

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

August 21, 2011

*Taste and See: God is Good*

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship:

**People: Help us to remember**

Leader: to taste and see that God is good.

**P: Help us to remember**

L: that you give us our daily bread.

**P: Help us to remember**

L: to share all that we have.

**P: Help us to remember**

L: Jesus and all the stories we hear about him.

**P: Help us to remember**

L: to give thanks that God is good!

\***Hymns:** “Sing the day” (insert)

“Hallelujah! We sing your praises!” #88 STJ

**Gospel reading:** Mark 14:12-24

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

**Children’s time** “Do this in remembrance”

**Song:** Be present at our table, Lord;

Be here and everywhere adored.

These mercies bless and grant that we,

May eat and drink and live with thee.

**New Testament reading:** 1 Corinthians 11:17-29, 33-34a

**Sermon:** “Pause before you eat”

**Self-examination and confession**

**Song:** Thank you, O God, for this bread.

Give bread to those who are hungry,

and hunger for justice to us who are fed.

Thank you, O God, for this bread.

**Coming to the table to remember**

*All who have entered the body of Christ through baptism are invited to the table. Come and receive bread, dip it in the cup, and eat. The cup is grape juice; gluten free bread is available. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing. Those who are still discerning their life of faith may come to receive a blessing and/or to request prayer. All may request prayer / anointing with oil.*

**Communion hymn:** “Seed, scattered and sown” #454 HWB

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

\**Please stand if you are able*

### 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

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

\***Passing the Peace / Postlude**

#### Community Time

- **10:45** Fellowship time - *hosted by the Miller/Martins in thanksgiving for Darrell’s 27 years of work in the engineering field and now his new beginning as a nursing student.*

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**TODAY:** A Meal to Remember

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

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Ushers:** Cori Skogerboe & Barb Beers

**Nursery:** Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Matthew Hendricks

**NEXT SUNDAY:** The Great Dinner (Luke 14:15-24)

**Worship leaders:** Kaufman Wengerd Family **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Ushers:** Darrell Martin & Rhonda Martin

**Nursery:** Scot Neal & Heather Wengerd

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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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**Thank you** to members of the summer worship planning team: Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Thaine Dirks, Marybeth Luing, and Annette Semanchin Jones; and to Kathleen Remund, Kami Blackwell Kinney, Minke Sundseth, and Shelly Hendricks who have organized second-hour intergenerational activities.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who came out on Saturday, Aug. 6 to move pews, clean inside and outside and help get prepared for the big painting project; specifically, Sandy & Dick Westby, Teresa Wasick, Alisa Bardo-Martinson, Hannah & Thaine Dirks, Adam Nafziger, Orv Gingerich, Erin Geiser, Darrell Martin, Karen Wiebe & Hermann Weinlick. Many hands made “lighter” work although hauling benches over the balcony railing down to the sanctuary floor was more than “light”! **Thank you** from the Trustees!!

**Faith Mennonite Church**  
**Pastor: Joetta Schlabach**  
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**FMC OFFICE HOURS:** August 22-26

**Pastor:** Mon 1-5; Wed noon-5; Thurs 9-4. 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.*

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**Aug 14: Attendance:** 74      **Offering:** \$3024; **Deacon's Fund:** \$75

**Sanctuary Painting Project Update:**

**Received to date:** \$28,697      **Amount remaining:** \$2,303

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

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### **Church Meetings and Events**

**August 23** – Sermon text discussion group, 8:30 a.m., Trotter's, SP

**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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**Mark 14:12-24**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.’ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, [Jesus] came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.’ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, ‘Surely, not I?’ He said to them, ‘It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.’ . . . While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

**1 Corinthians 11:17-29, 33-34a**

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation.

## Announcements

After considering the **feedback received through a recent survey** of our experimental Sunday morning schedule (March-May), the Church Council decided in its August meeting to **move forward with the following Sunday morning schedule, beginning Sunday, September 11:**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. (or so) Fellowship time
- 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation/Discipleship hour

Thank you to all for completing the survey and for helpful comments.

**Persons who would like to help celebrate the birth of Cassius Alfred Staffin-Wiebe by preparing a meal for Abra and Phil**, please contact the church office [faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

**Moving help request from Marybeth Luig** I am reserving a moving truck for **August 25th, in the afternoon**. Any of my items which are too big for me to handle myself will be moved at that time, to my storage unit (nearby) or to another site unknown right now.... Living in faith my needs will be met as the time comes for the next step to be taken. **Anyone, up to 5 people**, who may be available to help load the truck and pack anything at the house I don't have packed yet will be very welcome. Please let me know if you can be on hand on the 25th. A cook for the crew is also needed, to provide something to sip and snack on after the main stuff is moved.

**Friday, August 26th, 7p.m.** -- a time to socialize and snack on wine & cheese while visiting with others from Faith Church. Hosted by Donna Minter, Bruce Brunner, Dan Leisen & Andi Kuenning at Donna & Bruce's home. We will have a short commercial break during our time together supporting Ten Thousand Villages **with information about the upcoming Oriental Rug Sale that will be held at the store October 12-16**. Look forward to seeing you and having a fun evening. Thanks. - *Dan Leisen*

**August Birthday Brunch, August 27, 10- 11:30 a.m.** If you or a family member has a birthday in August, pastor Joetta invites you, families and significant others to her home. RSVP via the sign-up sheet.

**Next Car Sabbath -- September 4** The Mission & Service Commission invites those who are able to observe a Car Sabbath on Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend). We encourage you to walk, bike, bus, carpool, or find alternative methods of transportation to church, and minimize driving throughout the day. This is one small collective action we can take on behalf of this wonderful earth we inhabit.

**For sale: solid oak church pews** (most are quite long); about (10) will be available - \$25 each / you haul! Talk to Glenn Geissinger, Trustee.

**Scaffolding for the sanctuary paint project** was erected this past week and painting begins tomorrow. Continued contributions are appreciated.

- Aug. 22 – Sept. 2 Painting

- Sept. 6-9 Scaffold tear-down (sanctuary unlocked 9/10)
- Sept. 1-21 Faux painting by Mike Okerstrom

## **Opportunities to help with Faith's Anniversary celebration**

**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). Reply and Questions to: Arlene Holdeman

**Anniversary Saturday (9/24):** We still have a few empty spaces on our duty list. Consider volunteering for one of these jobs:

- Host lunchtime at area restaurants, or picnic in Matthews Park (3)  
Reply or questions to: Mike & Paul Okerstrom
- Banquet set-up, clean-up, etc. @ Minnehaha Academy  
Servers (2,3) 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Clean up, take down (2,3) 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
Reply or Questions: Joan Kreider

**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. Contact **Neil Okerlund**.

## **Updates from Missions and Service**

**Anniversary Weekend Service Projects:** If you haven't signed up to participate in one of the service projects lined up for Saturday morning of our anniversary weekend, please do so! Both kid-friendly activities. **Missio Dei Partnership:** Two excellent ways to support our brothers and sisters in the Missio Dei community. The first on a beautiful poster made by Mike Okerstrom. Sign up to help with gardening, bike repair, fence repair, and/or spending time with Missio Dei's guests. Second is a "supplies drive" during September. You will receive a list of items in your mailbox. Plan to bring your donations on one of the first three Sundays in September. Great for kids.

**11th Annual MCC Festival and Sale for World Relief, Oct. 29**, Hennepin Technical College, 9000 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park. Over 200 volunteers and contributors to the sale, play a significant role that generates funds for relief projects around the world. Would you **consider being a partner in this worthy cause by providing a cash sponsorship** (\$100, \$200 or \$300) to defray the expenses of bringing quilts, wood products and traditional foods offered at the sale? All contributions are fully tax deductible. **Checks should be made out to: Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale and sent to Teresa Wasick, Treasurer.** - *Gene Friesen*