

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 8, 2012 ~~ the 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.
Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

Our core values are: Faith, Fellowship, Worship and Outreach

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

THINK ABOUT PSALMS OF ABSENCE

DOWN. PSALMS OF ABSENCE speak of heartache and heartbreak in life, times that are so hard and so painful we feel as if God has abandoned us. Just as there are times when we are up emotionally and our lives are going well, there are times when we are down and struggling. Times that are so hard, we feel that God has abandoned us. Psalm 88 is perhaps the saddest of all the psalms. It is the story of a crushed and broken heart that reaches out to God, who seems to be absent. As we explore the Psalm together, we will find the seeds and glimmers of hope that we need when our lives are hard and rough. Other Psalms in this category are 6, 22, 69 and 102.

WELCOME & BRIEF NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

***PASSING THE PEACE**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your patience in suffering You hallowed earthly pain and gave us an example of obedience to Your Father's will: Be near to me in my time of weakness and pain; sustain me by Your grace, that

my strength and courage may not fail; heal me according to Your will; and help me always to believe that whatever happens to me is of little account if You hold me in eternal life, my Lord and my God. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer

***HYMN OF PRAISE ... “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” ... TFWS No. 2036**

ANTHEM “For the Lord is Our Light” ... Faith Choir

CHILDREN’S CHURCH Children 4 through 9 years of age are invited to the Classroom for Children’s Church during the rest of our Service.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 102 (ESV)**

ALL: Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you!

Leader: Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

ALL: For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

Leader: My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread. Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh.

ALL: I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places; I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

Leader: All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse.

ALL: For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink, because of your indignation and anger; for you have taken me up and thrown me down. My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

Leader: But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations.

ALL: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust.

Leader: Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

ALL: For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

Leader: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

ALL: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Leader: He has broken my strength in midcourse; he has shortened my days. "O my God,"

ALL: I say, "take me not away in the midst of my days—you whose years endure throughout all generations!" Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Leader: They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

ALL: You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE “I Will Call Upon the Lord” ... TFWS No. 2002

PRAYER for our Church, Our Community and Our World

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison) UMH No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done in 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, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

MESSAGE Rev. Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE “How Majestic Is Your Name”...TFWS No. 2023

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:

Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court: Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Jean Ferry & Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht,
Hazel Henkensiefken, Marilyn Lau, Don Lohse &
Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch: Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester: Darlene Lynch



Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Peter & Verna Fog, Willie Mahler, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.

Please pray for the family and friends of Eleanor Jane Hutchison during their time of loss. Eleanor passed away on June 27 at Lake Shore Inn Nursing Home; no service is planned.



The Vital Congregations hand-out will replace our “Stewardship” section. It contains the same information, but is presented in a format, which helps meet new reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Victor or Tina England.

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELAY FOR LIFE - Team meeting **Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Walking time slots will be chosen and luminaries are due – all walkers need to attend.

VISION TEAM MEETING – All are welcome to participate! Next meeting will be held on **MONDAY, July 10 @ 7 p.m.** Your input and thoughts are valued – please share them!

LAY LEADERSHIP MEETING – Join our District Superintendent and leadership from other area churches on **July 12, 2012 at 7 p.m.** Don't miss this opportunity to gather with other Lay Leaders and visit with Phil Strom.

WE NEED YOU! WASECA COUNTY FAIR IS COMING... July 11 – 15.

- **WORSHIP at the Fair this year! Sunday, July 15 at 10 a.m.** Park free in the East Lot; shuttles can take you right to the Itron Tent. Experience Worship at the Fair – it's a relaxed and enjoyable time among friends!

NEWSLETTER & AUGUST CALENDAR – The next newsletter deadline is coming fast! Please get articles and August calendar reservations in by **3 p.m., Tuesday, July 17.** Your prompt submission is greatly appreciated!

VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED – Operation Overboard gets underway in August – and we are looking for your help! Look over the list of supplies and let us know if you can share or provide anything!

- Paper towel tubes
- Old nets (fishing, volleyball, etc.)
- Stuffed under-sea creatures
- Trunk for treasure
- Plastic or silk ferns (which you don't want back)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

7/8/2012 (Sun.) 9 – 9:15 a.m. – Blood Pressure Checks (UR)
9:30 a.m. – Worship ** *Children's Church*
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

7/9/2012 (Mon.) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours
6:30 p.m. – Relay for Life Team Meeting (FH)
*** All walkers must sign up for time. Luminaries due.*

7/10/2012 (Tues.) 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Office Hours
*** Fair Booth Set-up.*
7 p.m. – Vision Team Meeting (UR) – JOIN US!
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts (Kilmer, W. end of FH)
7:30 p.m. – Walk @ Faith

7/11/2012 (Wed.) **WASECA CO. FAIR –Visit/Volunteer in our booth!**
3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video
5 to 7 p.m. – UMYF @ Parsonage

7/12/2012 (Thurs.) **WASECA CO. FAIR –Visit/Volunteer in our booth!**
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – D.S. Phil Strom holding Clergy
Consultations in the Upper Room (by appointment).
7 to 8:30 p.m. – Area Lay Leadership Social (FH)
7:30 p.m. – Walk @ Faith

7/13/2012 (Fri.) ALL DAY – KMM Family Reunion (FH, PL)
Church Office Closed

ROOM Change!



WASECA CO. FAIR –Visit/Volunteer in our booth!
9:30 a.m. – Stickers for Mission – Upper Room today

7/14/2012 (Sat.) ALL DAY – KMM Family Reunion (FH, PL)
WASECA CO. FAIR –Visit/Volunteer in our booth!

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

- 7/15/2012 (Sun.) 10:30 a.m. – Faith @ the Fair (Itron Tent)
WASECA CO. FAIR -Visit/Volunteer in our booth!
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- 7/16/2012 (Mon.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours
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- 7/17/2012 (Tues.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours
3 p.m. Newsletter and August Calendar Deadline
6:30 p.m. – SPRC (UR)
7:30 p.m. – Walk @ Faith
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- 7/18/2012 (Wed.) 9:30 a.m. - UMW Ruth Circle (meeting Perkins in Owatonna)
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours
3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video
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- 7/19/2012 (Thurs.) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Office Hours
7:30 p.m. – Walk @ Faith
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- 7/20/2012 (Fri.) All Day – Garden Club (parking in lot)
Church Office is Closed
6:30 p.m. – Set up for Food @ Faith
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- 7/21/2012 (Sat.) FOOD @ FAITH
7 a.m. – Ticket sales start & Unload Truck
10 a.m. – 11:30 .m. – Food Distribution
11:30 – Clean up
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- 7/22/2012 (Sun.) PANCAKE SUNDAY – bring mix & syrup for Food Shelf ☺
9:30 a.m. Worship ** *Children's Church*
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship