

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 4, 2012 ~ ~ 4th Sunday of Extravagant Generosity

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.

Where Jesus is lifted up for all people and God's word is honored.

(Please, take the time to fill out the red registration pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.)

GATHERING MUSIC

VISION STATEMENT We are a Christ-Centered Church committed to reaching all people with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging all who respond to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

RALLY CRY "Faith by the Lake - and Beyond!"

WELCOME & BRIEF NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP *from: The Book of Worship 1965, Alt.*

ALL: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" Yea, our heart is glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name. Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise! We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

INTROIT "Holy Ground (refrain)" ... TFWS No. 2272

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEART CARD #4 How has God Extravagantly Given To You?

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 24 ... UMH No. 755-56

***HYMN OF PRAISE “Holy, Holy, Holy”... UMH No. 64**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Nicene Creed” ... UMH No. 880

HYMN OF INVITATION ... “Here is Bread, Here is Wine”...TFWS No. 2266

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH Pgs 12-15

ANTHEM “Find Us Faithful” ... Faith Choir

- **CHILDREN’S CHURCH** ... Children 4 through 9 years of age are invited to the Classroom for Children’s Church during the rest of our Service.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** ... Youth in Grades 3 through 6 are invited to the Youth Room (downstairs) during the rest of our Service.

***SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6: 19-24 (The Message Bible)**

Leader: “Don’t hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it’s safe from moth and rust and burglars. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

ALL: “Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have!

Leader: “You can’t worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you’ll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can’t worship God and Money both.

ALL: “If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion.

Leader: There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

ALL: “Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference?

Leader: Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

ALL: “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?

Leader: What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works.

ALL: Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

Leader: “Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Leader: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

ALL: Death has no dominion over them.

Leader: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

ALL: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Carol Ann (Madigan) Loney

Marilynn Lau

Raymond Dahnert

Jean Ferry

Evelyn Stuart

Eleanor Hutchison

John "Buster" Kapua

Gary Rollag

PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with those from every nation. Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Soon and Very Soon " ... UMH No. 706

PASTORAL PRAYER for our Church, Our Community and Our World

MESSAGE "An Investment of Eternal Proportions" ...Rev. Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Spirit of the Living God”... UMH No. 393

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE – We are almost done with our Stewardship Drive for 2013. Each of you should have received our Narrative Scope of Ministries and an Estimate of giving card (tri-fold on gold paper). Please prayerfully contemplate your contributions for 2013 and return the Estimate of Giving at your earliest convenience.

- **On November 18, we will celebrate our Pledges during worship, culminating in a potluck luncheon** with pork loin provided and prepared by the Finance Committee! Bring a side, salad or dessert to share!
- Please try to return your estimate of giving on or before November 18.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – **Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14** in the Upper Room at 3 p.m. This is one-week early due to Thanksgiving. Our hostess will be Karen Ferch with Sherry Scholljegerdes leading devotions. Visitors are always welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! – **Sunday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m.** for a Celebration and Shared Annual Church Conference! “The Business of Raising the Dead!” **at Ellendale UMC.** Bring car-loads! Come early!

- Carpooling sign-up sheets are posted on the sign-up board by the drinking fountain.

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they have, or would like, including:

Cedarview Care Center, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court: Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Lakeshore Inn: Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht,
Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse & Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch: Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester: Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill, injured or homebound: Jim & Marian Keller, Willie Mahler,
Bruce Stauffer, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.

- All those impacted by superstorm Sandy and the long-term clean up needs facing much of the east coast.



Dear Lord,

We pray for the leaders of this country and every other.

May they not be swayed by politics but listen instead to the spirit of truth.

May they not harken to the false and bitter voices of a frightened world, but instead hear the angels who minister unto them.

May the world make room for their leadership and resist no more their growth into greatness.

May their virtue shield them. May their lack of virtue be forgiven and corrected.

May their words be true.

May their strength go before them, to cut like a sword through all illusion.

May they see the innocence and brotherhood in those who oppose them.

May they grow beyond a shallow fight.

And thus may we all be taken with them into new light, new peace, new politics, new hope for all the world. Amen. *(from Marianne Williamson's book, Illuminator)*

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Dear God, thank you for your continual blessings. Please stir our hearts to know your will for us at this time. Use us in your kingdom's work. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

11/4/2012 (Sun.)

Return your
Estimate of
Giving Card as
soon as you can.

4th Sunday of Extravagant Generosity

Birthday Sunday ** Daylight Savings Time ends (Fall Back)

9:30 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion

** *Children's Church meeting in Classroom (upstairs).*

** *Sunday School meeting in Youth Room (downstairs).*

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)

11/5/2012 (Mon.)

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Tina Office Hours

11/6/2012 (Tues.)



6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. – Polling Location (FH, PL)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Tina Office Hours

10 a.m. – Worship at Lake Shore Inn

4 p.m. – Conversation, Bible & Friends (UR)



11/7/2012 (Wed.)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Tina Office Hours

3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

11/8/2012 (Thur.)

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Tina Office Hours

10 to 11 a.m. – Book of Mark Bible Study (UR)

4 to 4:45 p.m. – Tai Chi (FH)

11/9/2012 (Fri.)

6:30 – 8 p.m. – Girl Scouts (Kilmer, W. end of FH)

11/11/2012 (Sun.)



5th Sunday of Extravagant Generosity – Veteran's Day!

9 a.m. – Blood Pressure checks (UR)

9:30 a.m. – Worship

** *Children's Church meeting in Classroom (upstairs).*

** *Sunday School meeting in Youth Room (downstairs).*

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (FH)

1:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts (Mackey, W. end of FH)

6:30 to 8 p.m. – Youth Group (Parsonage)

