

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
March 3, 2008 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent
Service of Lament & Hope in Memory of
Michael Lewis Schrock
May 25, 1954-February 25, 2008

Gathering Music
Welcome
Prelude

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 46)

**Response: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

***Hymns** "O thou in whose presence" #559 HWB
"Healer of our every ill" #377 HWB

Old Testament reading: Job 23:1-5;8-10

Hymn: "Shepherd me, O God" #519 HWB

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's Time

Hymn: "In the bulb there is a flower" #614 HWB

New Testament reading: Romans 8:18-27; 35-39

Sermon: "Groaning and longing"

Hymn: "When all thy mercies" #72 HWB

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 & Offertory

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

Introduction of Guests

***Sending Hymn:** "From ashes to the living fount" (*insert; v.3=Sun. 3*)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Community Time

- **Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m.** (*no refreshments today*)

- **Christian Education (11 – noon)**

Children's classes begin with singing in the nursery.

Adult offerings:

- Spirituality & Food—Sanctuary
- Exploring the New Testament—Library
- Faith and Human Development—Chapel (201, Education wing)

A meal will be served to the Geiser Schrock family in the lower level fellowship hall during the Christian education hour.

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. 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.

TODAY: Lent Four: Service of Lament & Hope

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Cantor: David Mayou

Piano: Cathy Smetana

Childcare: Adam Nafziger and Nikki Fitch

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent Five: Into new life (John 11:1-45)

Sermon: Gerald Schlabach

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Melissa Falb

Childcare: Sandra Westby & Minke Sundseth

Fellowship time: Jenny Wandersee

Snow Shoveling (Mar. 2 -Mar. 8): Volunteer Needed

Feb 24: Attendance: 89 Offering: \$1,659

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Mar 3-7

Pastor's Hours: Mon. 1-5; Wed & Thurs, 9-4; Friday, 8:30-12:30
(Tuesday is a study day). Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on
Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

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

The white rose this morning honors the life of **Michael Lewis Schrock**.
Our love and prayers surround his family during this time of immense
loss. The bowl of water, which last week symbolized the life-giving
water of Jesus, this week becomes a vessel for all of the tears we have
shed.

Church Meetings and Events

- March 5 – *Lectio divina*, 7:30 p.m. in chapel
- March 8 – Perspectives on the Omnivore's Dilemma, Panel
Discussion and Community potluck, 6 p.m. @ FMC
- March 10 – Church Council, 7 p.m. @ FMC Chapel
- March 18 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m. @ FMC
- March 20 – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, 6:30 p.m.

Families Moving Forward – Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29, This will be the only time in 2008 that Faith Church will be hosting the meal and childcare at Families Moving Forward. If you would like to be involved with this project, contact Karen Wiebe at 612 276-1217.

Wilderness Wind is taking reservations for canoe trips and Lakeside cabins in Ely, Minnesota for summer 2008. A canoe trip is perfect for families, friends, or youth groups to experience God's creation and get "unplugged" from the stress of daily life. Check www.wildernesswind.org or call 316-217-1129 for more information. Ask about a "no-portage trip" or low impact trip to tailor to your needs.

**Those whom
we love and lose
are no longer
where they were
before.**

**They are now
wherever we are.**

~ St. John Chrysostom

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Job 23:1-5; 8-10

Then Job answered:

‘Today also my complaint is bitter;
 his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
 O that I knew where I might find him,
 that I might come even to his dwelling!
 I would lay my case before him,
 and fill my mouth with arguments.
 I would learn what he would answer me,
 and understand what he would say to me.
 ‘If I go forward, he is not there;
 or backward, I cannot perceive him;
 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
 I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
 But he knows the way that I take;
 when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold.

Romans 8:18-27; 35-39

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Announcements**Is Nonviolence Relevant to the Struggle Against Terrorism?**

Tuesday, March 4, Noon A Dialogue with David Cortright, of Goshen, Indiana, and author of “Uniting Against Terror, Cooperative Non-military Means of Countering the Global Terrorist.” He will draw from his recent 10-day trip to Iran with a Mennonite Church delegation. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street, Minneapolis. 612-729-8358.

Ten Thousand Villages promotes International Women’s Day,

Saturday, March 8th with two events:

11:00 am-noon: Mindy Ahler Olmstead, will report on her recent learning tour in India and Nepal and her observations of the effectiveness of fair trade, the challenges the artisans still face, and how Ten Thousand Villages supports them in their work.

1-4 pm: 20% of all purchases will benefit the Women’s Program of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.

Day on the Hill with the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC)

Thursday, March 13, 2008. Be a part of the largest most influential interfaith lobbying day in Minnesota. Morning briefings at the RiverCenter are followed by meetings with legislators in the afternoon. Register by calling (612) 870-3670. Missions & Service Commission will pay for registration.

Peace Vigil on Lake Street Bridge, Wednesday, March 19, 5-6 p.m..

Bring the troops home. End the U.S. War & Occupation of Iraq!

Potluck Dinner and Program at 6:30 p.m. at Macalaster Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Av., St. Paul.

Program Speakers include: Wes Davies and Brandon Day (Iraq Veterans Against the War) speaking about their experiences from Afghanistan and Iraq and the resent Washington testimonies as part of “Winter Soldier,” and Sami Rasouli, an Iraqi American sharing from his first-hand account of conditions in Iraq today. Sponsored by Women Against Military Madness and Twin Cities Peace Campaign.

Rainbow Families 13th Annual Conference, April 12

Keynote speaker, Urvashi Vaid, will speak of the intersection of justice, sexual orientation, and gender identity. For a listing of additional events and for more information on Rainbow Families see materials posted on bulletin board in foyer.