

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
April 29, 2012 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

***Hymns:** "The Lord's my shepherd", vv. 1-3 (insert)
"I cannot dance, O Love" #45 HWB

New Testament reading: 1 John 3:16-24

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

Children's time: "Sharing life with our hands" –Andy Martinson,
Leslie Minker and Teresa Wasick

Hymn: "He came down" #31 STJ

Gospel reading: John 10:11-18

Story: "Laying down one's life: the story of Rachel Corrie"

Silent reflection

Hymn: "Spirit come, dispel our sadness" #290 HWB

Story: "Sharing and receiving life" – Arlene Geissinger & Marilyn Miller

***Hymn:** "Heart with loving heart" #420 HWB

Sharing our Joys and Concerns - Adam Nafziger, deacon

Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother 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 worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "The Lord's my shepherd", vv. 4-5 (insert)

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

11:00 a.m. Education classes for all ages. Adult classes: Theological Explorations in the chapel, Sabbath Economics in the fellowship hall, Parenting Class in the basement parent resource room. Today is the final session of these classes. Information on May sessions is on back cover.

TODAY: Signs of Resurrection: Sharing life with another

Worship leader: Joan Kreider **Reader:** Rich Deming

Song leader & viola: Karen Wiebe **Piano:** Karen Zeug

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Donna Stucky & Kristi Zabriskie

Fellowship buddy: Sandra Westby

NEXT SUNDAY: Signs of Resurrection: Surprising Inclusion (Acts 4:5-12)

Worship leader: Donna Stucky **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Phil Stoltzfus **Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: to be announced

Nursery: Glenn Geissinger & Andy Martinson

Fellowship: *volunteer needed* **Fellowship buddy:** Jacob Schlabach

April 22: **Attendance: 78** **Offering:** \$2915-local budget
\$800 - designated
Weekly amount need to meet budget: \$2,692

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.

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks
Donna Minter, Adam Nafziger, Neil Okerlund

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FMC office hours: April 30-May 4

Pastor: Mon 9-5:00; Wed 9-noon; Thurs 9-4. Tuesday is a study day.

Ministry Staff: Mon 10-5; Wed 1:45-7; Thurs 1:45-7

Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening. Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

Joetta Schlabach and Gerald are participating in the annual Central Plains Mennonite Conference Pastor Spouse Gathering this weekend at a retreat center in Schuyler, NE. She returns to town this evening.

Adult Christian Education session in May

For the past several years we have set aside September, January, and May as times for all-church discussions during adult education. Three sessions will be held in May as follows:

- May 6 - Joetta Schlabach will share experiences from her sabbatical earlier this year.
- May 13 - either Tyler Zabriskie will speak about his experiences with humanitarian relief in various countries **or** there will be a session focusing on Bread for the World (arranged by Hermann Weinlick). The date will be determined after final travel times are known later in April.
- May 20 - session led by Tyler Zabriskie or Hermann Weinlick (see May 13). - *Kathleen Harder, adult education coordinator*

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

April 30 – Missions & Service Commission, 5 p.m., chapel

May 1 – Sunday Text Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, SP

May 7 – Soup Group, 6 p.m., Joan Kreider home

May 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., chapel

May 15 – Worship Commission, 7 p.m., Joan Kreider home

May 17 – Deacon Commission, 9:30 a.m., Nafziger home

May 19 – May Birthday Brunch, 9:30-11 a.m., Schlabach home

May 20 – Children's Day Worship & Picnic; final day of Christian Ed.

Announcements

New Testament Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel reading: John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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.

A new FMCer at a distance! We join Ry & Marcia, Owen & Aleida Siggelkow in celebrating the safe arrival of **Wendy Myntje**. Wendy was born on Monday, April 23, weighing 7 lb. 10 oz.

One FMC delegate space remaining for Central Plains Mennonite Conference annual meeting in Henderson, NE, June 28 - July 1. Donna Stucky and Kathleen Harder will serve as delegates, along with Joetta Schlabach. The theme is “Guided by the Spirit: To Let the World Know” and MCUSA Executive Secretary Ervin Stutzman will speak/lead the worship times. Anyone church member with interest in attending should contact the church office immediately. Deadline for the early registration rate (\$90/adult) is May 1. Note: children through grade 8 may attend free of charge and children's activities are programmed (Sophia will be attending with Kathleen).

Save the Date! Fall, all-church retreat, October 5-7 at Camp St. Croix, a YMCA camp in Hudson, WI. More details to come.

Now is the time to register for the upcoming **Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR)** training that will be held in Minneapolis, **June 20-24, 2012**. STAR responds to the full spectrum of violence and trauma and offers alternatives to revenge. Generous donors have provided scholarship assistance for participants who have the interest and time to participate but lack the financial resources for full tuition. Detailed information at: www.starmpls2.eventbrite.com and www.emu.edu/star or contact Donna L. Minter at STAR.Mpls@gmail.com to receive a **scholarship application and registration**, which are **due by May 5, 2012**.

Tuesday, May 1, March for Immigrant & Workers Rights on International Workers Day, 3:30 p.m., Lake St & Nicollet Ave, Mpls. Join with Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee for the annual march for immigrant & workers rights on International Workers Day.

Monthly Faith Action Vigil, Sunday, May 6; 2:30 p.m., Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, 425 Grove Street, St. Paul MN. Led by the **Immigration** Team of the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ. Welcoming the stranger is an edict from God to the people of God (Deuteronomy 10:17-19).

Joan Kreider will host a **soup group next Monday, May 7**, 6 p.m. at her home. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 6.

Sign-up sheet for **May 19 birthday brunch** is in the fellowship area.