

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 31st, 2021~9:30 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/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the Lord.

HYMN....."O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing".....UMH #57, vs. 1-2

UNISON PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, you come to us with words of wisdom and of promise. Teach us to know the gifts of our great high priest, and lead us to love what is nourishing for all life, in Jesus' name. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG METHODISTS AND FRIENDS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC.....Andrea Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146:1-10.....Bob Hunter

Praise the Lord!

Let my whole being praise the Lord!
I will praise the Lord with all my life;
I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

Don't trust leaders;
don't trust any human beings—
there's no saving help with them!
Their breath leaves them,
then they go back to the ground.
On that very same day, their plans die too.

The person whose help is the God of Jacob—
the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—
is truly happy!

God: the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,

God: who is faithful forever,
who gives justice to people who are oppressed,
who gives bread to people who are starving!

The Lord: who frees prisoners.

The Lord: who makes the blind see.

The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.

The Lord: who loves the righteous.

The Lord: who protects immigrants,
who helps orphans and widows,
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

The Lord will rule forever!

Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!

Praise the Lord!

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD
THANKS BE TO GOD**

Mark 12:28-34.....Pastor Carolyn

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these."

The legal expert said to him, "Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one's strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices."

MESSAGE.....Pastor Carolyn

HYMN....."The Gift of Love".....UMH #408

BENEDICTION

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: Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Foxdale Memory Care: Elaine Westrum

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Mary and Bill Shouts, Missionaries in Haiti, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are at risk and most vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement or prayer request you would like to have shared at Sunday service, please email the church office at faithwaseca@gmail.com by Thursday. If you would like your announcement printed in the bulletin, please e-mail the announcement by Wednesday. If you do not have access to email, you may call the church office at 835-3167. **We also want to hear any joys you have so please email or call the church with any that you would like to share!**

Due to a lack of content we will not be mailing out a newsletter this month. Pastor Carolyn's November article and the November calendar can be picked up in the narthex.

If you have any material that you think would be good for the newsletter please submit it to Pastor Carolyn or Stacy. The deadline for articles is usually the third Monday of the month unless we need to work around a holiday or vacation. However, you can submit an article at any time. If it is not date sensitive, we can hold onto it for use in a future newsletter when we need material.

The soup luncheon that was scheduled for Saturday, November 6 has been canceled due to Covid numbers.

Charge Conference 2021

Our Annual Charge Conference will take place on **Tuesday, November 16th** from **6:30-8:00 pm** via ZOOM. I can hook up my laptop to the television in the gathering room so a group of us can attend together. Please let me know if you would like to join us. This is open to everyone in the congregation. If you have questions, please let me know.

Pastor Carolyn

**** Please stay home if you are sick. God will forgive you!**

To keep all of us safe, please stay home from church if you have any of these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

Also, please stay home if you do not have symptoms but have tested positive for Covid in the last 14 days or are waiting for test results.

When you do come to church or visit the church building, please remember to wear a mask at all times.

If you are unable to attend worship, you may view the service online via a link on our Facebook page, Faith United Methodist Church, or our website, wasecafaithumc.com. The service is also aired on the local PEG television channel at the following times:

Sunday 12:30 PM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Thursday 4:30 PM
Saturday 6:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

10/31/2021 (Sun.) 9:30 am - Worship Service

11/01/2021 (Mon.) 3:00-4:30 pm - Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

11/04/2021 (Thur.) 10:30 am - Bible Study

11/07/2021 (Sun.) All Saints Sunday
Birthday Sunday
9:30 am - Worship Service with Communion

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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