

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 24th, 2013~9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to today's service, where Jesus is lifted up for all people,
and God's word is honored.

*We welcome all who have come to worship with us today. We extend a special
welcome to our visitors and, if you don't have a regular place of worship, to
consider making Faith United Methodist Church your church home.*

Entrance

*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
to **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing
of the world.*

*All attendees Please Sign our Red Friendship registration Pads and if you are new
to are church please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home*

GATHERING

WELCOME/ NEWS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP..... "Sanctuary"...TFWS No. 2164

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: We light the Christ Candle to remind us of the presence of our Lord and to
welcome Him in our midst. Jesus said, "We must work the works of him
who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As
long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:4-5

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*All who wish may stand.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red book)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (thin black book)

Nursery available for babies - 4 year olds

OPENING PRAYER

L: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

*SONG OF PRAISE.....“I Will Call upon the Lord”...TFWS No. 2002

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Jeremiah 23: 5-6

L: 5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”.... UMH No. 361

ANTHEM..... "Here I am to Worship"...Faith Choir

(Children 4-9 are invited to attend Sunday School at this time.)

EPISTLE LESSON.....Colossians 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

*GOSPEL LESSON.....Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from

our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE.....“Behold Your King”...Rev. Victor Waters

*PASSING OF THE PEACE – “May the peace of Christ be with you and all that is yours.”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever.

Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING..... “Give Thanks”...TFWS No. 2036

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE..... “King of Kings”...TFWS No. 2075

*SENDING FORTH

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6

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:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Jim Keller, Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson, Janette and Bob Larson, Dick Bartz



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note these changes in our Sunday service starting on December 1st.

- All announcements are due in the office by noon on Wednesday
- There will be no live announcements on Sunday Am unless it is an emergency and then you will need to write your announcement on a note and give it to the pastor to read.
- We will receive prayer request on prayer cards that can be given to the pastor or placed in the offering plate. These will be lifted up for prayer during the week and the following Sunday. If the request is time sensitive write it out and give it to the pastor or an usher to give to the pastor and it will be lifted up during the pastoral prayer time.

These changes are designed to help our service move along more smoothly and be more open and welcoming to those who are attending for the first time. Thanks for your Help in Making These Changes Go Smoothly as possible.

The Worship Design Team and The HCI Team

POINSETTIAS – Order forms are available in the Church Office, and were sent in the December newsletter. **Pay when you order. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 09, 2013.**

- We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help water, set up the display in the Sanctuary and deliver plants to shut-ins after Christmas Eve. We are also looking for someone to help with Easter Lilies & Tulips. If we don't have volunteers, we may discontinue offering these plants.
- This is NOT a tax-deductible donation . There is an exchange of goods.

"The Mitten Tree"

It's that time again...you can warm your heart while you warm their hands and heads! Watch for the "Mitten Tree" which will be appearing soon in the entry area – just waiting for donations of hats, scarves and mittens, especially in children's sizes.

The garments will be taken to the Neighborhood Service Center before Christmas, so let's fill the tree to overflowing! Thank you for your gifts!

Coming soon...**"Christmas Treasures"**...presented on **Sunday, December 15** at **9:30 a.m.** at Faith United Methodist Church. This intergenerational play is filled with music and memories. There will be youngsters and those who are young at heart sharing some very special symbols along with the Christmas Story. This touching and interactive production will add a unique experience to your holiday season. Fellowship time will feature good hot coffee along with surprise treats AND something just for the kiddos.

Come share in the carol singing and celebration of the timeless story of our Savior's birthday! Don't miss it!

Important information for those who will be participating in the program:

- A one-hour practice will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 7th at 1:00 p.m.**
- If necessary, we will have a second practice on **Saturday, Dec. 14,** also at **1:00 p.m.**

Thanks to all for helping to make this a wonderful experience. If you have any questions, please call Linda Lohse at 835-1917.

Holiday Decorating

GOOD NEWS...The first Sunday in Advent arrives on December 1 – just a few weeks away! To be ready for the joyous Christmas season, we need to decorate the Sanctuary as well as other areas of the church. All helpers are welcome: Men, women, and young people. We'll hang garlands, put up trees and wreaths, and add holiday touches around the church. Come join the fun on **November 30** at **1:00 p.m.** Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or call Linda at 835-1917.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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- 11/24/2013 (Sun.) **Pancake Mix Sunday**
9:30-10:30 a.m. –Contemporary Worship Service
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid's Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
11:00-12:30 p.m. -Celebration Potluck
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- 11/25/2013 (Mon.) **Faith Messenger Mailed this week**
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- 11/26/2013 (Tues.) 4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
Next Church Council Meeting TBD
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Trustees Meeting (LV Room)
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- 11/27/2013 (Wed.) 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary
No Youth Group today
7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
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- 11/28/2013 (Thur.) **Thanksgiving/Church Office Closed**
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- 11/29/2013 (Fri.) Church Office Closed
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- 11/30/2013 (Sat.) Starting at 1:00 p.m. -Decorate the Church for Christmas
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- 12/01/2013 (Sun.) **Birthday Sunday**
9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing
9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. -Worship with Holy Communion
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid's Time)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
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