

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

ORDINARY TIME

October 25th, 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....."In His Time"...TFWS No. 2203

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.

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE....."A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ...UMH No. 110

RESPONSIVE READING.....**PSALM 34**

L: I will praise the LORD at all times; my mouth will continually praise him. I will boast in the LORD; let the oppressed hear and rejoice!

All: Magnify the LORD with me! Let's praise his name together!

L: I sought the LORD's help and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help are happy; their faces are not ashamed.

All: This oppressed man cried out and the LORD heard; he saved him from all his troubles. The LORD's angel camps around the LORD's loyal followers and delivers them.

L: Taste and see that the LORD is good! How blessed is the one who takes shelter in him! Remain loyal to the LORD, you chosen people of his, for his loyal followers lack nothing!

All: Even young lions sometimes lack food and are hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come children! Listen to me! I will teach you what it means to fear the LORD.

L: Do you want to really live? Would you love to live a long, happy life? Then make sure you don't speak evil words or use deceptive speech!

All: Turn away from evil and do what is right! Strive for peace and promote it!

L: The LORD pays attention to the godly and hears their cry for help.

All: But the LORD opposes evildoers and wipes out all memory of them from the earth. The godly cry out and the LORD hears; he saves them from all their troubles.

L: The LORD is near the brokenhearted; he delivers those who are discouraged. The godly face many dangers, but the LORD saves them from each one of them. He protects all his bones; not one of them is broken.

All: Evil people self-destruct; those who hate the godly are punished.

L: The LORD rescues his servants; all who take shelter in him escape punishment.

ANTHEM....."In Christ Alone" ...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME....."Does God Ever Forget?"

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**I Samuel 31:16; II Samuel 1:17-27; Psalm 78: 70-71; II Samuel 5:1-5;**

The Death of Saul and Jonathan

Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel. The men of Israel fled from the Philistines and many of them fell dead on Mount Gilboa. The Philistines stayed right on the heels of Saul and his sons. They struck down Saul's sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malki-Shua. Saul himself was in the thick of the battle; the archers spotted him and wounded him severely. Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and stab me with it! Otherwise these uncircumcised people will come, stab me, and torture me." But his armor bearer refused to do it, because he was very afraid. So Saul took his sword and fell on it. When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his own sword and died with him. So Saul, his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men died together that day.

Saul and Jonathan's Eulogy

Then David chanted this lament over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He gave instructions that the people of Judah should be taught "The Bow." Indeed, it is written down in the Book of Yashar.) The beauty of Israel lies slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Don't report it in Gath, don't spread the news in the streets of Ashkelon, or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will celebrate! O mountains of Gilboa, may there be no dew or rain on you, nor fields of grain offerings! For it was there that the shield of warriors was defiled; the shield of Saul lies neglected without oil. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of warriors, the bow of Jonathan was not turned away. The sword of Saul never returned empty. Saul and Jonathan were greatly loved during their lives, and not even in their deaths were they separated. They were swifter than eagles, stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet as well as jewelry, who put gold jewelry on your clothes. How the warriors have fallen in the midst of battle! Jonathan lies slain on your high places!

I grieve over you, my brother Jonathan! You were very dear to me. Your love was more special to me than the love of women. How the warriors have fallen! The weapons of war are destroyed!

David Anointed King By All of Israel

He[GOD] chose David, his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds. He took him away from following the mother sheep, and made him the shepherd of Jacob, his people, and of Israel, his chosen nation. David cared for them with pure motives; he led them with skill.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron saying, "Look, we are your very flesh and blood! In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the real leader in Israel. The LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel; you will rule over Israel.'" When all the leaders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, King David made an agreement with them in Hebron before the LORD. They designated David as king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign and he reigned for forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned for thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

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....."Grieving And Celebrating"...Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

* CLOSING HYMN....."The Church's One Foundation"...UMW 546

*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 stablish your heart unblameable 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

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

The church was notified starting **January 2, 2016** there will be a change to the **Sunday Bus**. Smart Transit and the Minnesota Valle Acton Council Transportation will merge. TRANSIT will operate on Sunday mornings (8-12 o'clock) and you will still be able to get a ride to church. All residents to any church with services within the Bus Schedule can call for a ride. Waseca will have a dedicated route bus 7 days a week, 7am-5pm Monday-Friday, 8am-12 noon Saturday - Sunday service. A one-way bus token is \$1.50 or \$3 per round-trip. Monthly bus passes will be available for \$25; as many rides as you need within that month. Watch for information in the Shopper and Waseca County News. Also, Sandy Chadderdon can be contacted at 507-835-4551 or email: schadderdon@mnavac.org.

It is time to **order new books** for Bible Study "**Conversation, Bible and Friends**." If you want a book for 2016 let Kim know as soon as possible. Cost is \$10.50 per book. Thanks, Barbara.

THANK YOU to the Congregation for the use of the Fellowship Hall for the Tai Chi class and Some Time Away. *Kelly Adams*

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Time to think about getting ready for Christmas! Please join us in decorating our church for the Advent Season. We will be gathering at 9 AM on Saturday, November 28. Come for as long as you can-there will be plenty of coffee, treats, and work for everyone!

THE MITTEN TREE

I know, I know, it's early-but...we need to send SCARVES, HATS, MITTENS, and GLOVES to the Neighborhood Service Center for distribution as soon as the snow flies. Won't you please get those knitting needles out and shop early to help fill up our tree? Both giver and receiver will be blessed! Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 10/25/2015 (Sun.) Pancake Mix Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at the Parsonage
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- 10/26/2015 (Mon.) **Faith Messenger Mailed this week**
10:00-11:30 a.m. -Growing a Heart for God Bible Study
(*LV Room)
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- 10/27/2015 (Tues.) 10:00-11:00 a.m. -Tai Chi (**FH)
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)
5:15-6:15 p.m. -Church Council
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- 10/28/2015 (Wed.) 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.-Some Time Away (**FH)
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
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- 10/29/2015 (Thur.) 11:00 a.m.-Noon -Tai Chi (**FH)
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- 10/31/2015 (Sat.) Halloween
5:00-7:00 P.M. -Trunk or Treat
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- 11/1/2015 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday/Daylight Savings Time/ALL SAINTS DAY
9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing
9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
10:00-10:30 a.m. -Sunday School
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall
