

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
September 8th, 2019~9:30 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.....“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”Kyle Johnson

NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP“Lamb of God”TFWS No. 2113

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER.....(Unison)

Oh Jesus, You are the King of Glory, You are the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings. And we pray that your Kingdom will reign forever in our hearts and in this world. Lord, we pray for your Kingdom to come here now, bringing a kingdom of justice, righteousness, hope, love, peace, mercy and grace for all. Lord, we ask that you rule in our hearts, lead in this world and govern over your kingdom. Help us to spread the good news of the different kind of King you are. Lord, thank you for being a different kind of King. Thank you for your goodness and kindness in our lives. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for your Kingdom that is unlike any Kingdom in this world.— Rev. Abi, on her Long and Winding Road blog

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“As the Deer”TFWS No. 2025

RESPONSIVE READING.....**Philippians 3:10-17**

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in The United Methodist Church: is a time of preparation, it gives Students the opportunity to reflect on the most basic beliefs of our faith and gives them a chance to ask questions and grow in their faith. Confirmation helps students to investigate to depths of the faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a follower of Jesus Christ, and to make their first public profession of faith in Christ. Students are invited to claim for themselves the name Christian and the name United Methodist. We believe that Confirmation is a significant step in the journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Jesus and His holy Church.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present Brady Schauer, Hanna Kilmer and Gracie Blum for confirmation.

MEMBERSHIP VOWS/RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: 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. Parents or other sponsors reaffirm these vows for themselves while taking the responsibilities of sponsorship. Candidates for confirmation profess for themselves the solemn vows that were made at their baptism.

CONFIRMANTS AFFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Do You renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;

We Do

2. Do You accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;

We Do

3. Do You confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;

We Do

4. Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;

We Will

5. Will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;

We Will

6. Will You faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;

We Will

7. Do You receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We Do

RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life. We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. That in everything God may be glorified Through Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS /PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMAND

ALL: AMEN

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

L: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

L: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

ANTHEM....."Borning Cry".....Faith Choir

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

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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**Numbers 13:25-33; 14:6; Joshua 14:6-12**

At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan."

But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are." So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we

seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.” But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land won which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’ And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.”

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....."Finishing Strong!"Pastor Victor

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks " TFWS No. 2036

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "We Are The Church"UMH No. 558

*SENDING FORTH

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

(Joshua 1:9)

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:

BridgeWater at Janesville: Joe & Gloria Tollefson

Colony Court: Nina Youngberg, Muriel Jenkins, Ardella Draheim

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday: Sandy and Clair Voshell, Bill O'Neil, JoAnn Eggness, Ana Dahnert, Leona Quast, Gordon Miller, Bob Hunter, Michael Schumacher, Ruby Teague, all who are battling Cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that beginning September 9, Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be working the hours of Monday through Thursday 8:45 am to 12:45 pm.

Change of dates for Adopt a Park - Clear Lake Park clean up on the following dates: September 9, September 23 and October 7 at 9:00 a.m. After clean up we enjoy coffee and fellowship. Come join us. If you have any questions about the park clean-up, please contact Barb Friedl at 832-969-6109 (cell) or 507-833-6095 (home).

'Collectors Showcase' will be our September Fellowship event. If you collect something, make something, took a trip or have something you would like to share with the congregation please bring it to church on **Sunday, September 15th**. There will be a sign up sheet available so we know how many tables to set up.

As most of you know, Sandy and Clair Voshell, have been taking care of Fellowship for the last several years, but they have now decided to retire. Fellowship has grown during this time and we appreciate all of the time and effort they have contributed to the life of this church. This means that we have to set up a new plan for it to continue into the future. Membership Care will meet **Wednesday, September 11** in the Upper Room at **10:00 am** to discuss our way forward. Anyone interested in being a part of the discussion is welcome to attend and give us your input. We look forward to seeing you.

Janet Welch, Membership Care

Meal and Movie Night (M&M night) on **Sunday, September 15**. The movie will be 'The Rookie'. The movie will follow the meal which will start at 5:00. Bring your family and friends.

Rock Painting Party will be **Monday, September 16th**. It will be from 4:00 until 7:00 with a meal being served at 5:30. It's great fun for people of all ages. Come, paint, and bring a friend.

Thank you to our Faith Church family for all of your prayers and support. I am getting stronger each day. Thank you, also, to our Sunday-schoolers for the cards with their awesome artwork.

Sandy Voshell

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your support for Ruby and her family at the Fundraiser was fantastic. Your support before and after the event was also appreciated. It will help them survive the next few months when she is out of work due to the bilateral breast surgery and whatever other therapy may be needed. Again, thank you!

Ken and Marlys Garness

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 09/08/2019 (Sun.) Confirmation Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship
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- 09/09/2019 (Mon.) 9:00 a.m. - Clean-up at Clear Lake Park
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
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- 09/10/2019 (Tues.) 10:30 a.m. - Ruth Circle (Lorraine Wick's Home)
10:30 a.m. - Worship at Lakeshore Inn
1:30 p.m. - Communion at Lakeshore Inn
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- 09/11/2019 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m. - Membership Care Meeting (*LV Room)
1:00 p.m. - Communion at Colony Court
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
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- 09/12/2019 (Thur.) 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study (*LV Room)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Faith Crafters & Stitchers (**FH)
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- 09/13/2019 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotion at Colony Court
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- 09/15/2019 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship (Collector's Showcase)
5:00 p.m. - Meal & Movie Night (M& M Night)
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*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours:
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