

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31st, 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..... "The First Noel"UMH No. 245

OPENING PRAYER.....[UNISON]

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING..... **Psalm 148**

L: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

**All: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

All: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

ANTHEM“Go Tell the Good News”Faith Choir

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 **Luke 2:22-40**

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.
34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed
35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN OF PRAISE..... "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"TFWS No. 2098 vs.1-2

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

MESSAGE..... "His Name Is Jesus"Pastor Victor Waters

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING.... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ...UMH No. 95

*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN..... "Lamb of God"TFWS No. 2113

*SENDING FORTH.....

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need.

The wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard.

Against the demon snares of sin, the vice that gives temptation force, the natural lusts that war within, the hostile men that mar my course; or few or many, far or nigh, in every place and in all hours, against their fierce hostility, I bind to me these holy powers.

Against all Satan's spells and wiles, against false words of heresy, against the knowledge that defiles, against the heart's idolatry, against the wizard's evil craft, against the death wound and the burning, the choking wave and the poisoned shaft, protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. -*The Breastplate of St. Patrick*

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:

Foxdale[Memory Care]: Ann Swenson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins.

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

Emmetsburg Care Center: Peter Fog

Prayer Requests from Sunday: Don Paulson, The Westrum Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION January 3rd and 31st 6:30-7:30 Wednesdays.

SERMON NOTE OUTLINES are on the table in the Narthex.

YOUTH GROUP TBD.

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.

Please note Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Tuesday, January 2 and Thursday, January 4.

The Wells Family would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during the loss of their mother. Thank you -- *Leslie Wells*

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*

Tai Ji Quan will begin on **Monday, January 15** and will be held Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Scholljegerdes at 835-4304.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/31/2017 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

1/1/2018 (Mon.) New Years Day
Church Office Closed
No Conversation, Bible & Friends

1/2/2018 (Tues.) **Administrative Assistant Out of Office**

1/3/2018 (Wed.) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

01/04/2018 (Thur.) **Administrative Assistant Out of Office**

01/07/2018 (Sun.) 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

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall