

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 14, 2011

Taste and See: God is Good

Welcome

*Please stand if you are able

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Let all who are thirsty come;

All: Let us drink of the water that has no price.

L: Let all who are hungry come;

All: Let us eat of the bread that has no cost.

Leader: All without money, come, buy, and eat!

All: Taste what is good, and delight in the Lord!

*Hymns: "For the beauty of the earth" (see p. 3)

"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful"

Psalm 43

**Response: Put your hope in God, for I shall again be thankful
in the presence of my savior and my God.**

Children's gathering song: "Taste and See"

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you, taste and see.

Hungry lions they grow weak, but the bread of life is what we seek.

We can share it with our friends; our God's love will never end!

Shout it out to the neighborhood: Taste and see that GOD IS GOOD!

(repeat and fade)

Children's time: "Loaves & Fishes"

Song: "Taste and See" (page 3)

Sermon: "Solitude and Sufficiency"

50th Anniversary History Moment: Wilderness Wind – Joan Kreider

Hymn: "Praise, I will Praise" (page 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

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

***Sung Benediction:** "We will follow" (page 4)

***Passing the Peace**

Community Time

- **10:45** Fellowship time / Picnic We will remain together to share a picnic and play games. All are welcome!

TODAY: Worship in the Park: Jesus Feeds 5000

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

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Rhonda Martin

Nursery: Jacob Schlabach & Anna Dadabo

NEXT SUNDAY: A Meal to Remember (1 Cor. 11:23-26; Mk 14:12-24)

Worship leaders: The Zabriskie family **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

Piano: Sandra Westby

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Barb Beers

Nursery: Kristie Zabriskie & Matthew Hendricks

Fellowship: Cynthia Miller & Darrell Martin

A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 will meet in the playground area, following children's time.

July 7: Attendance: *not recorded* **Offering:** \$1625; \$45-designated

Sanctuary Painting Project Update

Received to date: \$28,397 **Amount remaining:** \$2,603

Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.

Faith Mennonite Church

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: August 15-19

Pastor: Mon 1-5; Wed 9-3; Thurs 10-5; Fri 9-noon; Tuesday is a study day.

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. Bulletin is finalized and printed on Thursday.

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.

- **3rd Thursday, Aug 18, 6 p.m.,** home of Dan & Terry Gerber. **Please RSVP to church office by Wednesday evening.**
- **4th 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. & 35th 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, 248 Aurora Ave., St. Paul, 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 or email jschlabach@faithmennonite.org.

Contributions still needed for Sanctuary Painting project. THANK YOU to everyone who has been able to contribute to the \$28,397 already raised. That leaves just \$2,603 to complete our fund-raising. Your continuing contributions are appreciated! (Contributions can be given in the Sunday offering with memo: sanctuary paint fund). – *Trustee Commission*

Church Meetings and Events

August 16 – Lectionary discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, SP

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

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

September 12- 16 – STAR workshop

September 23-25 – FMC 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

Announcements

Time for a Just Peace in the Land Called Holy Rev. Loren McGrail 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 presentation that Loren will give about her experience. She will highlight some of the work being done by Mennonite Central Committee in Palestine. **Tomorrow, August 15, 7 p.m., FMC basement fellowship hall**

Welcome to Cassius Alfred Staffin Wiebe, born to Abra and Phil on August 2nd, 2011, following a day of thunder and lightning. 8 lbs, 8 oz.; 21 inches. Anyone who would like to deliver a meal for Abra and Phil should contact Adam Nafziger, meal coordinator.

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.**

Minnesota Council of Churches hosts Open Houses during Ramadan

During the month of August the Council of Churches is co-sponsoring a series of dinners at Mosques around the Twin Cities Metro area. 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>.

Opportunities to help with Faith's Anniversary celebration

September 23-25th is fast approaching. To get the full benefit of the weekend's many activities, consider volunteering in one of the following ways. Sign-up sheets will be available after today's service.

Lodging: Housing for guests coming from outside the Twin Cities. We have reserved several rooms at a motel, but some guests prefer to stay in homes. Expected stay would be Friday & Saturday nights (with or without breakfast). Please indicate your willingness to host (1 or 2 persons) on sign-up sheet. **Questions: Arlene Holdeman**

Saturday only: Information desk @ FMC : (2) Greet people, answer questions, distribute maps and schedules, etc. 10:00-noon or noon-2:00 pm.

Banquet set-up, clean-up, etc. @ Minnehaha Academy

Set-up for banquet: (3,4) 4:00—5:30 pm.

Greeters, name tags, cashiers (4,5) 5:00—6:00 pm.

Servers (2,3) 5:30-6:30

Clean up, take down (2,3) 8:00-9:00

Questions: Joan Kreider or Sandra Westby

Matthew 14:13-23

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

