

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**

August 31, 2008

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:** #120 STJ

**\*Hymns:** “Praise with joy the world’s Creator” #16 STJ  
“Lord, you have come” #229 HWB

**Responsorial Psalm Medley** (from Psalms 92, 77 and 90)

L: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

**All: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**Children’s Gathering Hymn:** “Come and See” #20 HWB

**Children’s Time**

**Song:** “This little light of mine”

v. 2: Everywhere I go...

**Scripture Reading:** Genesis 1:26-2:3; Matthew 11:28-30

**Sermon:** “The Divine Rhythm of Labor and Rest”

**Hymn:** “How clear is our vocation” #541 HWB

**Congregational Sharing & 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 & Offertory**

**Announcements** (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

**Introduction of Guests**

**\*Sending hymn:** “Forth in thy name” #415 HWB

**\*Benediction:**

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

**- Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.**

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**TODAY:** A Celebration of Labor

**Song Leader:** Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Reader:** Andy Martinson

**Childcare:** Beth Richardson & Minke Sundseth

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**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Song Leader:** Gregg Richardson **Organ:** David Mayou

**Childcare:** Two Volunteers Needed

**Fellowship time:** Volunteers Needed

**We will resume our Christian Education program next Sunday**, with children’s singing at 11 a.m. and education for all ages from 11:15-noon. We’ll have a **noon “back to school” potluck** to celebrate the return to school and our fall/winter schedule. Bring a potluck dish to share. **We will need a crew of about 4 for set up and washing dishes** – a sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

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**August 24:** Attendance: 63 Offering: Not Recorded

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*A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men’s and women’s washrooms. 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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**Registrations are due TODAY** for the annual **Fall Retreat, September 26-28**. Payment is *not* required at time of registration. Contributions to the retreat fund can be made at any time. We want everyone to attend regardless of ability to pay. Payments to the retreat fund should indicate “Fall retreat” in the memo line of checks.

Please check your mailbox for information on the formation of **small groups** this fall. Please return the form by September 7, in the morning offering or to the church office mailbox.

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Faith Mennonite Church

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### FMC OFFICE HOURS: September 1-5

**Pastor's Hours:** Tues 1:30-5; Wed & Thurs 10-4; Friday 9-1. Joetta is open to receiving calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

**Office Assistant Hours:** Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

*Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:*

[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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In its August meeting, The Church Council approved a job description for the new part-time **Ministry Staff Position**. FMC members and friends are welcome to apply and to help publicize the position to possible candidates. The pastor, moderator, and a representative of Missions & Service Commission will review the applications, conduct interviews, and make a hiring recommendation to the Church Council. We hope to have someone in place by early to mid-October. A copy of the position description is on the foyer bulletin board and posted on the FMC website.

Thank you to **Joan Kreider** for delivering MCC kits to Newton, KS, this weekend, and to everyone who contributed kits this past week.

**Email address change for Matthew Hendricks**— Matthew's new address is hendricks612@gmail.com This replaces the aeonhomes.org address.

### Church Meetings and Events

- September 4, Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC
- September 7 – Christian Education begins, potluck meal
- September 8 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC
- September 10 – Deacon Commission, 2:30 p.m., Richardson's
- September 21 – Ice Cream Social with Community of St. Martin, FMC, 5:30 p.m.
- September 24 – Families Moving Forward
- September 26-28 – Fall All-Church Retreat, Osceola, Wisc.
- October 19 – FMC Neighborhood Gatherings, 5-7 p.m.
- November 8, 2008 – MCC- Festival & Sale for World Relief

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## Announcements

### Genesis 1:26-2:3

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

### Matthew 11:28-30

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

L: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Parents of young children** may wish to check out **two articles in the August 5 edition of *The Mennonite*** (shared copies on magazine rack): "Growing Compassionate Kids" and Bring back the wonder of childhood."

**Wilderness Wind is in urgent need of volunteers** to help with some painting projects during the next couple weeks as they prepare to close up the camp for this season. They provide meals and lodging for volunteers. If you can help, please contact Wilderness Wind by phone at 218-365-5873.

**Festival & Sale for World Relief—November 8** To learn how you can contribute items or get involved, see our FMC website News & Events at: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org).

**Nursery families, friends, and volunteers who know Meagan O'Brien** and would like to attend her and Phil Moody's September 20th wedding should see her by September 7th for an invitation. Alternately, please email her your address as soon as possible and she will mail one to you. (meaganobrien@hotmail.com)

**Job Opportunity: Seward Neighborhood Group** is looking for a half time Community Coordinator to continue the work of rebuilding this neighborhood organization. Position: 20 hours/week, with the potential for increased hours. Salary range \$12-\$15/hour, benefits negotiable. For complete description you can go to their website home page [www.sng.org](http://www.sng.org). The position description is also posted in the church foyer bulletin board.

**"Missio Dei Open House (Clare House)" September 14, 6-9 p.m.** Missio Dei, the new Anabaptist fellowship on the West Bank invites us to an open house celebrating the purchase of a new community house at 2717 8th St. South in Minneapolis. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [mark@missio-dei.com](mailto:mark@missio-dei.com). We will have further opportunity to get better acquainted with the Missio Dei community when Mark Van Steenwyk preaches at FMC and speaks informally during the Christian education hour on Sunday, September 21.

**Seeking volunteers** — Kristin Green will coordinate a tutoring program for 3rd and 4th grade students from Jefferson Community School in South Minneapolis. I am looking for fall volunteers! I am looking for tutors, substitute tutors, drivers, substitute drivers, and kitchen volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested in a position. See complete announcement on bulletin board in foyer or contact Kristin Green. 612-872-8266 (W) 612-721-8786 (H)