

“Game On: Jesus Cares About Me”

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

+ Call to Worship

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another and all God’s children.

+ Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

+ Unison Prayer

Merciful God,

we come like sheep to the shepherd

some of us following meekly,

some of us following bravely,

some of us wandering alone.

Gather us in.

Make us one with you,

and make us one with each other,

through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

+ Passing the Peace

Children’s Message

Special Music

Joys, Concerns & God Moments

Call to Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

TFWS 2193

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

+ Offertory Response

Give Thanks

TFWS 2036

Offertory Prayer

God of the One, we know what it is like to be wandering in the wilderness like lost sheep. We remember your hands, like those of a caring shepherd, guiding us back to our home in you. We seek to help others experience this same spiritual nurture. So we provide these financial gifts to be multiplied with other offerings. We are confident that these funds will inspire new ministries to reach others. This we pray in the name of our Shepherd, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191

Scripture Reading

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 15:1-7

Message

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Dr. Dempewolf

+ Hymn

Hear I Am Lord

UMH 593

+ Blessing

+ Postlude

This Week's Schedule

Friday, August 17 10-3 p.m. Class Reunion
Sunday, August 19 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
2:00 p.m. Cowboy Music and Pie Social at South Park

Faith Family Financials for August 5, 2018

Attendance 46
Offering \$5,890.00
Weekly Budget \$3,741.55

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Please contact Darlene Vrieze or Cindy Seabright with any changes or corrections to the monthly service groups. Updates will be included in the newsletter soon. Thank you.

Please check the kitchen for dishes and pans that may be yours and take them home with you. Thank you for providing for events at the church.

Ag Days Ministerial Pie Social is August 19 and we are in charge of furnishing 7 fruit pies that need to be at the Snyder Pavilion by 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Contact Darlene Vrieze for more information.

SEMCAC Volunteer Recognition will be Tuesday, August 21st at 10:30 at the Spring Valley Community Center. Reservations are required by August 17th by calling 346-7795 or 346-2111. Menu of ham, sweet potatoes, green beans and entertainments, guest speaker, door prizes and more.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held at the Spring Valley Community Center on August 23rd from 1-7 p.m. A \$5 Amazon Gift Card will be given as a thank you for your generosity. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please contact Darlene Vrieze for more information.

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Faith United Methodist Church

August 12, 2018

Fillmore Central Schools are requesting donations for the Milk Fund, for families who cannot cover the cost of milk break for their children. School supplies are also being collected. Donations may be dropped off at the District office, or monetary donations mailed to P.O. Box 50, Preston, MN 55965 by August 15th.

An all parish picnic will be held on Saturday, September 8th (rain date is September 16th) at Harry & Elaine Boland's acreage northeast of Cherry Grove. You are welcome to come as early as 3:00 p.m. to enjoy the woods, trails, and streams as their property runs alongside of Forestville State Park. A branch of the Root River runs through it as well. Fish and BBQ will be provided and the meal will start at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. Call 507-951-4133 for more information, a ride or directions.

Confirmation Orientation will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Church on September 12th for grades 8 and 9.

A food pack for Real Hope for the Hungry will be held on Wednesday, September 19th in two shifts; 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter UMC. Volunteers are needed ages 7 and up. 25 cents will provide one meal for a starving person to be sent to Sudan, Africa. For more information call Pastor Jon Marburger at 507-227-6711 or Faith UMC office at 346-2830.

Bishop Ough will host a series of 15 gatherings across the area to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward as the denomination prepares for the special session of General Conference on February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis. All interested persons are invited to participate. However, Bishop Ough encourages lay and clergy members of Annual Conference, local church lay leaders and key local church leaders, in particular, to attend. Members of the Dakotas and/or Minnesota Conference delegations to the special session of General Conference will assist Bishop Ough in hosting the gatherings. This will provide an opportunity for the delegates to listen to and dialogue with participants. A meeting is scheduled at Christ UMC in Rochester on Wednesday, September 26th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. In preparation for the gatherings, Bishop Ough encourages persons and congregations to *read Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute and *God Unbound* by Elain A. Health.