

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent "Love"

December 22nd, 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: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14, NRSV).

L: "Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and the future years shall see, evermore and evermore." Captured here is the love of God who is larger than the universe and yet joined us and walked our journey. As we light the fourth candle of Advent, let us reflect on the immense love of our God as we await the arrival of a very special baby.

OPENING PRAYER

L: Let us Pray. Lord of Love, we await your coming with great expectation. Our lives are marked by love even when our circumstance might prove to the contrary. May we bring love to every heart this Advent season.

ALL: Amen.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA....."A NIGHT TO REMEMBER" ...(See handout.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERTORY....."Do You Have Room?" ...Melody Kluntz

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*BENEDICTION....."Dona Nobis Pacem"

*SENDING FORTH.....**John 3:16-21**

ALL: 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed

in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God .

EXIT MUSIC

**We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve Celebration
4:30 p.m. on December 24th.**

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



- Please pray for Mary Linda Goodson. She is recovering from gallbladder surgery.
- Please pray for Barbara Friedl's great niece, Samantha Trammell, for her injuries from a car accident. She is now in rehab and is doing great.
- Please pray for good health for Leona Quast, Adelina Bass, Dororthy Hursha
- Please pray for Bud Deno's eye surgery.
- Please pray for healing for Nina Youngberg.

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! The Mitten Tree is 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

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Lewisville, TX 75067

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**.

Kim Maas, the Administrative Assistant, will be **out of office** on **December 26**.



The Poinsettias that decorate our church sanctuary are given in loving memory of friends and loved ones.

In honor of the people called Faith United Methodist Church.....Bob Hunter
In Memory of my husband, Harland HasslenMargaret Hasslen
In memory of my parents Les and Arleen Hansen.....Shirley Hansen
In memory of Mary Alice Hagge and Emily Miller.....George Hagge
In memory of Thelma LohsePaul and Linda Lohse
In memory of our mothers, Hazel and Phyllis.....Patrice and Victor Waters
In memory of Women of Faith United Methodist Church who have passed on
..... Faith United Methodist Women

Poinsettias were also given by: Peter and Verna Fog, Neil and Sharon Fruechte



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

12/22/2013 (Sun.)	9:30 a.m. -Christmas Cantata 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
12/23/2013 (Mon.)	Newsletter mailed this week
12/24/2013 (Tue.)	No Church Council today <u>No Conversation Bible and Friends today</u> 4:30-5:30 p.m. -Christmas Eve Service
12/25/2013 (Wed.)	Christmas
12/26/2013 (Thur.)	Kim Maas Out of Office
12/27/2013 (Fri.)	Office Closed
12/29/2013 (Sun.)	9:30-10:30 a.m. -Worship *Children's Church (ages 4-second grade) *Sunday School (grades 3-6) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship
12/31/2013 (Mon.)	New Year's Eve <u>No Conversation and Bible Friends today</u>
01/01/2014 (Wed.)	New Year's Day
01/03/2013 (Fri.)	Office Closed 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. -Lifeline Screening
01/05/2014 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:15 a.m. -Hymn Sing 9:30 a.m. -Worship service with Holy Communion *Children's Church (ages 4-second grade) *Sunday School (grades 3-6) 10:30-11:30 a.m. -Fellowship 6:30 -7:30 p.m. -Confirmation (LV Room)
01/07/2014 (Tues.)	4:00-5:00 p.m. -Conversation, Bible & Friends (LV Room)
01/08/2014 (Wed.)	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 the Parsonage 7:00-8:00 p.m. -Choir Practice