

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday In Lent/ A Celebration of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism April 6th , 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 years 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 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.

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....."In His Time" ...TFWS No. 2203

EPISTLE LESSON.....Romans 8:5-11

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Spirit of the Living God”...UMH No. 393

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
[Service and Word and Table II pgs. 11-3]

ANTHEM....."Lord of the Dance" ...Faith Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Ezekiel 37:1-4

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
[The Baptismal Covenant II-B see insert]

HYMN OF Praise.....“God Claims You”...TFWS No. 2249
[Please substitute Dylan for Daniel in Vs.1-4]

*** GOSPEL LESSON.....John 11:17-44**

Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother John. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at his feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved Him!”

But some of them said, “Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the

stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE....."Jesus: His Incomparable Power" ...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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**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**

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**Give thanks
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”...UMH No. 420

*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, Alice Robinson
Rosie 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, Bruce and Deb Hering



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies/Tulip Plants – Order forms are available in the Church Office, and were included in the April 6th bulletin. **Pay when you order. Deadline is Monday, April 14th, 2014.** This is NOT a tax-deductible donation. This is an exchange of goods.

On **Saturday afternoon, May 3rd**, 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. Your support is needed to help pay for the meal as well as provide bread, milk, bananas, and cookies. A signup sheet for the latter items will be available on Sunday, April 14th.

Please make your checks out to Faith United Methodist Church and put Simpson meal on the memo line.

This is one of the ways we are able to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need in a very concrete way. Thanks for all that you are able to do.

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Church Bus:

Our church is responsible for having a rider on the **Sunday Bus** the month of **April**. We meet down at the Fairgrounds at 8:00 a.m. and finish at 12:00 p.m., helping people on and off the bus. Sometimes we walk to their door to escort them, 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. If you would like to volunteer, please call Kim at the church office 835-3167.

The next **Men of Faith** meeting will be on **Thursday, April 10** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We have a lot to discuss! All men are invited. Bring a friend!

Children's Activity:



Jesus raises Lazarus.
Luke 10 John 11

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/06/2014 (Sun.) 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship with Holy
Communion/Baptism of Dylan Scott Waugh
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
Confirmation class is on April 13th

04/07/2014 (Mon.) **No Small Group this week**

04/08/2014 (Tues.) 10-11:30 a.m. -Powerful Tools for Caregiver at Waseca
Public Library
1:30-2:30 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion
4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)

04/09/2014 (Wed.) 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away
12:00-1:00 p.m. -Lenten Lunches at St. Johns Lutheran
Church
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary
6:30-7:15 p.m. -Evening Lent service at First
Congregational Church
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
7:30-8:30 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage

04/10/2014 (Thur.) 1:00-3:00 p.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers (FH)
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Men of Faith (FH)

04/11/2014 (Fri.) **Office Open from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

04/13/2014 (Sun.) **Palm Sunday**
9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation Class