

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 10, 2010

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 29)

*Response: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship God in holy splendor.*

***Hymns:** "Worship the Lord in the beauty" #220 HWB (vv 1-4)
"God is here among us" #16 HWB (vv 1-2)

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Prayer of Confession #699 HWB

Children's gathering hymn: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Children's time ~ Adam Nafziger

Hymn: "Lord of our growing years" #479 HWB

Gospel reading: Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

Sermon: "You are mine"

Hymn: "Christ be near at either hand" #80 STJ

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. AMEN

Offering and Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** "We will walk with God" #78 STJ

***Benediction**

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time –10:45-11:10 a.m.**

- **Children's singing – 11 a.m.** Education wing chapel

- **Christian education – 11:15-noon** The adults will meet in the basement fellowship hall for a session on "**Faith Formation in the Family.**" Everyone is welcome!

TODAY: The baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:15-17; 21-22)

Worship Leader: Joetta Schlabach **Sermon:** Hermann Weinlick

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: Melissa Falb

Flute: Jenny Wandersee

Nursery volunteers: Matthew Hendricks & Cindy Bjork

NEXT SUNDAY: The wedding of Cana (John 2:1-11)

Worship Leader: Scott Neal

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Thaine Dirks & Cleta Roth Gingerich

Fellowship: Volunteers Needed

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

Jan 3: Attendance: 61

Offering: \$824

A memorial service for Karen Peterson's father, John Linn, will be held on Saturday, January 16 at the Methven-Taylor Funeral Home, 831 40th Ave NE (just west of Central Avenue), Columbia Heights. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. and the service at 3 p.m. The family invites people who knew John to come prepared to share a memory during the service. Faith Mennonite Church will provide refreshments; more details to follow. **We will be providing refreshments at the funeral home for guests attending the memorial service for John Lynn. If you are able to contribute something or help set up/serve please sign-up on the sheet in the fellowship area.** We will need contributions of cheese, crackers, fresh fruit trays, and cookies or quick breads (banana, zucchini, etc.).

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: January 11-15

Pastor: Mon 10-4; Wed & Thurs 9-4. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant: Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:
faithmc@faithmennonite.org*

Minnesota Circle of Support & Accountability, Thurs. Jan. 14, 6-8 p.m. -

This program works to assist inmates of Minnesota correctional facility as they transition back into the community. For more information see **flyer on foyer bulletin board** or go to www.doc.state.mn.us/volunteer/mncosa.htm. Department of Corrections West entrance, 1450 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul.

MMN workers are training 30 church planters in South Asia this month to effectively use business to multiply congregations in areas of persecution and extreme poverty. Pray for the safety of these leaders and for Christ's shalom in their family lives.

Looking ahead to the FMC Annual Meeting: The annual congregational meeting will be held **February 7**. Commission chairs are responsible to submit **annual reports by January 13**. **A half-day retreat for Council and all Commission members is planned for Saturday, Feb. 20** (this will replace the February church council meeting).

Church Meetings and Events

January 12 – Lectionary Discussion Group (Neh 8:1-10; Lk 4:14-21)

Trotter's, corner of Cleveland & Marshall, SP

January 12 – Missions & Service Commission, 4 p.m., FMC

January 13 – Annual Reports are due

January 14 – Lent Worship Planning, 7 p.m., FMC

January 20 – Deacon's Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

February 7 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 20 – Council & Commissions Retreat, 9-noon, FMC

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the
east, and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not
withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end
of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for
my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning
in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John
answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who
is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong
of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather
the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had
been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice
came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased.'

L: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

JANUARY ADULT EDUCATION Planned by the Deacon's Commission

Today – Faith Formation in the Family. Studies show that the home was
the primary place of faith development for most people who remain
actively involved in a faith community as an adult. Several people (Barb
Beers & Joan Wing, Sarah Claasen, Kami & Matthew Blackwell Kinney,
and Hermann Weinlick) will share examples of things their families have
done to nurture faith and we'll all have a chance to share experiences and
ideas for nurturing faith in our home settings across the lifespan.

January 17 – Making our wishes known-part 2 As a follow up to the
Mennonite Mutual Aid presentation in November, two people will
share stories of the importance of sharing our end-of-life plans with
others, and we will spend time filling out advance directives for
healthcare (*Five Wishes*) and funeral planning forms.

January 24 – World Fellowship Sunday. Patricia Mack will share about
her experience at Mennonite World Conference in Paraguay.

**January 31 – Navigating the Healing of Trauma with STAR
(Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience)** Donna Minter
will give a presentation that she is preparing for the Augsburg College
Nobel Peace Prize Forum in March

2010 Bible Study Series in Mountain Lake The Bethel Mennonite
Church and First Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake 2010 Bible Study
Series will feature John D. Roth, Professor of History at Goshen (IN)
College, January 15-18. The theme of the series is "God's Reconciling
Work." Roth will speak in three evening sessions (Friday, Saturday, and
Sunday at 7 p.m.) and two morning sessions (Saturday and Monday at
9:30 am.) at First Mennonite Church, 305 North Seventh Street. On
Sunday morning he will preach in the 10:30 a.m. service at Bethel
Mennonite Church, 301 North Ninth Street.

Professor Roth is the author of a number of books including a series of
three with the titles: *Stories*, *Beliefs*, and *Practices*. He is also the editor of
The Mennonite Quarterly Review and director of the Mennonite Historical
Library at Goshen College. The series is free of charge; donations are
accepted. For more information, contact First Mennonite Church at 507-
427-2237, or Bethel Mennonite Church at 507-427-3075.

Rethinking Afghanistan, Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 pm — Many
critical questions surround the war in Afghanistan, requiring public debate
and Congressional oversight hearings. Producer Robert Greenwald's film,
Rethinking Afghanistan, provides information and perspectives that give
us a fuller picture of this eight-year-old war. **Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church, 2730 E 31st St, Minneapolis**, the public is invited to a showing;
hot beverage and snack provided. Recommended for older youth and
adults. 612-729-8358