my Lord, listen to my voice! Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

All: If you kept track of sins, LORD— my Lord, who would stand a chance? But forgiveness is with you— that's why you are honored.

L: I hope, LORD. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise. My whole being waits for my Lord— more than the night watch waits for morning; yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

All: Israel, wait for the LORD! Because faithful love is with the LORD; because great redemption is with our God! He is the one who will redeem Israel from all its sin.

ANTHEM....."Here is Love".....Faith Choir

HYMN OF INVITATION "Spirit of the Living God".....UMH No. 393

Service of Word and Table II

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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 READINGMark 4:1-20

4 Jesus began to teach beside the lake again. Such a large crowd gathered that he climbed into a boat there on the lake. He sat in the boat while the whole crowd was nearby on the shore. 2 He said many things to them in parables. While teaching them, he said, 3 "Listen to this! A farmer went out to scatter seed. 4 As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path; and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. 6 When the sun came up, it scorched the plants; and they dried up because they had no roots. 7 Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked the seeds, and they produced nothing. 8 Other seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of one hundred to one." 9 He said, "Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!"

10 When they were alone, the people around Jesus, along with the Twelve, asked him about the parables. 11 He said to them, "The secret of God's kingdom has been given to you, but to those who are outside everything comes in parables. 12 This is so that they can look and see but have no insight, and

they can hear but not understand. Otherwise, they might turn their lives around and be forgiven."

13 "Don't you understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? 14 The farmer scatters the word. 15 This is the meaning of the seed that fell on the path: When the word is scattered and people hear it, right away Satan comes and steals the word that was planted in them. 16 Here's the meaning of the seed that fell on rocky ground: When people hear the word, they immediately receive it joyfully. 17 Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. 18 Others are like the seed scattered among the thorny plants. These are the ones who have heard the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the false appeal of wealth, and the desire for more things break in and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. 20 The seed scattered on good soil are those who hear the word and embrace it. They bear fruit, in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case sixty to one, and in another case one hundred to one."

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 "What's In Your Heart?" Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING..... "Doxology" UMH No.95

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "Majesty" UMH No. 176

*SENDING FORTH..... *Mark 1:20*

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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

Coda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship Bruce & Deb Hering, Peter & Verna Fog, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Lynne Swenson, Marie Wells, Leona Quast, Peggy Deno.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

A Youth Mission Trip meeting will be held on **April, 9** after worship in the back of the Fellowship Hall.

James and Marian Keller are celebrating 50 years of marriage! Their children are hosting an open house on **Sunday, April 9, 2017** from **2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at the **Waseca American Legion, 700 South State Street, Waseca, MN**. You are invited to celebrate this milestone with them. No gifts please. Your presence at the celebration is enough of a gift.

Lenten Soup Lunch - Wednesday at Noon

April 5 - Hosted by Faith United Methodist

Meal 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

April 5, First Congregational

April 13, Maundy Thursday, Waseca Wesleyan

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

There will be an Easter Sunrise Breakfast on Easter Sunday following the Sunrise Service.

KJLY's "A Day for Women" presents...
"A Confident Heart!"
"I can do all this through HIM who gives me strength!"
Philippians 4:13

Registration opens March 12!

Featuring...
Renee Swope
LEADING WOMEN TO LIVE CONFIDENTLY IN CHRIST
Speaking to us from her book "A Confident Heart"

Leading us in worship
Mankato's own
Jillian Jones

Special Speaker...
Tina Haralson
- Amboy, MN

Hosanna Lutheran Church
105 Hosanna Drive
Mankato, MN
All Day...
\$30

Saturday, April 22
8:45AM to 4PM
Doors open at 7:45

Registration opens March 12! Register online at our website: KinshipRadio.org or call: 507-526-3233

This event is just for YOU! You will experience much laughter, some tears and especially fellowship with other wonderful ladies. If you are interested, call Linda Lohse (835-1917) or register online at the website address above. There will be car-pooling from Waseca.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 04/02/2017 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:15 a.m. - Hymn Sing
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
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- 04/03/2017 (Mon.) 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (* LV Room)
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
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- 04/05/2017 (Wed.) 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Lunch at Christ Community Church
7:00 p.m. - Lent Service at First Congregational Church
7:45 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 04/06/2017 (Thur.) 6:00-10:30 The Case For Christ Movie, Eagan
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- 04/08/2017 (Sat.) 3:00- 5:00 p.m. - Terra Lamont Make & Take Event (**FH)
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- 04/09/2017 (Sun.) Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. - Blood Pressure Check
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
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*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall