

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME
October 4th, 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP....."Bind Us Together"...TFWS No.2226 [2x]

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE.....I John 1:5-7

All: Now this is the gospel message we have heard from him and announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

L: If we say we have fellowship with him and yet keep on walking in the darkness, we are lying and not practicing the truth.

All: But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

HYMN OF INVITATION....."Make Me A Servant"...TFWS No. 2176

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING.....*PSALM 89: 1-18*

L: I will sing continually about the LORD's faithful deeds; to future generations I will proclaim your faithfulness. For I say, "Loyal love is permanently established; in the skies you set up your faithfulness."

All: The LORD said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have made a promise on oath to David, my servant: 'I will give you an eternal dynasty and establish your throne throughout future generations.' "

L: O LORD, the heavens praise your amazing deeds, as well as your faithfulness in the angelic assembly. For who in the skies can compare to the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings, a God who is honored in the great angelic assembly, and more awesome than all who surround him?

All: O LORD, sovereign God! Who is strong like you, O LORD? Your faithfulness surrounds you. You rule over the proud sea. When its waves surge, you calm them.

L: You crushed the Proud One and killed it; with your strong arm you scattered your enemies. The heavens belong to you, as does the earth.

All: You made the world and all it contains. You created the north and the south. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name. Your arm is powerful, your hand strong, your right hand victorious.

L: Equity and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loyal love and faithfulness characterize your rule. How blessed are the people who worship you! O LORD, they experience your favor.

All: They rejoice in your name all day long, and are vindicated by your justice. For you give them splendor and strength.

L: By your favor we are victorious. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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

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ANTHEM.....“Holy Manna”...Faith Choir

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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING.....**1 Samuel 23:6-15**

Now when Abiathar son of Ahimelech had fled to David at Keilah, he had brought with him an ephod. When Saul was told that David had come to Keilah, Saul said, “God has delivered him into my hand, for he has boxed himself into a corner by entering a city with two barred gates.” So Saul mustered all his army to go down to Keilah and besiege David and his men.

When David realized that Saul was planning to harm him, he told Abiathar the priest, “Bring the ephod!” Then David said, “O LORD God of Israel, your servant has clearly heard that Saul is planning to come to Keilah to destroy the city because of me. Will the leaders of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down as your servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, please inform your servant!” Then the LORD said, “He will come down.” David asked, “Will the leaders of Keilah deliver me and my men into Saul’s hand?” The LORD said, “They will deliver you over.” So David and his men, who numbered about six hundred, set out and left Keilah; they moved around from one place to another. When told that David had escaped from Keilah, Saul called a halt to his expedition. David stayed in the strongholds that were in the desert and in the hill country of the desert of Ziph. Saul looked for him all the time, but God did not deliver David into his hand. David realized that Saul had come out to seek his life; at that time David was in Horesh in the desert of Ziph.

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.....“You Don’t Need A Crutch When You Are Going Through A Mine Field, You Need A Guide” ...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Doxology"...UMH No. 95

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."Let There Be Peace on Earth "...UMH No. 431

*SENDING FORTH Colossians 3:15-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

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, Berts Walker, The Westrum Family, Chuck Youngberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016 meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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.

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.

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 Berts and Roger Walker and meet every Monday for 6 weeks.

Many **thanks** to the church members who gave me cards with kind thoughts and best wishes last Sunday. They are all much appreciated. Especially appreciated was the "lemon zucchini" bread. I don't know who sent that, but it was wonderful. This has been a very welcoming and kind church to me. Keep up the good work! I will miss you. Mary Lou Sahlstrom.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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
10/6/2015 (Tues.)	3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
10/7/2015 (Wed.)	10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (**FH) 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation 7:30-8:30 p.m. -Choir Practice 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (Sanctuary)
10/8/2015 (Thur.)	1:00-3:00 p.m. -Faith Crafters and Stitchers 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Men of Faith Meeting
10/9/2015 (Fri.)	10:00-10:30 a.m. -Worship at Colony Court
10/10/2015 (Sat.)	1:00-3:00 p.m. -Pumpkin Carving
10/11/2015 (Sun.)	9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 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. -Youth Group at the Parsonage

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall