

**8th SUNDAY OF EASTER
PENTECOST SUNDAY
CLASS OF 2016 HONORED
May 15th, 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Holy, Holy" ...TFWS No. 2039

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, who on this day did teach the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE..."Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place" ...UMH 328

RESPONSIVE READING.....PSALM 85

L: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**All: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.
You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.**

L: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

All: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

L: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

All: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

L: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and make his footsteps a way.

L: This is the word of God for the People of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM....."Filled With Glory"...Faith Choir

HONORING THE CLASS OF 2016

Eliot Waters

I'm going to be attending college at UW Stout starting next semester where I will be studying for a major in Video Game Design (computer science) with minors in Math and Art. I've always enjoyed video games, not just playing them, but learning about how they worked and the systems behind them. I hope to eventually work at one of the large video game companies like Blizzard or Valve.

Eliot Waters

Clayton Tanner

After I graduate High school, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin Superior for a major in Secondary History Education with a minor in Music, German or Coaching. I hope to use this degree to teach in either Minnesota or Wisconsin. If you want to go really big picture, my dream goal is to then study, increase my degree and move to the East Coast hopefully New Hampshire, Vermont, or Maine. But with life being the way that it is I'm fairly open to its changes.

Clayton Tanner

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.

WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Travis, Michelle, Tyler and Cody Hyatt by transfer from Evangelical UMC

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Let those who are members of other congregations of The United Methodist Church, and who now desire to enter into the fellowship of this congregation, Present themselves to be welcomed.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care Travis, Michelle, Cody and Tyler, whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, Confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS:

ALL: We rejoice to recognize you: As members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it. By our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

L: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit Bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**HEBREWS 6: 1-2; 4-6; 9-20**

6 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

9 Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. 10 For God is not unjust, so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. 16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.

17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of God for the People of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

HYMN OF PRAISE....."O Spirit of the Living God" ...UMH No. 539

MESSAGE....."Elementary Watson" ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Spirit Song" ...UMH No. 347

*SENDING FORTH..... Hebrews 6:1

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.

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, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: 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, Marilyn and Dan Possin, Chuck Youngberg, Lynne Swenson, Marie Wells, the Westrum family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Youth Lock-in will be held at Faith UMC from **7:00 p.m., Friday, May 13 to 10:00 a.m., May 14th.**

Walking Club is on **Mondays**, promptly at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at the upper parking lot. We will also be meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m. We will be doing this throughout the summer. If anyone is interested you are welcome to come.

The **UMW Executive Meeting** is on **Monday, May 9th**, from **1:00-3:30 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room.**

On **May 22nd:**

We will celebrate the **baptism** of Parker Thomas Prange, the son of Alison Kluntz and Dylan Prange and the great-grandson of Barb Klampe

On **Sunday, May 29th**, **Rev. Fred Vanderwerf** our Southern Prairie District Superintendent will be our **guest preacher.**

The Relay for Life/Faith for a Cure Team will be working at the **Pizza Ranch** again this year. We will be there on **Monday, May 23** from **5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Come for good food, good company and fast hard workers. All donations and proceeds go to the Relay for Life – American Cancer Society. Thank you.

Sit & Fit

A new exercise class is beginning on **Tuesday, May 17** at **10:00 a.m.** This exercise will be stretching and relaxation from the comfort of a chair. If you are not able to take the walks you see other people doing, or attend the Silver Sneakers class, but still would like to participate in some type exercise, I encourage to you try the “Sit & Fit” class. We will be using a DVD with chair exercises. Be sure to check with your physician before attending the class. Come and try something different. Cost is \$1 for each session.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

5/15/2016 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service/Hyatts join 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship 2:00-3:00 p.m.-Klampe Piano Recital (**FH)
5/16/2016 (Mon.)	9:30-10:30 a.m.-Walking Club with Sherry S. 10:00 a.m.-Newsletter Deadline 1:30 p.m.-UMW Mary Circle (**FH) 2:00-3:00 p.m.-UMW Unit Meeting
5/17/2016 (Tues.)	10:00 a.m.-Worship at Memory Care Center 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (**LV Room) 6:00-7:00 p.m.-Relay for Life Team (**FH)
5/18/2016 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away (**FH) 2:00-3:00 p.m.-Elizabeth Circle 6:30-7:30 p.m.-Confirmation in the Sanctuary 7:00-8:00 p.m.-Choir Practice
5/19/2016 (Thur.)	Administrative Assistant Out of Office 6:30-7:30 p.m.-Walking Club with Sherry
5/20/2016 (Fri.)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Administrative Assistant Hours 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Set up for Food @ Faith 6:00-8:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts (Kilmer) in Youth Room
5/21/2016 (Sat.)	Food at Faith 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
5/22/2016 (Sun.)	9:30 -10:30 a.m.-Worship Service with Baptism 10:00 a.m.-Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m.-Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m.-Youth Group at the Parsonage

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall