

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
First Sunday of Advent "Expectation"
December 1st, 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. If you are new to
are church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.*

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP.....“View The Present through the Promise”

**All: View the present through the promise, Christ will come again. Trust
despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again. Lift the world
above its grieving through your watching and believing in the hope past
hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ALL: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. Isaiah 9:2

L: 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. O come, O come, Emmanuel !

OPENING PRAYER

L: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation, give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. **All: Amen**

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”... UMH No. 196

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II PG.12-13

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... Genesis 32:24–30

24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” 27 And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” 28 Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” 29 Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

*HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”...UMH No. 211

ANTHEM....."O Come Holy Savior" ...Faith Choir

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

EPISTLE LESSON.....1 Timothy 3:16

16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

***GOSPEL LESSON**.....**John 1:14,18; 8:56-59**

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

56 "Your father, Abraham, rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE....."Jesus: The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"...Rev. Victor Waters

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING....."Give Thanks"...TFWS No. 2036

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE....."Light of the World"...TFWS No. 2204

*SENDING FORTH

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:10

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

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIAS – Order forms are available in the Church Office, and were sent in the December newsletter. **Please 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.

Thank you for all the prayers as I recover from my car accident. *Kim Maas*



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.

Beginning December 1st, please note the following changes in our Sunday worship service.

- All announcements are due in the office by noon on Wednesday.
- There will be no live announcements on Sunday morning 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 requests 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 in advance for your help in making these changes go smoothly as possible.

The Worship Design Team and The HCI Team

“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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
12/02/2013 (Mon.)	1:00-2:00 p.m. -Membership Meeting (LV Room)
12/03/2013 (Tues.)	4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
12/04/2013 (Wed.)	10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH) 3:15-4:15 pm. -Lake Shore Video 4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice
12/06/2013 (Fri.)	Office Closed
12/08/2013 (Sun.)	Immaculate Conception 9:00 a.m. -Blood Pressure Check 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service *Children's Church (ages 4-second grade after Kid's Time) *Sunday School (grades 3-6) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
12/10/2013 (Tues.)	1:30-2:30 p.m. -Lake Shore Communion 4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
