

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
May 24, 2009 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

**Call to Worship ~ Psalm 1**

L: If you would be happy, delight in God's teachings,  
studying them day and night

**P: This is what we long for: to be like trees planted by a stream,  
bearing fruit in due season.**

L: God watches over the steps of those who practice justice

**All: and prospers all their work.**

**Hymn:** "Make music to the Lord most high" #73 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)  
"How can we be silent" STJ 61

**New Testament reading:** Acts 1:13-17; 21-26

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

**Children's time:** "Making decisions" ~ *Matthew & Shelly Hendricks*

**Hymn:** "I want to walk as a child of the light" #95 STJ

**Gospel reading:** John 17:6, 10-15, 17-18

**Sermon:** "Discernment: Glorifying God in our Decisions"

**Hymn:** "O breathe on me, O breath of God" #46 STJ (vv.1-3)

**The story continues:** Alisa Bardo-Martinson

**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:** "Be thou my vision" #545 HWB (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

**\*Benediction:**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

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

*- Please take a minute to sign your name by your favorite hymn, in the  
hymnals for our graduating high school seniors. The hymnals are on the  
table at the back of the sanctuary.*

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**TODAY:** Finding the truth and being one – John 17

**Worship leader:** Leslie Minkler

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Reader:** Dan Leisen

**Nursery volunteers:** Minke Sundseth and **Two Volunteers Needed.**

**Fellowship:** Rachel Hoskins & Glenn Geissing

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27)

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Gregg Richardson

**Nursery volunteers:** Donna Minter & Leslie Minkler ,

**plus one parent at 10:30.**

**Fellowship:** Two Volunteers Needed

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*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.*

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**May 17:** Attendance: 95 Offering: Not recorded

**Thanks to the generosity** of many, we exceeded our matching-funds goal for **Families Moving Forward.** Individuals gifts totaled \$1570 and Missions & Service is contribution \$500, for a total of \$2070, which will be matched with \$1,000 from the Mennonite Mutual Aid Sharing Fund, for a total contribution of \$3,070. Any individuals who would still like to make a contribution can do so directly to Families Moving Forward, 1808 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411

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## Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: May 25-29

**Pastor:** Wed & Thursday 10-4; Friday 8:30-noon. Joetta will be out of town Sunday afternoon through Tuesday. Please call a deacon for emergencies or spiritual care needs during this time.

**Michael Bischoff:** Thursday 9-noon

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

*Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:*

[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**Saturday May 30, 2-5 p.m., Matthews Center is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with a special free family event. 3-4 p.m. Program, 4 p.m. Tree Planting Ceremony, 4-5 p.m. DJ and music. Light refreshments.

**Saturday, June 6, 4-8 p.m. – Open House Invitation** The Okerstroms invite everyone to an open house in honor of Michelle's graduation, 2537 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Mpls.

### Church Meetings and Events

May 27 – Deacon Commission, 9:30 -11:30 a.m., Richardson's

May 28 – June Newsletter deadline, noon

May 29 – St. Paul Potluck, 6 p.m. @ Joan Kreider's

June 4 – Gifts Discernment Committee, 7 p.m., FMC Chapel

June 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

June 14 – Discussion with Delegates of Agenda for Mennonite Assembly in Columbus, 11:15 a.m.

June 17 – Missions & Service Commission, FMC, 7 p.m.

June 18-21 – Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, Freeman, SD

June 30- July 5 – Biannual Mennonite Assembly, Columbus Ohio

July 5 – Peace Worship in the Park & Picnic

July 12 – Ordination of Joetta, 11 a.m.

during morning worship (note time change)

## Acts 1:13-17; 21-26

[The disciples] went to the room upstairs where they were staying.... All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## John 17:6, 10-15, 17-18

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them . . . I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things . . . so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

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.*

## Announcements

**June 2, 6:30 p.m. – Open Eye Figure Theatre** will be performing the play “**Katie Tomatie**,” the driveway tour, in our back yard! Bring yourself, bring your kids, bring your neighbors, bring your grandkids! Refreshments will be served and a hat will be passed for a free will donation. Kristen Green, 3101 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis.

**Stellet Licht (Silent Light) showing nightly at 7:15 pm, Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7**, at the Oak Street Cinema in Minneapolis. Stellet Licht is set in an Old Colony Mennonite Community in Northern Mexico. (Be aware this is not an accurate depiction of Old Colony Mennonite culture.)

**June 6 – Katie Hochstedler is planning a dinner party fundraiser** to raise money for the Pink Menno Campaign that will be taking place at the Mennonite Church Convention this summer in Columbus. Tasty Thai food for a great cause. Suggested donation: \$25 per person; you receive an official Pink Menno T-Shirt for donations over \$45. Space is limited. Contact Katie at 319-936-0495 or [katie.hochstedler@gmail.com](mailto:katie.hochstedler@gmail.com)

**June 12-14 – Alternatives to Violence Project's Conflict Resolution Training/ Workshop** (A program of Friends for a Nonviolent World), at Faith Mennonite Church. This 21-hour, hands-on workshop builds new skills which transform violence to cooperation and builds community via affirmation, respect for all, cooperation, and trust. See [www.fnvw.org](http://www.fnvw.org) for more information, pick up a flyer from the back of sanctuary, or talk to Rich Deming.

**Grad Student seeks housing:** Matthew Thomas will be a doctoral student in Comparative and International Development Education this fall at the University of Minnesota. He has attended Brethren in Christ Churches, spent time in Africa and is familiar with Mennonite Central Committee. He is looking for a group living situation, preferably with other Christian guys in their 20s/30s (he's 27), but he's open to other arrangements. If you know of housing possibilities, please contact Matthew at [mt1187@yahoo.com](mailto:mt1187@yahoo.com) or 717.575.5624

**Two students from Carleton College are trying to find low-cost housing for the summer (June-August).** One will be working as a volunteer intern for ISALAH and the other as a volunteer intern for an environmental organization in Minneapolis. We need your help! If you have any suggestions about low-cost housing situations in which we could stay during the summer, please contact us at 479-713-0413 or [stittj@carleton.edu](mailto:stittj@carleton.edu). Thank you so much!!