

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 18, 2024~9:30 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.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

God's works are great!

We delight in learning about them.

Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. AMEN.

HYMN....."Be Thou My Vision".....UMH #451

UNISON PRAYER

Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Cleanse our spirits and our souls from these unrighteous acts, and cause us to follow you more closely. Even though we turn our backs on God, God is ready to forgive and heal our spirits. God's love never fails, and we can rejoice in the power of that eternal love. Remind us again that you are the Bread of Life, having given yourself for us. Sustain us and encourage us in our service. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”UMH #140

John 6:53-58

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

MESSAGE.....“How to Get Wisdom”Rev. Dong Hun Shin

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.
Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.
Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.
Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.
In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN.....“Awesome God”TFWS #2040

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag
Latham Place: Joe Tollefson
Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim
Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Gloria Rollag, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, Reilly Schumacher, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Tom Kuyper, Family & Friends of Ardella Draheim, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the end of the pews.

Faith's Blessing Box – Just a reminder that we are continuously collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Faith's Blessing Box (please no glass jars). There is a donation box in the Narthex or you may bring your donations into the church office during office hours. Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase items for the blessing box; just make a notation that your donation is for the blessing box. We would like to build up a supply of items so we can keep replenishing the box as needed.

Trunk or Treat – Yes, it's still summer, but fall will be here before we know it! We have had some discussion and decided if we do a trunk or treat/Halloween event, it will take place inside, in the Fellowship Hall. We still need to get an idea of how many people are able to participate before we decide whether or not to host this event. If you know you can participate, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex during the coming weeks, or let Stacy know if you are able to participate. Also, ask friends, family members and neighbors if they would like to sign up.

Please note that Stacy will be out of the office August 19 through 23.

Pastor Dong and his wife, DJ, will be on vacation Sunday, September 1st visiting their son as he graduates from the Air Force basic training in Colorado.

That Sunday, Pastor Victor and Patrice will be back in Waseca with Pastor Victor leading our worship service. They had a suggestion that after the worship service we have a quick cup of coffee down in Fellowship Hall and then go out to the Pizza Ranch for lunch. That would give them a chance to get catch up with everyone. The Pizza Ranch opens at 11:00.

If you are planning on attending please let Stacy know ahead of time, or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, so we can give the Pizza Ranch a rough count so they can prepare food ahead of us getting there.

Thank you, *The Leadership Team*

If you have an article you want included in the next newsletter, please submit it by 9:30am on Monday, August 26. Thank you!

Reminder to Choir members – the choir sings next Sunday, August 25.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

08/18/2024 (Sun.)	9:30am - Worship Service 10:30am - Fellowship
08/19/2024 (Mon.)	3:00 - 4:30pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
08/21/2024 (Tues.)	2:30pm - Elizabeth Circle (*LV Room)
08/24/2024 (Sat.)	9:00-11:00am - Ardella Draheim Visitation 11:00am - Ardella Draheim Funeral Service
08/25/2024 (Sun.)	PANCAKE SUNDAY 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:30 am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

**** OUT OF OFFICE THIS WEEK**

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00am to 12:30pm

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