

Inside this issue:

From the
Pastor's Desk

1

Prayer
Requests /
Announcements

2 - 3

Ruth Circle

4 - 5

Roberta's Hats

5

Elizabeth Circle

6

Prayer for Our
Church

7

Leadership
Team

7

Special Points of Interest:

- November
Monthly
Meetings, Back
Page
- November
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 - 1:00 pm



Faith Messenger



NOVEMBER

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

Volume 2025
Issue 10

From the Pastor's Desk

Every Sunday, on my way to Mankato, I see wide, open cornfields and empty fields on both sides. At the start of the year, these fields look empty, with only brown dirt. But as the seasons change, something amazing happens. The fields begin to transform. Small plants start to grow, getting bigger and stronger each day. What was once empty land is now full of corn and soybean crops, ready for harvest. This change in the fields reminds me of our spiritual journey as followers of Christ. There may be seasons in our lives when we feel empty or dry, but if we trust God and stay faithful, He will help us grow. In the end, just like a field that produces fruit, our lives can show the fruit of faith and love.

November is a time to be thankful. It's a time to thank God for the growth we've experienced and the blessings He has given us this year. It's also a time to think about the work that is still ahead of us as the year ends. Just like a field needs care and patience, our hearts also need attention. We must continue to grow our faith, often pray, and trust God to bring fruit into our lives.

This month, I encourage you to think about the "harvest" in your own life. How has your faith grown? Where do you see God's work in your life? Are there areas where you still need to trust Him to finish the work He has started? As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let's remember that true gratitude comes from seeing God's hand in all seasons of life—whether times are good or hard. Let this be a time to thank God for the blessings we've received and find ways to share them with others. I pray that God will continue to bless each of you as you live through this harvest season.

Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

Prayer Requests

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

Benedictine Owatonna: Les Wells

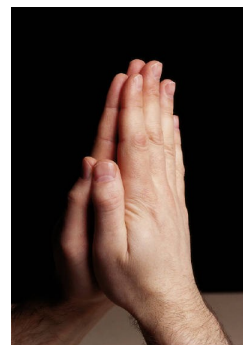
Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Kathy Dahnert

Johnson, Gail Sauer, Les Wells, Margaret Dahnert, Anna Born, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Stuart Kuyper, Darla Dahnert, DJ Choi, Karen Ferch, Lona Williamson, Vada Dahnert, Jon Schultz, Jill Ledbetter, Ed Herbig, the Ukraine, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours are typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Days or hours are subject to change at times. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary last Sunday. We also enjoyed the many cards and best wishes we received from our church friends and others.

Blessings,
Bruce & Lorraine Wick

Mitten Tree

Hats and mittens will continue to be collected through November 9 or 10 so please be sure to bring your donations in before that time. The hats and mittens will be delivered to local schools and other organizations to help those in need.

A Little Humor

Lynn spent the entire ride home from church inspecting the bottom of her shoe. She finally put it back on and told her mom, "I know why Reverend Ron told us to do some sole searching. I found gum, tape, and a bug on mine!"

Taken from "Laugh and the Whole Church Laughs with You!"

Faith's Blessing Box Update

We continue to see use of the Blessing Box.

Once we have consistently freezing temperatures, we will not be able to put canned goods in the box due to expansion of the liquids. For winter we would welcome donations of pouched meats, bagged or boxed soup mixes, bagged or boxed rice, bagged or boxed mashed potatoes, cereal, oatmeal and pancake mix.

We appreciate and are grateful for all food and cash donations for the blessing box. Your donations help us to keep this ministry going. Food donations can be placed in the donation box in the narthex or brought into the church office during office hours. Cash donations can be mailed or brought to the church with a notation that they are for the blessing box. Thank you for your donations!

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, and able to withstand cold temperatures in the winter months (e.g. pouched meat instead of canned meat). Please no glass jars. Also, please check expiration dates on food donations. We do not accept expired items.

Volunteer Opportunities

We're still looking for volunteers to sign up in the areas of Communion Steward, Usher and Liturgist to assist with our worship services. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Fellowship servers are also needed and the sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

It would also be helpful to have a back-up person to record the worship service. If anyone is willing to learn how to use the video camera to record the worship service, please let Roger or Jarod know.

Our worship services and events require volunteers to keep things running smoothly and to share the workload.

WACS Fundraiser

Waseca Area Caregiver Services is hosting a Burger Fry & Karaoke night fundraiser on November 21. It will be held at the American Legion Post 228 in Waseca, MN. Purchase tickets at the WACS building or at the American legion the night of the event for \$10/piece.

Burger fry is from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Karaoke will go from 7:30 to 10:30pm.

Serving Burger, Cheeseburger, Fish Sandwich, Fries. Also a home made pie sale!

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, October 14th in the Gathering Room.

After taking care of our normal business we discussed the Women's Gathering event, 'Hat Extravaganza' that was on, September 27th. There were forty-three women in attendance. The ladies appeared to enjoy the treats, the program and visiting with each other.

Had some discussion on the Fall Bazaar that will be held on Saturday, November 1st.

Next circle meeting: will be held at Colony Court to celebrate Margaret's D.'s birthday. We hope to have it on our regular scheduled date for our circle meeting, November 11th.

Watch the bulletin just in case we need to change it.

We enjoyed turtle pie and turtle treats to go along with the program about a turtle.

Turtle program

Devotion:

Every morning when you get up, instead of fretting and complaining, instead of turning to the media to see how bad everything is, just go and look out of the window. Take a deep breath and say, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." It makes you feel better just to think of doing that doesn't it? How much better it will make you feel if you follow that habit of gratitude every day!



Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, had a picture in his office wall of a turtle sitting on a fence post.

He said the picture was there to remind him of an important lesson: If you see a turtle on a fence post, you know he had some help getting there.

Haley said, "Every time I'm tempted to think, 'Aren't I marvelous? Look at all I've accomplished!' I look at that picture and remember how this turtle — me — got up on that post."

This is a good time of the year to take the time to say thank you to the ones — and, specifically, the One — who helped you make it to the top of the post.

Obviously, we begin by giving thanks to the Father for all that he has done.

But let's not forget also to say thanks to those who play a part in bringing his goodness our way.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "*give thanks in all circumstances*; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

Continued on next page

Continued from previous page

You should say "thank you" to express gratitude, show appreciation and respect for others' efforts, and it can strengthen your relationships. It also has personal benefits, such as improving your own happiness, reducing stress, and fostering a more positive outlook on life.

Sometimes in the hustle of getting things done, we forget a simple, yet powerful act: *saying thank you*.

Just taking a moment to say thank you can have a lasting impact.

Gratitude is more than a polite exchange—it's an affirmation. It tells the person, "I see you, I value you, and I appreciate the work you've done."

A small, well-timed thank you can uplift someone's day, reinforce their sense of purpose, and even inspire them to continue giving their best effort.

IS THERE SOMEONE TO WHOM YOU CAN SAY 'THANK YOU' TODAY?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the countless daily blessings, for your constant presence, and for your love that endures forever. Help us to see your goodness in all aspects of life and to give thanks in all circumstances. May our lives overflow with gratitude to You. Amen.

Roberta's Hats

On Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 10am was the Women of Faith's Gathering in the Waseca Methodist Church fellowship hall. Ruth church circle was the hostess for the Hat's Extravaganza.

There was coffee, water, bundt cakes and colored mints for treats. The tables were beautifully decorated with stamped colored napkins, small candy hats with feathers and flowers on them, colored mints on plates, flowers and colored plates.

We had a good turnout - 43 ladies enjoyed a wonderful morning.

Our speaker, Roberta Walker, brought many hats (150 hats) with lots of colors, lots of sizes and lots of styles to display and show us ladies. She shared magazines about hats. She gave a program about wearing hats.

Early Roman and Egyptians wore caps and hats to protect their hair from grease and grime. Women wore big hats and hat pins to hold them on their head. Feathers were popular (from birds) but were very expensive (\$80 an ounce).

During World War II women worked in factories and wore white gloves. In the 1950s women wearing hats declined.

Sandy Voshell modeled her Jackie Kennedy pill box hat.

In the 2000s anything for hats goes. Retro look from thrift stores, hats are worn by royalty and Kentucky Derby ladies. Hats are kept in hat boxes. Prices are very affordable in thrift stores. Young girls wore Easter bonnets

Roberta wears matching hats and outfits to church.

Etiquette rules for wearing hats—every decoration is on the right side of the hat. Keep hat on for warmth in winter. Guys remove cowboy hats and baseball caps when inside of a building.

Roberta read a poem "For All Seasons". Everyone could go look at the hat displays.

Linda Griffin

Elizabeth Circle Meeting
Weds. October 15, 2025

Present (5): Mary Jane S., Mardell J., Sandy V., Linda W., Karen F.

Mary Jane served as hostess, treating us to seasonal goodies of pumpkin pie, candies, and coffee. Conversation easily slipped into sharing our memories of fall—how our grandmothers, aunts, and mothers—whether we were ‘town kids’ or lived on the farm—deftly turned all those apples, pears, pumpkins, etc. into sauces and pies...desserts we enjoyed for the cold months. We think they would be pleased and happy that we carry those memories in our hearts as we age..

Sandy read from The Upper Room a piece titled ‘Gratitude for Creation’...from the weeds and grasses to the majestic forests, from the wild animals of all sizes, God’s marvels can be found everywhere.

From Max Lucado: “God is Your Home”—Literally and figuratively speaking, He is a ‘place’ where one can kick off your shoes, be totally yourself...His house is a welcoming place where we find comfort, grace, and faithfulness—and it never depends on the faithfulness (or lack thereof) of His children. God never gives up—even when His children do; our weakness reveals just how great God is.

In God love is all you’ll find...God’s Love—everywhere and all the time, in all times and places, in all circumstances...God IS Love.

Sunshine Fund: Mary Jane reported a balance of approximately \$30.00 plus today’s offering of \$12.00. Mary recently visited our honorary member and took a gift of bath products for her birthday.

Mardell asked about prayer shawls...as an avid knitter she would be interested in providing some as they are completed. The shawls would be given to folks who are ill or in need of comfort, along with our prayers, for encouragement and blessing.

There being no further business, the meeting came to a close.

Elizabeth Circle will meet in the Gathering Room on Weds. November 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Sandy V. Will host and Linda W. Give devotions.

Please be reminded that our doors are always open to visitors.

—Karen Ferch, Recording Secretary

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

Leadership Team

Members of the Faith United Methodist Church Leadership Team:

Rev. Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

Dave Baldini, Chair

Clair Voshell, Trustees

Jarod True, Finances, Trustee Treasurer & SPRC

Stacy True, Recording Secretary

Neil Fruechte

Mary Jane Stauffer

Karen Ferch

Mike Morrissey

Linda Griffin

Janet Welch

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.**



Faith United Methodist Church

"Engage, Equip, and Empower"

**801 Fourth Ave. NE
Waseca, MN 56093**

Phone: 507-835-3167

Fax: 507-835-5400

E-mail: faithwaseca@gmail.com

www.faithwasecaumc.com

Non-profit Org
Postage Paid
Permit 30
Waseca, MN
56093

Change Service Requested

Come Worship with Us
We have room.

MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 19** at **2:30** in the Gathering Room. Guests and visitors are always welcome!

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 11** at **1:30** at Colony Court.