

# FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 7, 2011

*Taste and See: God is Good*

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: When we think we won't have enough,

**People: help us to share.**

L: When we are hungry and don't want to give up our food,

**P: help us to share.**

L: When you have given us more than we need,

**P: help us to share.**

L: When we have so much that we want to celebrate

**P: help us to share.**

L: Let us give thanks that God is good!

**All: Help us to share**

\*Hymns: "Brethren, we have met to worship" #8 HWB

"You are salt" #226 HWB

**Old Testament reading:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

**Children's gathering song:** "Taste and See" (hymnal insert)

**Children's time** "It never ran out"

**Song:** "Lord, listen to your children praying" #352 HWB

## Sermon

**Hymn:** "Blest are those who trust in the Lord" (hymnal insert)

## 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

- **11:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Intergenerational Activity: FMC Open Arms Harvest Day!** Everyone is invited to participate. Today we will prepare a harvest donation to Open Arms. Coordinated by Minke Sundseth.

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**TODAY:** A Hungry Woman Shares Food (1 Kings 17:8-16)

**Worship leaders:** Thaine & Hannah Dirks **Sermon:** Kathleen Remund

**Song leader:** Adam Nafziger

**Piano:** Karen Zeug

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe & Nikki Nafziger

**Nursery:** Noah Skogerboe & one volunteer needed

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Jesus Feeds 5000 (Matthew 14:13-23)

**Worship leaders:** Ratigan-Green Family **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Rhonda Martin

**Nursery:** Anna Dadabo & Jacob Schlabach

*Note: Next Sunday's worship will take place in Matthew's Park. We will meet in the shaded area near the picnic area. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Following worship we will share a potluck picnic lunch together. Watch for details in the mid-week email Update.*

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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 31: Attendance: 75 Offering: \$2020.00**

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update**

**Received to date: \$28,372 Amount remaining: \$2,628**

**Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.**

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** August 8-12

**Pastor:** Mon 11-3; Wed 10-5; Thurs 2-5. Tuesday is a study day. On Thursday morning Joetta will attend the periodic meeting of area Mennonite pastors in Cannon Falls.

**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.

*Email all bulletin items before Wednesday evening to:*

*[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org). Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.*

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**FMC Soup Group** This is an opportunity for our church community to share meals. All are welcome to bring friends and family. Soup and bread provided.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Aug 9, 6 p.m.** home of Erin Geiser **Please RSVP by Monday evening.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Aug 18,** home of Dan & Terry Gerber
- **4<sup>th</sup> Friday, Aug 26,** Picnic in Powderhorn Park (weather permitting)

**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. Cancelled in case of rain. All welcome!

**August Birthday Brunch** If you or a family member has a birthday in August, pastor Joetta invites you to her home, for brunch on **August 27**, 10-11:30 a.m.. This invitation is for whole families and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary fellowship area or email.

### **Church Meetings and Events**

**August 9** – Sermon text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, SP

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

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

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

**August 27** – August Birthday Brunch, 10 a.m., Schlabach 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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### **1 Kings 17:8-16**

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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**

**Yesterday Melissa Falb participated in the Wilderness Wind Paddle-thon** in the Quetico. There is still time to make an on-line contribution in of the daily operations of Wilderness Wind, a Mennonite out-fitting organization based outside of Ely, MN. Wilderness wind plans church-related canoe trips partners with organizations that work with at risk youth. To donate, go to: <http://www.wildernesswind.org/paddleathon.htm>

### **Minnesota Council of Churches hosts Open Houses during Ramadan**

During the month of August the Minnesota Council of Churches is co-sponsoring a series of dinners at Mosques around the Twin Cities Metro area, to honor the season of Ramadan. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit a mosque and meet Muslim neighbors. For locations and times, visit: <http://www.mnchurches.org/programs/christian-unity/TakingHeart.html>.  
*Gail Anderson, Director of Unity and Relationships, MCC*

**Invitation to sing:** There will be a **40-minute Menno' Faith men's chorus** rehearsal immediately following the church service on **August 28th**.

Menno'Faith will be one of the participants in the Anniversary Concert held on Saturday, September 24. This is an open invitation to all men attending Faith. If you have questions contact **Neil Okerlund**. (cont. over)

**Impact of Military Spending Priorities on Minnesota: Workshop** with Jo Comerford, Executive Director National Priorities Project (NNP), **Thursday, August 11, 7-9 p.m.** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, S. Mpls. The NPP (<http://nationalpriorities.org/en/>) is the nation's best resource on the impact of military spending priorities on our cities, state and nation. This workshop will focus specifically on Minnesota. Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer will provide a brief update on the Arms Spending Alternatives Project (MNASAP).

**August 15 presentation at FMC: Time for a Just Peace in the Land Called Holy** Rev. Loren McGrail, who spoke on immigration at FMC several years ago, has recently returned from several months in Israel/Palestine where she served as an Ecumenical Accompanier with the World Council of Churches and Global Missions of the United Church of Christ. The Community of St. Martin and several other community organizations are joining us in hosting a slide presentation that Loren will give about her experience. She uses a rights-based framework along with the Kairos Palestine Document to outline what a Just Peace would look like and what it requires from us. She will highlight some of the work being done by Mennonite Central Committee in Palestine. **Monday, August 15, 7 p.m.**

### **50th Anniversary Updates:**

- **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. Submissions and questions may be directed to Adam.
- **Please sign up for a service project during our Jubilee weekend.** These will **take place Saturday, September 24 from 9:30 a.m. – noon** in the Seward church neighborhood. Options are graffiti removal or trash pickup. *These are projects that the whole family can participate in.* A sign-up sheet is located in the library. Thanks to Dick Westby for organizing these efforts.

**Contributions still needed for Sanctuary Painting project.** THANK YOU to everyone who has been able to contribute to the \$28,372 already raised. That leaves just \$2,628 to complete our fund-raising. Your continuing contributions are appreciated! (Contributions can be given in the Sunday offering with memo: sanctuary paint fund).

### **Painting 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 - <i>The Stewardship and Trustee Commission</i>