

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME
September 27th, 2015~9:30 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....."Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"...TFWS No. 2226

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....John 9:5-7

L: As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

All: Having said this, he spat on the ground and made some mud with the saliva.

L: He smeared the mud on the blind man's eyes and said to him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated "sent").

All: So the blind man went away and washed, and came back seeing.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"...UMH No. 139

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 107**

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his loyal love endures!

All: Let those delivered by the LORD speak out, those whom he delivered from the power of the enemy, and gathered from foreign lands, from east and west, from north and south.

L: They wandered through the wilderness on a desert road; they found no city in which to live. They were hungry and thirsty; they fainted from exhaustion.

All: They cried out to the LORD in their distress; he delivered them from their troubles. He led them on a level road, that they might find a city in which to live.

L: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his loyal love, and for the amazing things he has done for people! For he has satisfied those who thirst, and those who hunger he has filled with food.

All: They sat in utter darkness, bound in painful iron chains, because they had rebelled against God's commands, and rejected the instructions of the sovereign king.

L: So he used suffering to humble them; they stumbled and no one helped them up.

All: They cried out to the LORD in their distress; he delivered them from their troubles. He brought them out of the utter darkness, and tore off their shackles.

L: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his loyal love, and for the amazing things he has done for people!

ANTHEM....."Song of Fellowship"...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."How Can We See God?"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH All children are invited to attend our Children's Church at this time. Please go to the back of the sanctuary to meet your teacher.

READINGS FROM I SAMUEL 18:5-16

On every mission on which Saul sent him, David achieved success. So Saul appointed him over the men of war. This pleased not only all the army, but also Saul's servants. When the men arrived after David returned from striking

down the Philistine, the women from all the cities of Israel came out singing and dancing to meet King Saul. They were happy as they played their tambourines and three-stringed instruments. The women who were playing the music sang,

“Saul has struck down his thousands, but David his tens of thousands!” This made Saul very angry. The statement displeased him and he thought, “They have attributed to David tens of thousands, but to me they have attributed only thousands. What does he lack, except the kingdom?” So Saul was keeping an eye on David from that day onward. The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul and he prophesied within his house. Now David was playing the lyre that day. There was a spear in Saul’s hand, and Saul threw the spear, thinking, “I’ll nail David to the wall!” But David escaped from him on two different occasions. So Saul feared David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. Saul removed David from his presence and made him a commanding officer. David led the army out to battle and back. Now David achieved success in all he did, for the LORD was with him. When Saul saw how very successful he was, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he was the one leading them out to battle and back.

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

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional)

**Our Father, which 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 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.**

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

MESSAGE....."The King In the Shadows"...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN..... "Glorify Thy Name " ...TFWS No. 2016

*SENDING FORTH

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end he may establish your heart unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. I Thessalonians 3:11-13

EXIT MUSIC

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY 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,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh , Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,
Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse,
Deloris Asmus

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler[Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Dave and Joann Egeness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Marlin Olson (Patrice's Dad), Berts Walker, The Westrum Family, Chuck Youngberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group will meet **TONIGHT, September 27th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the **Parsonage** for seventh through twelfth grade students. It will be held every second and fourth Sunday.

Today we are planning a **farewell celebration** during **Fellowship Coffee**, for some of our long-time members who are moving on to new locations and new experiences in life. Al & Ferol Pursell are moving to Texas and Mary Lou Sahlstrom is moving to Wisconsin. We would like to honor them for their friendship and all they have done for us. We will have baskets downstairs for cards and well wishes that you would like to bring.

Thank you,

Janet Welch, Membership Care

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016 meets every **1st and 3rd Wednesday 6:30-7:30** in the Youth Room. Pray for our confirmands during the coming year: **Ary Blom, Jorja Bluhm, Kaitlyn Hyatt, Troy Mitzel, Aaron Root, Devin Stankiewicz, And Samantha True.**

We just want to remind all the members that our **Relay for Life Garage sale** is going to continue. We will have it in May. If you have anything you would like to donate and do not have room for it, we can take it and store it now. All our proceeds go towards cancer research. Thank you, Vada Dahnert.

Pumpkin carving/ decorating event will be held **Saturday, October 10th** at **1:30 p.m.** at Faith UMC.

Kids and adult carvers are welcomed to come and carve their jack-o-lanterns. Pumpkins will be provided.

We had a great group last year and had some fantastic carving and decorating of pumpkins going on. Let's do it again and make it the Biggest and Best!

We will end the event with hot chocolate and treats. Do come and bring a friend!

Pastor Victor's Cell Phone Number is 1-507-461-4455. If you cannot reach me at church or at home please don't hesitate to call my cell.

Martha Karsten Relationship to conference: Wife of retired elder, Rev. Clare W. Karsten. Date of death: September 22, 2015, at age 88. Arrangements: A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church (1523 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105). A luncheon will follow the service.

Bible Study: Growing A Heart For God This begins on Monday, October 5th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Room. The series is based on the books of I and II Samuel. It explores the life of David and shows how he, in spite of his struggles and outright sin, became a man after God's own heart. The study will discuss ways we can grow in our relationship with God and grow to love Him and others more deeply. It will be led by Bert's and Roger Walker and meet every Monday for 6 weeks.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

9/27/2015 (Sun.)	Pancake Mix Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Children's Church 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship-Potluck for Pursells and Mary Lou Sahlstrom 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group @ the Parsonage
9/28/2015 (Mon.)	Faith Messenger Mailed this Week
9/29/2015 (Tues.)	10:00-11:00 a.m. -Pastor Victor at Colony Court Memory Care 3:00-4:30 p.m.-Conversation, Bible, & Friends (*LV Room) 5:15-6:30 p.m. -Church Council Meeting
9/30/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away
10/1/2015 (Thur.)	12:45-1:45 p.m. -Caregivers Club (*LV Room)
10/2/2015 (Fri.)	Pastor Victor Out of Office
10/4/2015 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service 10:00-10:30 a.m. -Children's Church 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-8:00 p.m. -Confirmation (**LV Room)

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall