

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 18, 2012 ~ ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Extravagant Generosity  
Pledge Commitment Sunday

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

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name! I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.

**INTROIT ..... "Lead Me, Guide Me" ... Faith Choir ... TFWS No. 2214**

**OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)..... *The Book of Worship 1965, Alt*

**ALL:** Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**RESPONSIVE READING** ..... **Psalm 126**

Leader: It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when GOD returned Zion's exiles.

**ALL:** We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe our good fortune. We were the talk of the nations— "GOD was wonderful to them!"

Leader: GOD was wonderful to us; we are one happy people.

**ALL:** And now, GOD, do it again— bring rains to our drought-stricken lives

Leader: So those who planted their crops in despair will shout hurrahs at the harvest,

**ALL:** So those who went off with heavy hearts will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** ..... "We Gather Together"... UMH No. 131

**RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMEBER**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** ..... "Jesus Creed" ... *By Brian McLaren*

Leader: We have confidence in Jesus

**All:** Who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralyzed. And even raised the dead.

Leader: He cast out evil powers and Confronted corrupt leaders.

**ALL:** He cleansed the temple. He favored the poor.

Leader: He turned water into wine, Walked on water, calmed storms.

**ALL: He died for the sins of the world, Rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father, Sent the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We have confidence in Jesus Who taught in word and example, Sign and wonder. He preached parables of the kingdom of God On hillsides, from boats, in the temple, in homes, At banquets and parties, along the road, on beaches, in towns, By day and by night.

**ALL: He taught the way of love for God and neighbor, For stranger and enemy, for outcast and alien.**

Leader: We have confidence in Jesus, Who called disciples, led them, Gave them new names and new purpose And sent them out to preach good news.

**ALL: He washed their feet as a servant. He walked with them, ate with them, Called them friends, Rebuked them, encouraged them, Promised to leave and then return, And promised to be with them always.**

Leader: He taught them to pray. He rose early to pray, stole away to desolate places, Fasted and faced agonizing temptations, Wept in a garden, And prayed, "Not my will but your will be done." He rejoiced, He sang, He feasted, He wept.

**ALL: We have confidence in Jesus, So we follow Him, learn His ways, Seek to obey His teaching and live by His example.**

Leader: We walk with Him, walk in Him, abide in Him, As a branch in a vine.

**ALL: We have not seen Him, but we love Him. His words are to us words of life eternal,**

Leader: And to know Him is to know the true and living God. We do not see Him now, but we have confidence in Jesus.

**ALL: Amen.**

**ANTHEM** ..... "Built On a Rock" ... Faith Choir

**KIDS TIME .....**

- **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 ..... 2 Corinthians 4: 7-18 (The Net Bible)**

Leader: But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that the extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

**ALL: We are experiencing trouble on every side, but are not crushed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; we are persecuted, but not abandoned; we are knocked down, but not destroyed,**

Leader: always carrying around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our body. For we who are alive are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal body.

**ALL: As a result, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. But since we have the same spirit of faith as that shown in what has been written, “I believed; therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak.**

Leader: We do so because we know that the one who raised up Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus and will bring us with you into his presence. For all these things are for your sake, so that the grace that is including more and more people may cause thanksgiving to increase to the glory of God.

**ALL: Therefore we do not despair, but even if our physical body is wearing away, our inner person is being renewed day by day.**

Leader: For our momentary, light suffering is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison because we are not looking

at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen. For what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE & PARDON (in unison)**

.... *Wesleyan Methodist Conference, England, 20th Cent., Alt.*

**ALL: O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “All Creatures of Our God and King” ... UMH No. 62**

**PASTORAL PRAYER ..... for our Church, Our Community and Our World**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison) ..... UMH No. 895**

**MESSAGE ..... “Seeing the Unseen”... Rev. Victor Waters**

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY ..... UMH No. 95**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”... UMH No. 140**

**SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY** – We are So Grateful to EVERYONE who has prayerfully considered their pledge and returned their Estimate of Giving Forms! If you haven't returned your form yet – it's OK, we understand that money matters can be difficult. We will continue to pray for our budget needs to be met, and our membership to grow and prosper. Join us **today**, after worship for our **CELEBRATION POTLUCK**. Our Faith Family is sharing salads, sides and desserts! The Finance Committee is providing and cooking pork loin for lunch.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** – Lutheran Social Services is looking for volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels in Waseca County. Their need is immediate, and includes regular and relief drivers; please contact Vanessa at (866) 974-0284.

**NATIVITIES** – If you want to share your nativity set for the Housewalk **(December 1 & 2)** bring it in a box or container, to the church office. The nativities will be available to take home after the Housewalk, so you can decorate and setup at home. Linda Lohse is coordinating this event – call her if you have any questions (507) 835-1917.

**UMW Unit MEETING** – Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6 p.m. The World Thank Offering will be the topic. All women are invited to join us!

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR DEADLINE** – **Nov. 20 at 3 p.m.**  
It will be mailed during the week of Nov. 26.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE** – Everyone is invited to attend, and join for fellowship time to following the service. **Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 7 p.m.** at Evangelical UMC (309 – 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE).

**THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL** – St. John Lutheran Church is hosting the ministerial Thanksgiving Community meal on **Thursday, November 22, 2012 at Noon**. The meal will be served at **St. John's** (401 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE, Waseca). **RSVP by noon on Wednesday, November 21** by calling (507) 835-4511. If no answer, leave a message including the number of meals, take out (limit of 4 per address) or dine-in, and if you want home delivery or a ride to St. John. Leave your address and phone number if you want a ride. A free-will offering is asked for this meal. Call (507) 833-1703 to volunteer or donate.

**DAD's BELGIAN WAFFLES** – **Sunday, November 25** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Farmamerica. For \$7.00 it's all-you-can-eat waffles with sausage links, orange juice and coffee. Children 5 and under are free. Take-out is available. Farmamerica is located between Janesville and Waseca, 2 miles south of Highway 14.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – **Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at **St. Paul Lutheran Church** (314 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Waseca, MN). Menu: Hot Beef Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, Homemade Pies, Coffee. Lots of crafts, baked goods, Christmas cookies, white elephants, candy shop and country store goods to select and purchase!

**HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE** – **Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 9 to 11 a.m.** at **Evangelical UMC** (309 – 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Waseca). \$6.50 per pound. All proceeds go to Missions.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK - Waterville** – **Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to Noon**. \$6.00 per pound. Wander along tables laden with cookies to pick the types and amount you'd like. Visit with friends at our holiday café offering cider, coffee and cookies! **Waterville UMC** (319 E. Main Street, across the street from the bank).

**CHRISTMAS TIME'S A COMIN'** – The fourth annual country gospel

Christmas show will be presented at the Central Intermediate School Auditorium in Waseca. All proceeds go to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Show times – **Saturday, December 1 at 2 & 7 p.m.; Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m.** Tickets available at the Waseca Music Store (507) 835-2980, and at the door. Adults \$10, 16 years and under free.

**THANK YOU!** – Mary Born, and her family, thank you for your prayers and concerns regarding her back surgery and subsequent recovery. She is doing fine and remains in the hospital working on physical therapy. She is walking with a walker, and may be in a wheel chair for a while, but the surgery went well.

*~~ Mary & Louis Born, Lucille & George Kubista, Tom & Karen Kuyper*

**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

**Oak Lawn Care Center, Mankato:** Gerri Peterson

**Shorewood Senior Campus, Rochester:** Darlene Lynch

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





## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

11/18/2012 (Sun.)

Celebration  
Potluck!  
Pork Loin provided,  
bring salad, side or  
dessert to share!

### Stewardship Celebration Sunday – Dedication of Pledges

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

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

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

11:00 a.m. – Stewardship Celebration Potluck (FH).

11/19/2012 (Mon.)

1-4 p.m. – Diabetic Shoe Screening (FH)

6-7:30 p.m. – UMW Unit Meeting (FH, Kitchen)

11/20/2012 (Tues.)

10 a.m. – UMW Ruth Circle Meeting at Verna Fog's

1 p.m. – UMW Mary Circle (UR)

3 p.m. – Newsletter and December Calendar Deadline

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

11/21/2012 (Wed.)

3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

11/22/2012 (Thur.)

OFFICE CLOSED - Happy Thanksgiving!

11/24/2012 (Sat.)

10 a.m. – Girl Scouts (Palmer, W. end FH)

11/25/2012 (Sun.)

### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

\*\* **Pancake Mix Sunday – bring mix & syrup for the food shelf**

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

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

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

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

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

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

11/26/2012 (Mon.)

Faith Messenger Mailed this week.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ...

- 11/27/2012 (Tues.) 4 p.m. – Conversation Bible & Friends (UR)
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- 11/28/2012 (Wed.) 3:15 p.m. – Lake Shore Inn Video  
4:30 – 6 p.m. – Confirmation (Evangelical UMC)  
7 p.m. – Choir Practice
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- 12/2/2012 (Sun.) BIRTHDAY SUNDAY  
9:15 a.m. – Hymn Sing!  
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



**Hurricanes 2012**

Hurricane Sandy, which severely affected portions of the Caribbean and the eastern United States in late October 2012, was the largest Atlantic hurricane on record. In the US, Hurricane Sandy affected at least 24 states with gale-force winds, flooding, heavy rain, and even snow.

In the Caribbean, Haiti, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and Jamaica-Hurricane Sandy is known to have killed 65 people. In the US, at least 60 deaths have been reported.

Hurricane Sandy destroyed homes, produced billions of dollars in damages, and left millions of people in the dark.

[www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

**UMCOR**  
United Methodist Committee of Relief

Help storm survivors with your gifts to:  
**Hurricanes 2012, Advance #3021787.**

You can also text the word “response” to 80888  
to give an immediate \$10 donation.