

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3rd, 2017~9:30 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....."Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus".....UMH No.196

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



“Jesus the Alpha and Omega”

L: The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

First Sunday of Advent: EXPECTATION

All : Jeremiah 33:14-16

“The days are coming, ’declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; He will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

L: Candle Lighting: We light this candle as a symbol of EXPECTATION. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.

HYMN OF EXPECTATION "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" ...UMH No. 211 Vs. 1

All: Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of your promises to us and your fulfillment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM“O Come, Holy Savior”Faith Choir

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

SACRAMENT OF WORD AND TABLE II

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING**Isaiah 11:1-9**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for

the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

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 "The Branch of Jesse"Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING..... "Doxology"UMH No. 95

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "Star-Child"TFWS No.2095

*SENDING FORTH.....

The Lord enlighten you through the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthen you as you walk in his light. The Lord give you joy as he shows you his Fatherly mercies new every morning. The Lord give you wisdom in happiness, comfort in suffering, rest in death, and one day, the peace of eternal life. Schleswig-Hosteinsche Kirchen-Agende, 1797

EXIT MUSIC

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 Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Peter Fog, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: Lucille and George Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday: Leona Quast, Bruce Born, Don Paulson, Becky Tristan and her family, Fern Papke, Robert and Lori Ferry, Neal Schauer, Arth Family, Les Wells.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION Wednesday, December 6th 6:30-7:30.

SERMON NOTE OUTLINES on the table in the Narthex.

YOUTH GROUP TBD.

We had a wonderful turn out for the Community Thanksgiving Meal. The meal was delicious and we received many compliments. 41 hot turkey dinners were delivered, and 53 people enjoyed meals in the fellowship hall; plus 18 take-outs. A big **Thank you** to the people who helped with the set-up, serving, and clean-up. I believe all of us enjoyed a beautiful Thanksgiving and left with stomachs full of food and hearts full of joy and praise.

Offering envelopes for 2018 are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.

Please note -- Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office December 4 through 7.

Note From the Janitor's Closet: Please let me know if there is anything coming up in the months of January, February and March that I need to be aware of and that pertain to custodial duties. I will be out those months having knee replacement. Jon Schultz will be filling in for me.

Leave any notes in my mailbox so I may put them on my calendar. -- *Bob*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 24 AT 4:30 P.M. THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24.

If you are cleaning out closets, keep in mind that the Relay for Life Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions about donations, please contact Vada Dahnert or Dave Baldini.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/03/2017 (Sun.) 1st Sunday of Advent
Birthday Sunday
9:15 a.m. - Hymn Sing
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

12/04/2017 (Mon.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**
1:30-4:00 p.m.-Shirley Hansen, Monday Study Club (**FH)
3:00-4:30 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (*LV Room)

12/05/2017 (Tues.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**

12/06/2017 (Wed.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

12/07/2017 (Thur.) **Administrative Assistant Out of the Office**

12/08/2017 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. - Devotional at Colony Court

12/10/2017 (Sun.) 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. - Blood Pressure Check
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall