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Faith Messenger



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*Faith United Methodist Church
"Engage, Equip, and Empower!"*

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From the Pastor's Desk

Starting from the second Sunday of June, I plan to begin preaching for six weeks titled 'What is God's vision for my life?'

We have a courageous vision: to make disciples for the transformation of the world. You and I fulfill this vision one day at a time. I invite you to join us each day in this basic faith affirmation, "Each day I am transforming the world by the power of God's love." Saying the sentence each day will help you integrate it into your life. My first prayer of the day has been, "Make me an instrument of your grace." Now I pray, "Make me an instrument of your grace so I may transform the world by the power of your love." We need to live in this faith daily with acts of compassion, kindness, justice, and love.

I hope you will join me in worship in the coming weeks, Sunday, June 23 through July 21, for a sermon series called "What is God's vision for my life."

Series sermon: What is God's Vision for My Life- I : June 9
Title: Embracing the Vision
Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Series sermon: What is God's Vision for My Life- II : June 23
Title: Why You Need A Church Family
Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Series sermon: What is God's Vision for My Life – III : June 30
Title: What God Wants Us To Remember
Scripture: Joshua 4:1-7

Series sermon: What is God's Vision for My Life – IV : July 7
Title: Extending The Vision
Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Series sermon: What is God's Vision for My Life – V : July 14
Title: Enabling the Vision
Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:11-21

Series sermon: What is God's Vision for My Life – VI : July 21
Title: How to Get Ready to Be Used By God
Scripture: Romans 6:1-14

In Christ's Love,
Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

Special Points of Interest:

- July Monthly Meetings, Back Page
- July Birthdays and Anniversaries included with Calendar

Pastor Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Administrative Assistant
Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Gail Sauer, Gloria Rollag, Les Wells, Margaret Dahnert, Reilly Schumacher, Janet Welch and family, Dennis Dahnert, the Ukraine, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's summer hours will typically be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Days or hours are subject to change at times. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office. **Hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins.**

Faith at the Fair

Be sure to join us for Faith at the Fair on Sunday, July 14 at 10:00 am (**Note the time**). The service will be held at the Free Stage. In the event of inclement weather, we will be moved to one of the buildings. Come and enjoy a fun get-together with friends. Please spread the word to others to attend.

A Prayer for our Church

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.

Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.

Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Faith UMC Mission Statement

Faith United Methodist Church Serves God through
Worship, Faith, Friendship, Outreach

Faith's Blessing Box



Our Blessing Box is ready to be filled! We will use this Blessing Box to provide non-perishable food items to our neighbors in need. We need your help to give this box a jump start. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the church office during open office hours and on Sunday's before or after worship service. Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase items for our Blessing Box.

Suggested food donation items for this time of year include:

- Canned or pouched meats: chicken, ham, spam, corned beef, tuna, salmon, sardines
- Nut/Seed butter and Jelly in plastic containers (Glass jars can explode if they get too hot).
- Soups (boxed or canned): tomato, chicken noodle, beef stew, vegetable, cream of mushroom
- Broth or stock (boxed or canned): beef, chicken, veggie
- Pasta: spaghetti, linguine, penne, macaroni, ramen, pasta sauce
- Rice: instant packages, bags
- Beans (canned or dry): pinto, black, cannellini
- Pizza crust mix, crackers, rice cakes, pretzels, popcorn kernels, pudding cups
- Apple sauce, dried fruit, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned vegetables, pizza sauce
- Juice boxes, water bottles, canned chili, oatmeal, bagged cereal
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard, ranch
- Box meals: hamburger helper, tuna helper, mac & cheese, stuffing mix, etc.

All Blessing Box items must be:

- Shelf-stable (non-perishable)
- Sealed and not past expiration date
- Able to withstand hot temperatures during the summer months
- Able to withstand cold temperatures in the winter months (e.g. pouched meat instead of canned meat)

Ruth Circle

One of the nicest things in our lives is friendship.

Even if we don't have a lot of time to spend with each other we want to always know how much we appreciate each other and our friendship.

Ruth circle traveled to Owatonna to visit our friend Ardella on Tuesday, June 11th.

We had a great time visiting and of course had some tasty treats with our coffee. We even had a few gentlemen stop in to say hello.

It is a *glory of friendship* to be able to pick up right where you left off, no matter the time between visits. Robin Dance

The Gift of friendship

Friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
But its value is far greater
Then a mountain made of gold.

For gold is cold and lifeless,
It cannot see nor hear,
And in your times of trouble,
It is powerless to cheer,

It has no ears to listen,
No heart to understand.
It cannot bring you comfort
Or reach out a helping hand.

So when you ask God for a gift,
Be thankful that he sends,
Not diamonds, pearls, or riches,
But the love of a real, true friend.

Helen Steiner Rice

The next Ruth circle meeting will be July 9th.

Elizabeth Circle

Notes from the June 19 meeting of Elizabeth Circle.

