

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23rd, 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....."Surely the Presence of the Lord".....UMH No. 328

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN OF PRAISE....."My Tribute"UMH No. 99

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 16**

L: Protect me, O God, for I have taken shelter in you. I say to the LORD, "You are the Lord, my only source of well-being."

All: As for God's chosen people who are in the land, and the leading officials I admired so much— their troubles multiply, they desire other gods.

L: I will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their gods, nor will I make vows in the name of their gods. LORD, you give me stability and prosperity; you make my future secure.

All: It is as if I have been given fertile fields or received a beautiful tract of land. I will praise the LORD who guides me; yes, during the night I reflect and learn.

L: I constantly trust in the LORD; because he is at my right hand, I will not be upended. So my heart rejoices and I am happy; my life is safe.

All: You will not abandon me to Sheol; you will not allow your faithful follower to see the Pit. You lead me in the path of life; I experience absolute joy in your presence; you always give me sheer delight.

Today we will welcome Ava Ellene Schlaak into the life of our congregation through the ordinance of Baptism. She is the daughter of Joy and Dan Schlaak.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Congregational Pledge

L: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care of Ava, Whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that Ava may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

All: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Ava, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in her faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

ANTHEM....."Crown Him With Many Crowns"Faith Choir/Congregation

KID'S TIME....."Pumping Up"



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 READING**James 1:1-16**

From James, a slave of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes dispersed abroad: Greetings! My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything.

But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed around by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, since he is a double-minded individual, unstable in all his ways.

Now the believer of humble means should take pride in his high position. But the rich person's pride should be in his humiliation, because he will pass away like a wildflower in the meadow. For the sun rises with its heat and dries up the meadow; the petal of the flower falls off and its beauty is lost forever. So also the rich person in the midst of his pursuits will wither away.

Happy is the one who endures testing, because when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each one is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desires. Then when desire conceives, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is full grown, it gives birth to death. Do not be led astray, my dear brothers and sisters.

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 "Growing Pains" Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "Alleluia"TFWS No. 2043

*SENDING FORTH..... *James 1:13-16*

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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

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship Bruce & Deb Herring, Peter & Verna Fog, Marilyn & Dan Possin, Lynne Swenson, Marie Wells, Steve La Mont .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting for Some Time Away on **Wednesday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

The Relay for Life/Faith for a Cure Team will be having its annual garage sale on **Saturday, May 6**. If you have any donations for the sale, please contact Vada Dahnert or Dave Baldini.

The following youth will be going to STORM Camp in Marshall, MN at the end of July: Troy Mitzel, Aaron Root and Devin Stankiewicz. The mission of "STORM" is to "Serve Jesus by Serving Others", by helping those in need. This includes doing ordinary things for people who are unable to do them themselves, such as painting and yard work. Please pray for these youth and watch for upcoming fundraisers to help them prepare for their important work.

On Sunday June 4th, during the morning service, we will honor the graduating class of 2017. This year's graduates are Tyler Hyatt, Anna Riecke, Caitlin Schauer and Mitchell Westrum. We will honor them during the service and at a reception after the service. Be sure to let them know you support them and wish them well by bringing them a card or giving them your personal congratulations.

Four Faith Church choir members will be singing in the Waseca Chorale performance this afternoon (April 23). The concert will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Starfire Event Center in Waseca. Tickets are \$12 including coffee and dessert. Limited tickets may still be available -- contact Paul Lohse.

Next Sunday, April 30, the Waseca Chorale will hold a pancake breakfast and bake sale from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the American Legion. Cost is \$7 for adults and teens, \$3 for age 12 and under, toddlers eat free.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Faith United Methodist Church on May 30, 2017. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. Flyers are located in the Narthex below the bulletin board if you would like more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

04/23/2017 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Baptism of Ava Schlaak
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

04/24/2017 (Mon.) 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. - Lenten Bible Study (* LV Room)
3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

04/25/2017 (Tues.) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Relay for Life Committee Meeting (**FH)

04/26/2017 (Wed.) 2:00 p.m. - Some Time Away Meeting (**FH)
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

04/28/2017 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

04/30/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
5:00 p.m. - M & M Night

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall