

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

July 24, 2011

*Taste and See: God is Good*

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: When we have wandered in the desert,

**People: you have fed us with manna.**

L: Even as you provide food you remind us:

**P: “one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”**

L: We live in a good land, with flowing streams, with milk and honey, grains and oil.

**P: We gather today to remember: All these are gifts from you. You are the giver of life.**

**\*Hymns:** “For the fruit of all creation” #90 HWB

“Praise to God, immortal praise” #91 HWB

**Scripture reading:** Deuteronomy 8:1-10

**Children’s gathering song:** “Taste and See” (hymnal insert)

**Children’s time:** “The story of the egg plants”

**Song:** “Thank you for the world so sweet”

**Scripture reading:** Deuteronomy 8:11-18

**Sermon:** “A land of milk and honey: the blessing and the responsibility”

**Hymn:** “Shepherd of souls, refresh” #456 HWB (vv 1, 2, 4)

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**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**

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**\*Sung Benediction:** “We will follow” (hymnal insert)

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- 10:45 Fellowship time

**TODAY:** The Land of Milk & Honey (Deuteronomy 8:1-18)

**Worship leaders:** Ry & Marcia Siggelkow **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Piano:** Melissa Falb

**Ushers:** Barb Beers & Darrell Martin

**Nursery:** Susan Weinlick & Annette Semanchin-Jones

**Fellowship:** Cori Skogerboe & 1 volunteer needed

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Taste & See: The Sacredness of Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Worship leader:** Joetta Schlabach **Sermon:** Meg and Peter Lumsdaine

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke & Rhonda Martin

**Nursery:** Laurie Kaufman & Dan Liesen

**Fellowship:** 2 volunteers needed

*Note: See back of bulletin for more information about our guests Meg & Peter Lumsdaine who will preach next Sunday.*

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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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**July 17: Attendance:** 66

**Offering:** \$2125

(Weekly budgeted need: \$2984)

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update**

**Received to date:** \$28,172 **Amount remaining:** \$2,828

*Note: Glenn Geissinger signed contracts for painting and scaffolding that came in \$5,000 lower than originally anticipated, decreasing our fund-raising goal to \$31,000. We’ve made good progress toward our goal and thank all who have generously contributed. We will begin the painting in mid-August. Your continuing contributions are appreciated! – The Trustee Commission*

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**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
**Ministry Staff Person: Kathleen Remund**  
**Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks**  
**Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson**

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** July 25-29

**Pastor:** Joetta will be out of town on vacation this week, returning Saturday. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs during her absence.

**Ministry Staff Person:** Monday 1-3 p.m., Friday 9-Noon.

**Office Assistant,** Julie Cross: Tues, Weds & Thurs 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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**Next Sunday:** Meg and Peter Lumsdaine, of northeast Washington State, will preach. The Lumsdaines have both served as pastors and have participated in numerous peacemaking journeys to Iraq, Jordan, El Salvador, Cuba, Mexico, Philippines and Guatemala. Their sermon topic, "Technology, Creation, and Preserving the Sacredness of Life in the 21st Century," lends itself to further conversation. Those who would like to visit with them are invited to a **potluck picnic in Matthews Park following worship** (and children can play in the kiddie pool).

**Regularly scheduled Friday potluck picnics in Powderhorn Park,** 6 p.m., Meet near playground, SE corner of park at 15th Ave. & 35<sup>th</sup> St.

**FMC Open Arms Harvest Day August 7!** As part of the Intergenerational 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour on Sunday, August 7, we will prepare a harvest donation to Open Arms.

**We invite you to bring your garden produce to church that day.** Vegetables and herbs are welcome. We'll also harvest what we can from our own Children's Garden. Items that need it will stay in the fridge overnight, and everything will be brought to Open Arms the following day, for use as they prepare healthy meals for people facing serious chronic illness. **If you can deliver the donation to Open Arms** (in S. Minneapolis) on **Monday** morning, please contact Minke Sundseth.

#### **Church Meetings and Events**

**July 27** – August newsletter deadline, noon to Gregg Richardson

**August 10** – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

**August 16** – Missions & Service, 6:30 p.m., Schlabach home

**August 24** – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m., Richardson home

**September 23-25** – FMC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Weekend

**October 29** – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

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## Announcements

**Be A Good Neighbor and Take A Nice Walk, July 28th, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Matthew Center.** Dick Westby coordinates Seward Walkers, who commit to walking around Seward neighborhood Thursday evenings to keep an eye out for suspicious activity and nonviolently guard public safety. All welcome. Call Dick with questions.

**SURPRISE 65th Birthday celebration for Orv Gingerich** at Murphy Park, which is in the middle of Augsburg campus, on **2 August at noon**. Please come to enjoy the “Paddle Cloud” machine and Orv’s favorite sherbet/ginger ale floats. Wear a crazy hat, bring a noise maker and if you like, bring a blanket & your picnic lunch. *Cheers & Surprises, Clea*

**Wilderness Wind Paddle-thon, August 6 in the Quetico.** In its 25<sup>th</sup> year! Money raised supports daily operations of Wilderness Wind & new partnerships like Big City Mountaineers, an organization that sends at risk youth into the BWCA, with Wilderness Wind as base camp. Consider sponsoring Melissa Falb, Paddler, or other 25 paddlers. Donations accepted by the paddler or <http://www.wildernesswind.org/paddleathon.htm>

**The 50th Anniversary Committee seeks submissions of mini-biographies from each household.** We are putting together a book to celebrate our jubilee year and as a part of that are including a snapshot of the people who make our congregation. More information and a sample biography were placed in your mailbox with extra copies available in the back of the church. Submissions and questions may be directed to Adam Nafziger. [adamnafziger@yahoo.com](mailto:adamnafziger@yahoo.com) 612-722-3317

**Help Harvest Fruit For Those In Need! Fruits of the City**, an initiative of The MN Project, connects homeowners in the metro who have fruit trees (but don’t need it all) with trained volunteers to harvest that fruit for donation to local food shelves. Last year over 23,000 pounds of fruit was donated. Our goal for 2011 is 36,000 pounds. **You can help!** If you have fruit on trees that you would like to donate, or if you would like to volunteer to help us glean, you can sign up at [www.fruitsofthecity.org](http://www.fruitsofthecity.org) by clicking on ‘volunteer now’ or contact Heidi at [fruits@mnproject.org](mailto:fruits@mnproject.org) or 651-789-3321. To learn more about the program come to the Launch Party and overview **Wednesday, July 27, from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the Jaycees Shelter, in Roseville Central Park, 2540 N. Lexington Ave, Roseville (Please contact Melissa Hochstetler, if you are able to attend this meeting on behalf of the Missions & Service Commission.)

## Sanctuary Painting Update & Volunteer Request

The decision is made to paint the sanctuary in August; the contracts are signed for the work to proceed according to the following schedule:

Aug. 17-19	Scaffold set-up (sanctuary locked 8/21)
Aug. 22 – Sept. 2	Painting
Sept. 6-9	Scaffold tear-down (sanctuary unlocked 9/10)
Sept. 1-21	Faux painting by Mike Okerstrom

Our painting contractor, ColorStyle, Inc. indicates that **we will save a sizeable amount of money by providing the contractor with two (2) male volunteer laborers for the expected 2-week painting process. The painting will occur during the weeks of Aug. 22-26 & Aug. 29-Sept. 2.** These two volunteer laborers will not be required to lift more than a paint can but will be pulling and pushing movable scaffold platforms on an artificial floor 15’-20’ above the sanctuary floor. Volunteer laborers will be exposed to paint overspray and will have to wear a high quality respirator (supplied by the contractor). Clothes and shoes will be exposed to paint daily as this is considered messy work but all paint is water-based. Brush painting experience is useful but not required. **The first week work will begin Tuesday, 8/23 and typical work days will start at 7:30 and end by 4:30** with 15 minute breaks both morning and afternoon and a ½ hour lunch break. It is possible but not promised that the painting work may be completed before the end of week 2.

**Please contact Glenn Geissinger (trustee) in person, via email or by phone evenings to volunteer to help the congregation complete this project in time and under budget.** Thank you!

**Deuteronomy 8:1-18**

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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