

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25th, 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 welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.

WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

*PASSING THE PEACE/ LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Celebrate The Goodness Of God

P: For Life, For Health, For Mercy And Grace

L: Let us speak well of the greatness of Our God

P: He is Strong to save; He is infinite in Love and Unlimited in Wisdom

L: Let us now worship Him with our whole hearts

ALL: We come and bring all that we have and all that we are to Him.

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Awesome God”...TFWS No. 2040

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Psalm 100**

KID'S TIME

(Children are invited to attend children's church at this time)

*SCRIPTURE READING.....Judge's 6:1-6; 11-16

L: Yet again the People of Israel went back to doing evil in GOD's sight. GOD put them under the domination of Midian for seven years. Midian overpowered Israel. Because of Midian, the People of Israel made for themselves hideouts in the mountains, caves, and forts. When Israel planted its crops, Midian and Amalek, the easterners, would invade them,

camp in their fields, and destroy their crops all the way down to Gaza. They left nothing for them to live on, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. Bringing their cattle and tents, they came in and took over, like an invasion of locusts. And their camels—past counting! They marched in and devastated the country. The People of Israel, reduced to grinding poverty by Midian, cried out to GOD for help.

P: One day the angel of GOD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah, that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, whose son Gideon was threshing wheat in the winepress, out of sight of the Midianites. The angel of GOD appeared to him and said, “GOD is with you, O mighty warrior!”

L: Gideon replied, “With me, my master? If GOD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all the miracle-wonders our parents and grandparents told us about, telling us, ‘Didn’t GOD deliver us from Egypt?’ The fact is, GOD has nothing to do with us; he has turned us over to Midian.”

P: But GOD faced him directly: “Go in this strength that is yours. Save Israel from Midian. Haven’t I just sent you?”

L: Gideon said to him, “Me, my master? How and with what could I ever save Israel? Look at me. My clan’s the weakest in Manasseh, and I’m the runt of the litter.”

P: GOD said to him, “I’ll be with you. Believe me, you’ll defeat Midian as one man.”

L: This is the WORD of GOD for the people of God.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD!

SPECIAL MUSIC..... “One Moment” ...Alison Kluntz

MESSAGE..... “Gideon and the Very Hairy Midianites” ...Rev. Victor Waters

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD

THE LORD’S PRAYER.....(In 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE.....“People Need the Lord”...TFWS No. 2244

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

Colony Court: Millie Groh

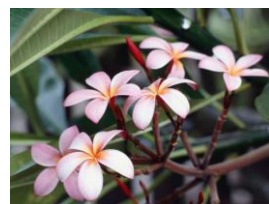
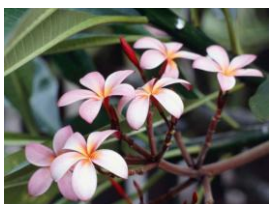
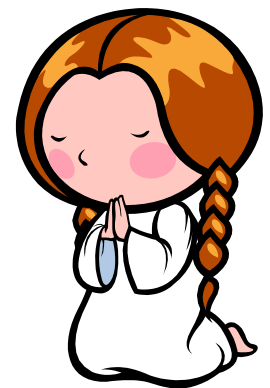
Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken,
Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

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, Linda Wilson, The Family of Emily Miller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Bus: Our church is responsible for having a rider on the Sunday bus the month of October. You meet the bus at the fair grounds and ride along, helping people on and off the bus. Sometimes we walk to their door to escort them, others hop on and off. We assist where we are needed. It's a rewarding service, meeting people, visiting as we ride along. Please **volunteer to ride the Sunday Bus**. Call Kim at the church office 835-3167 or contact Barbara Friedl (cell 832-969-6109).



There will be a **free will offering** held **during fellowship time on August 25th** to help the **Denos** following their **house fire**.

Sometimes simple words say it best. **Thank you** from the bottom of my heart. Special **thanks** to **Pastor Victor** for his visits, to **Janet Welch** for arranging transportation, and to **all the drivers** who make the trip to Mankato for me. I'll always remember your kindness. Thank you very much,

Jim Keller

Wanted: Men and women to assist our children in their journey of learning about Jesus. It requires a little time and lots of rewards. Please consider being a **Sunday school teacher**. It isn't hard and has such a powerful impact on children.



Grade levels **3rd grade thru 6th grade**. Please **call Linda Lohse (835-1917)** if you are called to this ministry or have any questions.

HEY, KIDS!! THIS IS FOR YOU -

There will be a special **Blessing of the Backpacks** on **Sunday, September 8, 2013**. Bring your backpack to church with you to receive prayers, blessings and well wishes from the pastor and the congregation as you begin your new school year. There might even be a few surprises! Hope to see everyone there!



Bud and Peggy Deno's phone number is 507-461-1844.

Event: Advanced Lay Speaking training for new and renewing lay speakers

Date & Time: September 28, 2013, 9AM to 5PM

Place: Shalom Hill Farm

Cost: \$20.00

Topic: Planning a service and sermon preparation

Register by September 24th

Email or call Audrey Asp: amazingaudrey1@gmail.com or 507-752-7809

Children's Activity:



Let's praise Jesus!

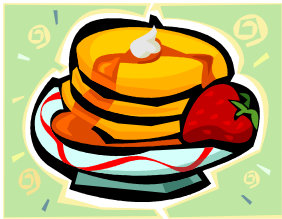
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

- 8/25/2013 (Sun.) **Pancake Mix Sunday**
9:30-10:30 a.m. –Worship Service
*Children’s Church (ages 4–sixth grade after Kid’s Time)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
Our nursery is available for infants through four year old children with supervision.
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- 8/26/2013 (Mon.) Faith Messenger Mailed this week
1:00-3:00 p.m. –Respite Program for Some Time Away
- 8/27/2013 (Tues.) 4:00-5:00 p.m. –Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m. –Church Council Meeting
6:00-8:00 p.m. –Hansel & Gretel Orientation
- 8/28/2013 (Weds.) 3:15-4:15 p.m. –Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. –Quiet Time
- 8/30/2013 (Fri.) Office Closed
- 9/1/2013 (Sun.) **Birthday Sunday**
9:15 a.m.-Hymn Sing
9:30-10:30 a.m. –Worship Service with Holy Communion
*Children’s Church (ages 4–sixth grade after Kid’s Time)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship
Our nursery is available for infants through four year old children with supervision.
- 9/2/2013 (Mon.) **Labor Day: Office Closed**
- 9/3/2013 (Tues.) 4:00-5:00 p.m.-Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
- 9/4/2013 (Weds.) 3:15-4:15 p.m.-Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. –Quiet Time
- 9/6/2013 (Fri.) Office Closed
- 9/8/2013 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m.-Blood Pressure Check
9:30-10:30 a.m. –Worship Service
*Children’s Church (ages 4–sixth grade after Kid’s Time)
10:30 a.m. –Fellowship