

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 3RD, 2017~9:30 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP....."Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"UMH No. 64

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING**Psalm 105: 1-7; 23-27; 44-45**

L: Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD.

All: Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given, you children of his servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

L: He is the LORD our God. His justice is seen throughout the land. He always stands by his covenant—the commitment he made to a thousand generations.

All: So he declared he would destroy them. But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people. He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them. The people refused to enter the pleasant land, for they wouldn't believe his promise to care for them.

L: Instead, they grumbled in their tents and refused to obey the LORD. Therefore, he solemnly swore that he would kill them in the wilderness, that he would scatter their descendants among the nations, exiling them to distant lands.

All: Even so, he pitied them in their distress and listened to their cries. He remembered his covenant with them and relented because of his unfailing love.

HYMN OF INVITATION "Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine"TFWS No.2266



Service of Word and Table II

Pg.12-14

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.

SCRIPTURE READING**Ephesians 1:1-14**

1 This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus.

2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

6 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. 7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. 8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. 9 God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan.

10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. 11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. 12 God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God.

13 And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. 14 The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE....."Our Inheritance".....Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING..."We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"....TFWS No. 2031

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN....."Let There Be Peace On Earth".....UMH No. 31

*SENDING FORTH.....*Ephesians 1:7-8*

7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. 8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

EXIT MUSIC

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 Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Peter & Verna Fog.

Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Lucille and George Kubista

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conversation, Bible & Friends will not meet on Monday, September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Christianity & World Religions Video/Book Study begins on Tuesday, September 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

September 5 through 8, Stacy True, Administrative Assistant will be in the office from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Beginning September 11, Stacy's hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Southern Prairie UMW District Fall Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 16 in Redwood Falls. Please register with Sandy Voshell (835-4211) or Sherry Scholljegerdes (835-4304) by September 5 if you are planning to attend.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

09/03/2017 (Sun.) **Birthday Sunday**
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

09/04/2017 (Mon.) **Labor Day**
Church Office Closed

09/05/2017 (Tues.) 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Christianity & World Religions
Study (*LV Room)
7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting (*LV Room)

09/06/2017 (Wed.) 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

09/08/2017 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court

09/10/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall