

**FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
**November 19, 2023~9:30 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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.  
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

*Psalm 95:1-2*

HYMN....."Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" .....UMH #89, vs. 1, 2, 3

UNISON PRAYER

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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.

ANTHEM..... "We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light" .....Faith Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING.....Karen Ferch

**Matthew 25:14-30**

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I

scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN....."Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise".....UMH #103, vs. 1, 2, 3

SCRIPTURE READING.....Pastor Jon Schultz

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

MESSAGE....."There is no Twilight Zone".....Pastor Jon Schultz

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

**Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.**

**Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.**

**Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.**

**Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.**

**In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN..... "Take My Life, and Let It Be" .....UMH #399

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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:** Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Margaret Hasslen

**Latham Place:** Joe Tollefson

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Prayer Requests for Sunday:** Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Pippenger, Bob Stephan, Gloria Rollag, Margaret Hasslen, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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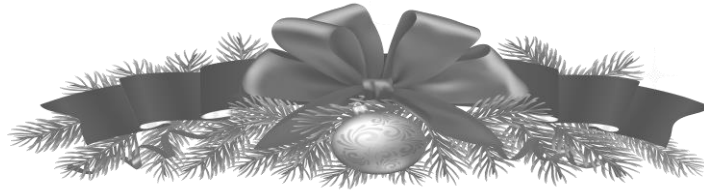
Our first session of Conversations at the Crossroads is scheduled for **Monday, November 20 at 6:30 pm**. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

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Sunday school is meeting this morning. We will be making ornaments to decorate the bare Mitten Tree. Next week, we will decorate the tree after our lesson.

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The season of advent is fast approaching. Can you believe it?! We need your help to decorate our church as we prepare to celebrate this joyous season. Please come on **Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 am** to help decorate. It will be fun and help to get you into the holiday spirit. You can stay as little or as long as you like. Remember, many hands make light work!



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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11/19/2023 (Sun.)	9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship
11/20/2023 (Mon.)	1:00 pm - UWF Unit Meeting (**FH) 6:30 pm - Conversations at the Crossroads Meeting
11/21/2023 (Tue.)	7:00 pm - Leadership Team Meeting (Gathering Room)
11/22/2023 (Wed.)	7:00 pm - Choir Practice (*LV Room)
11/23/2023 (Thurs.)	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>
11/26/2023 (Sun.)	Pancake Sunday 9:30 am - Worship Service 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship

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\*Lakeview Room   \*\*Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:**

Monday & Wednesday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Pastor's Office Hours this Week:**

Monday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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