

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Second Sunday of Advent "Proclamation"
December 8th, 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
our church, please pick up your free gift in the narthex on your way home.*

GATHERING

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHORAL 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.**

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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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ALL: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. Isaiah 11:1

L: We light this candle of **PROCLAMATION**. May the word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of 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.

All: Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE**.....“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” ...UMH No. 213

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Isaiah 11: 2-5

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**.....“What Child Is This” ...UMH No. 219

ANTHEM... "Will We Know Him When He Comes" and "A Star That Shines For Us All" ...Faith Choir

KID'S TIME..... "Story of the Jesse Tree" ...Rev. Victor Waters
(All children 4 years old - 6th grade are now invited to attend Sunday School at this time.)

EPISTLE LESSON.....1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 25:1-13

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

MESSAGE...“Three Great Truths: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again”...Rev. Victor Waters

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE.....“Soon and Very Soon”...UMH No. 706

*SENDING FORTH.....Revelation 22:12-13
12 "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

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

- Leona Quast – She suffers from carpal tunneling in both hands and asks for prayers for healing and relief from pain.
- Adeline Bass – Leona’s sister suffers from allergies and respiratory problems. Pray for her healing and comfort.
- Gloria Tollefson – Pray for pain relief and healing.
- Don Lohse – Pray for healing and comfort for his ongoing health issues.
- Mike Riecke and Michelle Davidson, and their family- They recently had a fire in their home. Their family is safe, but they are in the process of repairing the damage to their home and their belongings. Pray they will soon be back in their home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their health screenings on **1/3/2014**. Register for a Wellness Package for \$149 by calling **1-888-653-6441** or visiting:

www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

"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!

Winter Mailing Address Update:

Earl and Mardell Jacobsen

208 Nicklaus Blvd.

North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Wally and Betty Jane Ruedy

4308 West 125th St.

Savage, MN 55378-1416

Al and Ferol Pursell

195 East Round Grove Rd.

Apt 1102

Lewisville, TX 75067

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!

Attention: The newsletter was delayed due to **changes** by the **Post Office**. The processing location has been changed to the Twin Cities. Thank you.

POINSETTIAS – Order forms are available in the Church Office. **Please pay when you order. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 09, 2013.** This is NOT a tax-deductible donation, because there is an exchange of goods.

Correction: The **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be at **4:30 p.m.** on December 24th. It will not be at **4:00 p.m.** as is in the newsletter. Thanks, Kim.

There will be **no** afternoon quiet/meditation time on **December 25th** or **January 1st.**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

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| 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)
*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) |
| 12/11/2013 (Wed.) | 10:00-2:00 p.m. -Some Time Away (FH)
1:00-2:00 p.m. -Church Bus Meeting
3:15-4:15 p.m. -Lake Shore Video
4:30-6:30 p.m. -Quiet Time in the Sanctuary
6:30-8:00 p.m. -Youth Group at Parsonage |
| 12/12/2013 (Thur.) | 6:30-7:30 p.m. -Men's Club Meeting |
| 12/13/2013 (Fri.) | Office Closed/ No Faith Crafters and Stitchers today
6:15-8:15 p.m. -Girl Scouts (Kilmer) |
| 12/14/2013 (Sat.) | 11:00-1:00 p.m. -Girl Scout Meeting (Mackey)
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| 12/15/2013 (Sun.) | 9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship Service
*Children's Church (ages 4-second grade)
*Sunday School (grades 3-6)
10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
12:00-2:00 p.m. -Girl Scout Meeting and Potluck (Mackey)
2:00-3:00 p.m. -Barb Klampe Piano Recital
6:30-7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room) |
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