

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH
June 7, 2009 ~ “Letters to the early churches”

Prelude
Welcome

***Call to Worship**

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love—

**P: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers—
a community of kindred hearts.**

L: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—

**P: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an
outstretched hand..**

L: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

P: In me, in you, in each of us, God’s Spirit shines for all to see.

L: People of God, come.

All: Let us worship together.

***Hymns:** “Create my soul anew” #3 HWB
“There are many gifts” #304 HWB

Psalm 139 (insert)

Children’s gathering hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s time: “Getting mail”

Hymn: “Listen God is calling” #42 STJ

New Testament reading: Romans 12:1-13

Sermon: “Romans: Paul paves the way”

Communion

We will gather at the table in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.

Congregational Sharing

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

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

***Sung benediction:** “Heart with loving heart united” #420 HWB

***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.

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

TODAY: One body, many gifts

Worship leader: Erin Geiser

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Pierre Gingerich-Boberg

Organ: David Mayou

Reader: Hannah Dirks

Nursery volunteers: Donna Minter and one volunteer needed

NEXT SUNDAY: The gift of grace / Graduate recognition

Sermon: Wayne & Lois Hochstetler

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Sandra Westby

Nursery volunteers:

Fellowship: Teresa Wasick, Leslie Minkler, Okerstroms, Pat Eliason

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.

Next Sunday: Wayne & Lois Hochstetler, Mennonite Mission Network Workers will share in our worship. *** **Fellowship time will honor our high school graduates** and serve as a *****fund-raising opportunity** for Assembly delegate Leslie Minkler. ***At **11:15 a.m.** we will hold a **pre-Assembly conversation** with our delegates (Leslie and Rhonda Martin) regarding agenda to be discussed in Columbus. Some background reading is in your mailboxes. ***At **noon**, we will have a **salad lunch with the Hochstetlers** for those who would like to learn more about their work with Mennonite Mission Network.

Faith Mennonite Church

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: June 8-12

Pastor: Monday 1:30-4:30; Wed & Thurs 10-4; Fri 11-5. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. On Tuesday Joetta will attend the area meeting of Mennonite pastors in Faribault.

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

May 31: Attendance: 79 Offering: Not Recorded

Church Meetings and Events

June 9 – Lectionary Discussion Group, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Restaurant, St. Paul (1 Corinthians 13)

June 11 – Women’s Art Outing, 5:30 p.m., Basilica

June 15 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

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

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

June 18-21 – Central Plains Menn. Conf. Annual Meeting, Freeman, SD

June 28 – Church Membership Sunday

June 30- July 5 – Mennonite Assembly, Columbus Ohio

July 5 – Peace Worship in the Park & Picnic with Missio Dei

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

Psalm 139:1-3, 6-10, 13, 17-17

L: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

P: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

L: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

L: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

P: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

L: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

P: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

L: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

L: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**All: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.**

Romans 12:1-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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

TODAY, 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.

Thursday, June 11, 5:30 p.m. – Women's Art Outing — FMC women are invited to an Artist Reception and Discussion on at the Basilica of St. Mary. Women Artists in the Jewish and Christian Traditions. Post-reception/ discussion options; dinner or the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. Let Joetta know if you plan to attend so we can arrange carpooling.

Saturday, June 13, Geneva Martin's graduation party from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 5055 18th Ave S., Mpls.

Wednesday, June 17 — Ten Years of Resistance to War – Lake Street/ Marshall Avenue Bridge Peace Vigil, a special Vigil, Potluck, and Speakout will be held to remember ten years of consistent public witness against sanctions, war and occupation and to share “bridge stories.”
5:00 p.m. Vigil on the bridge
6:30 p.m. Potluck at St. Albert the Great Church, 2836 33rd Ave S.
7:00 p.m. Music by Bret Hesla and Linda Breitag, Story-telling and sharing of memories

June 19, 8 p.m., As part of World Refugee day — The music of Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars is a spirited, infectious, and soothing blend of traditional West African music, roots reggae and classic Rhythm & Blues Tickets are on sale now from the Cedar Ticketline (612-338-2674 ext 2), Cedar outlets, and online at Ticketweb. \$22 advance, \$25 day of show

One Voice Mixed Chorus Concert “Lavender Green - Thinking Globally, Singing Locally.” Saturday June 13, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday June 14, 3:30 p.m. Season finale celebrates the majesty of nature, honors the accomplishments of GLBT environmentalists, fosters understanding of how our actions affect the delicate balance of nature and urges better stewardship of the world around us. At the History Theatre - 30 East 10th Street, Saint Paul. Tickets prices: \$18-25, \$10 student and senior. <http://www.ovmc.org/concerts/lavendergreen.htm>

FMC in the GLBT Pride Parade - June 28 - If you are interested in joining the FMC group marching in the Pride parade on June 28, contact Katie Hochstedler. katie.hochstedler@gmail.com A group will carpool together from FMC following worship.