

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY/**  
**A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN**  
**May12<sup>th</sup>, 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 ..... “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” .....UMH No. 176

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF FOR ALL WOMEN

I pray for you to know Love deeply and intimately, that you will have a hunger and a thirst for the More of God. I pray that you would be satisfied by Love, that you would make your home in Love, that you would make Love your discipline, your resting place, your practice, your doctrine, your plumb line, and your identity.

I pray for you to have a finely tuned ear for the voice of the Holy Spirit. So that when you walk, you would hear that voice whispering “this is the way, walk in it” and so you would walk forward unafraid.” (Isaiah 30:21)

I pray that you would be a woman who celebrates other women.

I pray that you would be a voice of truth and boldness.

I pray for you to be a woman of possibility and hope, a woman who rises above cynicism and bitterness into a never-wearying never-backing-down resolution.

We call out the sins of violence, rape, abuse, torture, against all women. No more. May you be a woman who is safe, a woman who does not fear, a woman who builds safety and security for other women, too.

We call out the economic injustices, the educational inequalities, the maternal mortality, patriarchy, movements designed to baptize inequality in sacred language, the forced prostitution, the sex trafficking, all of the countless ways that the image of God in women is abused and mistreated and broken or diminished. We call it out and name it for what it is – sin! powers! principalities! systemic evil! injustice! – and we cast it down, in the name of Jesus.

I pray that the places where this world has broken you, where evil has left its mark, where you have felt abandoned and broken and hurt, where you are in pain would become a wellspring of healing and wholeness for you.

May you know how deeply you are loved by God. May you know deep in your lungs that every breath is carrying the mark of your the breath of God from the Garden to the Ascension. May you, as Paul wrote, firmly plant your feet on love, taking in with all the followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ’s love. That you would reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Living full lives, full in the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:18-19 MSG).

I’ll pray these words from our brother Paul over you, too, from his letter to the Romans: “Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out.”

In the name of Jesus, I pray that you would have the guts to follow where Jesus is leading. I pray for freedom to reign. I pray for you to find your place in a sisterhood of grace and freedom.

**RESPONSIVE READING** .....PSALM 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

L: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**All: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

ANTHEM ..... “Worship Tapestry” ..... Faith Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC ..... “If You're Happy and You Know It” ..... Sunday School & Congregation

KIDS TIME ..... “Putting In Your Two Cents” .....

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 ..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ..... UMH No. 140

SCRIPTURE READING ..... **I Kings 17: 8-24**

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” 13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, “The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’ ” 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

*Elijah Raises the Widow’s Son*

17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah,

“What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” 19 And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” 22 And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” 24 And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

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 ..... "God Does Not Forget " .....Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

\*CLOSING HYMN..... "You Are" .....Colton Dixon Video

\*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:** Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg, Ardella Draheim

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

**Latham Place:** Lucille and George Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Prayer Requests from Sunday:** Nicki and Jon Schultz, Ardella Draheim, Elaine Westrum, Mark, John and Bonnie, Roberta, Family of Ann Swenson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFIRMATION** May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00-7:00

**SERMON NOTE OUTLINES** are on the table in the Narthex.

Please note that on **Thursday, May 16**, Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be working the hours of **8:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

The Relay for Life team –Faith for a Cure—cordially invites you to the Pizza Ranch for dinner on **May 20, 2019** between **5:00pm and 8:00pm**. Casual dress and bring a friend and large appetites. There will be plenty for all. The Faith for a Cure team will wait on you hand and foot if necessary. No RSVP necessary. Come one, come all!

On **Sunday, May 26**, we will honor the graduating class of 2019. This year's graduates are Haley Westrum and Nathan Kilmer. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after the service for a reception. Congratulations Graduates!

Ruth circle meets **Tuesday, May 14th**. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Mother's Day, bring a picture of you and your mother, and something that has something to do with your mother. Nancy Tollefson will be our hostess. Guess are welcomed and please let Nancy know if you are joining us.

UMW Unit Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 20** at **2:00 p.m.**

Please note that Conversation, Bible & Friends will not meet on May 20.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...**

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05/12/2019 (Sun.) Mother's Day  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

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05/13/2019 (Mon.) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Lifeline Screenings (\*\*FH)  
9:00 a.m. - Mission Team Adopt a Park (Clear Lake Park)  
10:30 a.m. - UMW Executive Board Meeting (\*LV Room)  
3:00-4:30 p.m. - Conversation, Bible & Friends (\*LV Room)  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Relay for Life Meeting (\*\*FH)

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05/14/2019 (Tues.) 10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle (\*\*FH)  
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn

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05/15/2019 (Wed.) 2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle (\*LV Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

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05/16/2019 (Thur.) 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. - Administrative Assistant Hours

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05/17/2019 (Fri.) 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Set Up for Food at Faith

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05/18/2019 (Sat.) Food @ Faith  
7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Food Truck & Set-up  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Waseca Food Distribution  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Food Program Clean-up

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05/19/2019 (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

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\*Lakeview Room \*\*Fellowship Hall