FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026~9:30 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.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Song of Solomon 2, Psalm 45)

Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

Love comes to us with joy!

The world is filled with beauty.

Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.

Crops yield their produce in the abundance, the air is filled with sweetness.

The summer of God's love is with us.

Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

Arise and sing for joy!

HYMN……"Be Thou My Vison"……UMH #451

RESPONSIVE READING ……Psalm 46, UMH, pg. 780

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER……..Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY……..UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER (James 1)……..Unison

God of light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING……Mary Stauffer

Ephesians 5:15-20

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN……..…….."My Faith Looks Up to Thee"……UMH #452

SERMON……."The Dean's Dilemma"……..Pastor Elden Eklund

HYMN…… "Wonderful Words of Life"……..UMH #600

BENEDICTION (Song of Solomon 2, Psalm 45, James 1)

Go forth in joy to serve with love.

We will be doers of God's word.

God has blessed you forever. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN……"God Be with You till we Meet Again"…….UMH #672

POSTLUDE

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:

Whispering Creek, Janesville: Margaret Dahnert
Foxdale: Sherry Scholljegerdes
Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno
Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy, Ed Herbig
Prayer Requests for Sunday: Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Anna Born, Darla Dahnert, Lona Willaimson, Roger Walker, Doug Dahnert, Bob Stephan, Jamie Gilchrist, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews. To assist the ushers, please tear off the page after signing and leave it on top of the attendance pad.

Please note that on Monday, August 31 Stacy will be in the office from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Stacy will be out of the office Thursday, September 10.

Stacy's hours for the week are posted on the last page of the bulletin, under "Week at a Glance". Hours may vary during the summer.

Newsletter folding is scheduled for Thursday, September 3 at 1:00 in the Hansel & Gretel room. If you are available to help, the folding group always welcomes extra helping hands.

Pastor Elden will be leading a bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Gathering Room. This study will begin on Wednesday, September 9. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, September 13 we will have a parsonage "open house" after the church service. Anyone who is interested may go over before coming down to fellowship. This is to give everyone an opportunity to walk through and take a look at the parsonage before it is put up for sale. **We do ask that you please remove your shoes when doing the walk through.**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE…

08/30/2026 (Sun.)	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship
09/03/2026 (Thurs.)	1:00pm – Newsletter Folding (Hansel & Gretel Room)
09/06/2026 (Sun.)	Birthday Sunday 9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30am – Fellowship

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:
Monday: 1:30 – 3:30pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 9:30am – 12:30pm

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