

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Confirmation Sunday
May 5th, 2013~~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service.

Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

*We are a Christ-Centered church committed to **encourage** every generation, to **equip** the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ with the tools they will need to be **empowered**, and to live out the gospel in both word and action to this community and the world.*

We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitor and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.

Before you leave today, please sign the red Friendship Registration book found at the end of your pew.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

INTROIT.....“Spirit Song”...Faith Choir

*PASSING THE PEACE/ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER.....(Unison)

We pray for Your Holy Spirit to break through, to renew, and to revive our churches, unleashing new life! We pray for our clergy to be empowered to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and promise. We pray that Your Spirit will transform us and boldly use us, without limits, delays or excuses, to reach and make new disciples for Jesus Christ and to transform this world. We ask that Your Spirit work through each of us to raise the dead to new life. In the precious and holy name of Jesus. Amen. ~ Bishop Bruce Ough Minnesota Annual Conference.

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Here I am, Lord” ...UMH No. 593

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Leader: The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....PSALM 23...UMH 754

ANTHEM..... “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place” ...Faith Choir

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

Questions For Candidates For Confirmation Who Have Been Previously Baptized:

Leader: Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promises made at your baptism?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

All: I do.

The Congregation Now Joins The Candidates In Their Responses:

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THE PASTOR ADDRESSES THE CANDIDATES:

Leader: Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

All: I do.

Leader: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy Church?

All: I do.

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CONFIRMATION

As the pastor, and others if desired, place hands on the head of each person who has been baptized, or is being confirmed, or is reaffirming faith, the pastor says to each:

_____, the Lord defend you with His heavenly grace and by His Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECEPTION OF THE CONFIRMANDS INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

L: Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

All: I will.

SPECIAL MUSIC....."Mountain of God"...Bob Stephan

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH

L: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons 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.

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.

PASTORAL BLESSING

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you now and evermore. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....(In Unison)

HYMN OF PRAISE.....“We Are the Church”...UMH No.558

NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Philippians 1:3-6

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

RESPONSIVE READING.....Philippians 3:10–17

Leader: My aim is to know Him, to experience the power of His resurrection, to share in His sufferings, and to be like Him in His death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

All: Not that I have already attained this - that is, I have not already been perfected, but I strive to lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus also laid hold of me.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have attained this. Instead I am single-minded, forgetting the things that are behind and reaching out for the things that are ahead,

All: with this goal in mind, I strive toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Therefore let those of us who are “perfect” embrace this point of view. If you think otherwise, God will reveal to you the error of your ways.

All: Nevertheless, let us live up to the standard that we have already attained.

Leader: Be imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and watch carefully those who are living this way, just as you have us as an example.

MESSAGE.....“Running the Good Race”

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE.....“He Who Began a Good Work in You”...TFWS No. 2163

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken,
Don Lohse, Emily Miller

Latham Place: Liz Corchran, Millie Groh

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

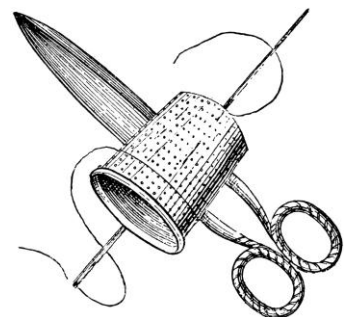
Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Jim Keller,
Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Emily Miller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Crafters and Stitchers plan to meet on the **second Friday of each month from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. All women are invited to bring their craft and sewing projects and join in the fun work and fellowship time. The May meeting is on May 10th. If you have any questions, call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122.

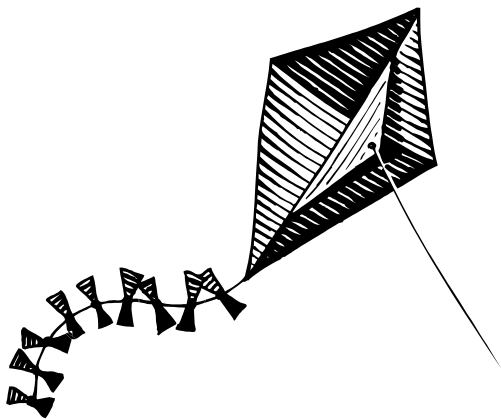


You Can Avoid A Stroke! Life Line Screening will be at Faith United Methodist Church performing a day of preventive health screenings on 6/17/2013. Appointment spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling 1-888-653-6441.

Let's "COLOR THE SKY"!

When was the last time you flew a kite?

On **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th**, we will celebrate the birthday of the church.



Various languages were spoken and understood, tongues of fire came down, and God's Holy Spirit blew through the town, energizing His people. For our part, we want to "color the sky" that morning as we hope for a "mighty wind" to carry our kites high into the sky. After the worship service, you are invited to help the children enjoy this activity. Then come into the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a Potluck meal together.

Calendar Change: In May, the **Youth Group** will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month - **May 8th and 22nd, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.** at the **Parsonage.**

Vacation Bible School this year will be from **Monday, June 10th to Friday, June 14th, 2013. Time: 8:00 – Noon. Ages: 3** (as of January, 2013 and potty trained) through Grade 6. **Place: Evangelical UMC.**



Children's Activity:

He'll Be Back

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. John 14:28-29 (NIV)

Enter the missing vowels to complete the words from the Bible verse shown above.



1. L _ V _ D _____
2. _ W _ Y _____
3. T _ LD _____
4. G _ _ NG _____
5. C _ M _ NG _____
6. F _ TH _ R _____
7. GL _ D _____
8. B _ L _ _ V _ _____
9. B _ CK _____
10. H _ _ RD _____

BELIEVE COMING	GLAD BACK	GOING TOLD	AWAY LOVED	HEARD FATHER
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 5/05/2013 (Sun.) **Birthday Sunday/Confirmation Sunday**
9:15 a.m. –Hymn Sing
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. –Worship with Holy Communion,
Confirmation
*Children’s Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid’s Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship – Please join us in honoring our
confirmands. There will be a special cake served.
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- 5/07/2013 (Tues.) 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting
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- 5/08/2013 (Weds.) 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. –Lake Shore Video
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. –Youth Group (Parsonage)
7:00 p.m. –Choir Practice
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- 5/09/2013 (Thurs.) **Ascension**
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. –Colony Court Communion
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. –Men’s Club Meeting
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- 5/10/2013 (Fri.) 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. –Faith Crafters and Stitchers
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. –Girl Scouts (Kilmer)
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- 5/11/2013 (Sat.) 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. –Girl Scouts (Palmer)
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- 5/12/2013 (Sun.) **Mother’s Day**
9:00 a.m. –Blood Pressure Check
9:30 a.m. –Worship Service
*Children’s Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid’s Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
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- 5/14/2013 (Tues.) 1:30 p.m.-Lake Shore Communion
4:00-5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)
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