Seven women met in the Lakeview Room on a beautiful afternoon. The view of Clear Lake is always a bonus for all who gather, no matter the season. We are indeed blessed by God's creation. We were especially glad to have a guest — Beverly Elliott, former member of Faith who has recently moved back to Waseca from Pennsylvania.

The Birthday Girl, aka Sandy Voshell, served delicious cake and ice cream as our hostess for the afternoon...those goodies along with coffee and conversation renewed our long-held ties as Christian sisters.

Devotions (Sandy) centered around writings by the Reverend Billy Graham...Matthew 11:28 "Come unto Me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," which reminds us of God's promise to all for all times when we come to Him. Max Lucado writes in "Who is My Brother?" further thoughts on God and His direction for living our lives.

Sunshine: Mary Jane reported that we have plenty in our fund and in the next few weeks a plan will be made to visit our Honorary Members for their birthdays.

We received a wonderful thank-you letter from the Emma Norton staff in gratitude for the \$103.00 contributed for their new Restoring Waters residence. Thank you, Faith family, for your generosity. Their grand opening was celebrated on May 14.

The next meeting of Elizabeth Circle will be held in the Lakeview Room on Wednesday, July 17 at 2:30 pm. Karen Ferch will serve as hostess and also do devotions. We always welcome visitors!

K. Ferch, Secretary Eliz. Circle

A Farewell to Decades of Hansel & Gretel Friends

We are so sorry to lose you and all the "Littles" as the years of pre-school here at Faith church draw to a close.

For over fifty years the H & G pre-school has provided vital learning experiences for hundreds of Waseca children before they made the big step into kindergarten. Many of us still remember the dedicated women whose commitment to early learning founded Hansel & Gretel; generations of our own children and grand-children were better prepared for their kindergarten experience because of early learning at H & G.

The schoolrooms here at Faith will be very empty without all of you but we wish you the very best in whatever your future holds. Thank you, past and present staff members, students, and parents for your presence here, and may God keep you in His care always.

Sincerely,

Faith United Methodist Church Family
K. Ferch, Leadership Team Member

Re-Keying the Church

As previously announced, the Leadership Team has made the decision to re-key the church. The Leadership Team has approved one of the estimates and will be moving forward with this soon. We will announce the date of the re-keying once scheduled.

Following is the criteria for who will receive keys as determined by the Leadership Team:

Elevator Key - (Kept in the Church Office)

Master Keys

- Pastor
- Administrative Assistant
- Principal of Hartley School (the church is Hartley's emergency evacuation location)
- Leadership Chairperson
- Cleaning Service Supervisor
- Financial Leader
- Memorial Leader
- Trustee/Financial Secretary
- Choir Director/Organist
- Cantor
- Head Ushers

Generic Keys

- Fellowship Leaders
- Members of the Leadership Team
- Leader of Saturday morning Bible study group
- Leader of the Church Bible Study group(s)

Criteria for Signing out a Church Key:

(Check out key 72 hours in advance of meeting and return back to Church Office within 72 hours after the meeting. Only exception is if it had been approved before checking out the key).

- Must be signed out by a church member/approved community leader
- Special meeting(s) within the church (excluding the church sanctuary)
- If for any reason an individual feels he/she needs to have a key permanently, they must have written reasons as to why and submit them to the Leadership Team for their approval. If the request is turned down, there will be a meeting with the individual to explain the reason why it wasn't granted.

Miscellaneous Requirements:

- When an authorized key holder passes away, the Leadership Team will (within a reasonable period of time) ask the family to return the key to the church.
- Paid positions within the church, your last paycheck will be withheld until the key is turned back into the office. Once your key is turned in, your last paycheck will be authorized to be released by our accounting firm. (This will be included in all the job descriptions of the church)

NOTE:

All the extra keys will be kept in the church office.

Leadership Team

Members of the Faith United Methodist Church Leadership Team:

Rev. Dong Hun Shin, Pastor
Dave Baldini, Chair
Clair Voshell, Trustees
Neil Fruechte, Finances
Duane Griffin, Lay Leader
Jarod True, Trustee Treasurer & SPRC
Stacy True, Recording Secretary
Karen Ferch
Mark LaMont
Michelle Hyatt
Mike Morrissey

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members.

****Copies of approved Leadership Team minutes can be found on the shelf by the bulletin board in the narthex.**

****Copies of church financial statements can be reviewed by church members in the office upon request.**

Soap Closet

Faith UMC is participating with Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) as a drop off site for their "Soap Closet". It is a program to help those in need with hygiene supplies in our county. The drop off box is located in the narthex. Items they are looking for include the following:

- New men's, women's and children's underwear and socks
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Body Wash or bar soap
- Q Tips
- Hand soap/hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Feminine products
- Baby wipes/diapers/powder/soap
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Deodorant

Please consider donating items to help with this cause.



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Come Worship with Us
We have room.

MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, July 17 at 2:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room. Hostess and Devotion Leader will be Karen Ferch. Guests and visitors are welcome

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, July 9 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet every Monday in July.