

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 31, 2009 ~ Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Groan no longer, wait no more.

P: God has spoken and will act.

L: God sends the Spirit to re-create the world;

P: even the ground is renewed.

L: God pours out the Spirit on all flesh,

P: and the young see visions, the old dream dreams.

L: Come — let us bless the Lord our God,

P: let us rejoice in God's mighty acts.

*Hymns: "Holy Spirit, come with power" #26 HWB

"Spirit, working in creation" #10 STJ

New Testament reading: Acts 2:1-8, 11b-18, 21, 37-39, 43-47

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

Children's time: "Wind and fire"

Hymn: "Rain down" #49 STJ

Gospel reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sermon: "Empowered to be Different"

Hymn: "None can stop the Spirit" #61 STJ (vv. 1 & 5)

The story continues: Neil Okerlund

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/Lighting of Candles

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

Introduction of Guests

*Sending hymn: "Renew your church" #363 HWB

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.

TODAY: Pentecost: The Spirit Calls the Church into Being

Worship leaders: Kami & Matthew Blackwell Kinney

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Gregg Richardson

Piano: Adam Nafziger

Nursery volunteers: Leslie Minkler & One Volunteer, & one parent at 10:30.

Fellowship: Two Volunteers Needed

NEXT SUNDAY: One Body, Many Gifts (Romans 12: 1-8)/ Communion

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Worship Leader: Erin Geiser

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Piano: David Mayou

Nursery volunteers: Minke Sundseth, Donna Minter, plus one parent at 10:30.

Fellowship: Gregg Richardson & Matthew Blackwell Kinney

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.

May 24: Attendance: 54 Offering: \$295.25

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer request. Many young adults are considering service opportunities for next year. Pray for them as they consider various Mennonite Mission Network Christian service programs and for those who mentor them in determining next steps.

Samuel Geissinger joined Ben, Leslie & Abram Thursday afternoon. He weighed 8 lbs 13 oz and is 21 1/2" long. Mother and baby are doing fine.

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book

STJ: Sing the Journey

*Please stand if you are able

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Ministry Staff Person: Michael Bischoff

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 1-5

Pastor: Mon. noon-3 p.m.; Wed. 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Thursday 9:30-3:30 p.m.;
Friday 8:30-noon. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving calls at
home on Monday and Wed, 7-8:30 p.m.

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*

Volunteer for Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership:

Volunteering at a conference is usually a 1-2 hour time commitment.

Community Voice training, Thursday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.,
Seward Neighborhood Group offices, 2323 E. Franklin (behind Shabelle
grocery). **Please RSVP by June 10.** Space is limited to 12 participants.
Michele Braley, Program Manager, 612-338-6205 x108, email:
michele@sng.org

Church Meetings and Events

June 2 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant,
St. Paul (Romans 3:9-31)

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

June 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

June 14 – Wayne & Lois Hochstetler, MMN Guests

June 14 – High School Recognition

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

June 17 – Deacons Commission, 9:30 a.m., Richardson's

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 & Potluck picnic

July 12 – Ordination of Joetta Schlabach during worship service, 11 a.m.
(note time change)

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy. [...]

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.'

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-13

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

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

Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m., Neil Okerlund's woodwind quintet, **Prevailing Winds**, is performing a spring recital at Saint Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN (Como exit from Highway 280). Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. – **The Seward Concert Band** will be presenting a **free concert at the Lake Harriet bandshell**. The band is also giving a concert at the South High School Saturday, June 6, at 7:30. Small admission charge. — Jenny Wandersee

Sunday, June 7, 4 p.m., Jerry Janzen will sing with **Chorus Polaris** and the **Mississippi Valley Orchestra**, at First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights. For directions visit www.flcch.org. Suggested donation \$7.00.

Pride Parade – June 28 - If you are interested in joining the FMC group marching in the Pride parade in June, contact Katie Hochstedler and mark your calendars. katie.hochstedler@gmail.com