

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
September 6, 2009 ~ “Letters to the early churches”

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymns:** “What is this place” #1 HWB  
“Christ is our cornerstone” #43 HWB

**Psalm 118: 1, 4-5, 14, 19, 22-23, 29**

L: Alleluia! I give thanks to you, God, for you are good;  
your love is everlasting! Let those who fear God say,  
**P: Your love is everlasting!**  
L: In desperation I called to you; you heard me and came to my aid.  
**P: Your love is everlasting!**  
L: God, you are my strength and my courage;  
you have been my savior.  
**P: Your love is everlasting!**  
L: Open the gates of justice to me. I will come in and give thanks  
to you O God.  
**P: Your love is everlasting!**  
L: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone;  
this is God’s doing, and it is marvelous to see.  
**P: Your love is everlasting!**  
L: I give you thanks, God, for you are good.  
**P: Your love is everlasting!**

**Children’s gathering hymn:** “Come and See” #20 HWB

**Children’s time:** “What do we do with stones?”

**Hymn:** “You are salt for the earth” #226 HWB

**New Testament reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-12

**Sermon:** “Remember who you are!”

**Communion**

*We will gather at the table in groups of 10-12 as the ushers guide. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a public commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

**Congregational Sharing**

**Congregational 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 and Offertory**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

**\*Sung Benediction:** “Go now in Peace” #429 HWB

**\*Passing the Peace / Postlude**

Community Time

- **Fellowship time - 10:45 a.m.** at Westby’s home 2901 E 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

- **Menno’Faith rehearsal** for Sept. 19 performance (45 minutes)

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**TODAY:** God’s own people

**Worship leader:** Annette Semanchin Jones

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Hermann Weinlick

**Piano:** Sandra Westby

**Nursery volunteers:** Chris Jones & Beth Richardson

**Fellowship:** Dick & Sandra Westby (at their home: 2901 E 24<sup>th</sup> Street)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Gathered in God’s Spirit (Acts 2:1-11; Jn 20:19b-21a)

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Donna Stucky

**Piano:** Gregg Richardson

**Nursery volunteers:** Cindy Bjork & Gerald Schlabach

**Fellowship:** Hermann Weinlick

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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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**August 30:** Attendance: 71 Offering: not recorded

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HWB: Hymnal Worship Book    STJ: Sing the Journey

*\*Please stand if you are able*



Faith  
Mennonite  
Church

**Faith Mennonite Church**

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**FMC OFFICE HOURS: Sept 7-11**

**Pastor:** Wed 9-3; Thursday 11-4; Friday 9-noon. Tuesday is a study day. Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m.

**Michael Bischoff:** Thurs 9-noon

**Office Assistant:** Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Email all bulletin items before **Thursday** evening to:*  
[faithmc@faithmennonite.org](mailto:faithmc@faithmennonite.org)

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**New address/phone for Katie Hochstedler,** 3104 45th Ave. S., Mpls. 55406. Phone: 612-816-0687

**Patricia Mack would like extra copies of the August 18 issue of *The Mennonite*,** which reports on Mennonite World Conference in Paraguay. She would like to send copies to her friends in Germany, Paraguay, and Colombia. If you have a copy you were going to recycle, please bring it and put in Bob's mailbox.

**Church Meetings and Events**

September 7 – FMC Labor Day Bash, Minnehaha Park Blue Grass Festival, noon picnic

September 8 – Lectionary Discussion (Matt 9:35-38; 1 Cor 3:6-9) Trotter's, corner of Marshal and Cleveland, SP, 8:30 a.m.

September 12 – King's Fair, Matthews Park, noon – 5 p.m.

September 13 – Christian Education classes begin / Potluck

September 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

September 16 – Deacon's Commission Retreat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

September 19 – House of Heinrich Concert, 7 p.m., Emmanuel Mennonite Church

September 23 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

September 27 – Children's education open house, 11:45 a.m.

October 25 – "Who Are the Mennonites" community open house event, 2-5 pm, FMC

You've got mail...



## Announcements

### 1 Peter 2:4-12 (Amplified Version)

Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. It is just as God says in the Scriptures,

“Look! I am placing in Zion a choice and precious cornerstone.

No one who has faith in that one will be disappointed.”

You are followers of the Lord, and that stone is precious to you. But it isn't precious to those who refuse to follow him. They are the builders who tossed aside the stone that turned out to be the most important one of all. They disobeyed the message and stumbled and fell over that stone, because they were doomed.

But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that he has done. The Scriptures say,

“Once you were nobody. Now you are God's people.

At one time no one had pity on you. Now God has treated you with kindness.”

Dear friends, you are foreigners and strangers on this earth. So I beg you not to surrender to those desires that fight against you. Always let others see you behaving properly, even though they may still accuse you of doing wrong. Then on the day of judgment, they will honor God by telling the good things they saw you do.

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.**

**Menno' Faith men's chorus** has two performances scheduled for this fall: the **September 19 House of Heinrich** fundraising concert at Emmanuel Mennonite Church and the **November 14 MCC Fall Festival and Sale**.

**Rehearsals for the Sept. 19 performance are as follows:**

**September 6th**, following worship (45 minutes) **September 13th**, noon (30 minutes) **September 19th** at Emmanuel, 6 pm (just before the 7 p.m. concert)  
-Neil Okerlund, director

**MONDAY — Labor Day Bash Noon Picnic Potluck, September 7** at Minnehaha Park, **in the shelter next to Sea Salt Café** (If we can get it.) The Laughing Waters Bluegrass Festival will entertain us! **Please bring your own items to grill and your own tableware, blanket/chairs for the concert. Bring food to share: salads, veggies, dessert.** There are about 8 places for electrical plug ins IF we get the spot we want. Barbecue briquettes and drinks will be provided. This is a fun event with some of the best local bluegrass bands performing. See you there! If you have any questions ask/call Cleta Roth Gingerich at 612-333-7956.

**FMC will have a table at King's Fair, a neighborhood festival in Matthew's Park on Saturday, September 12**, from noon to 5:00 PM.

We need volunteers to staff the table to let our neighbors know about the values and activities of the church. Ideas for fun and engaging activities at the table are also welcome! **To sign up for a volunteer shift, sign up in the back of the sanctuary** or contact Michael Bischoff at 612-234-1122.

**Celebrate Fall in the North woods. Wilderness Wind's** Lakeside cabins are available September 30th to October 11th for personal and family retreats. Also, if you are interested in quilting, scrap booking or other hand crafts, join a special retreat Oct 1-4. If you don't have a project, come quilt the top to be donated at the next MCC sale. To reserve a cabin or for more information, see [www.wildernesswind.org](http://www.wildernesswind.org) or call 316-217-1129.

**Families Moving Forward** – Cindy Bjork is asking if there are people at Faith who would be willing to be on call to **assist families with their moves** to new housing. For more information contact Cindy at 612-338-2547.

**There is also a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary for our Friday/Saturday, Oct. 2-3 hosting.** We need volunteers for evening meal, childcare and overnight host.

**The Interfaith Coalition on Immigration** is collecting **signatures for a letter calling for humane immigration reform** that will be delivered to Sen. Amy Klobuchar this week and will also be submitted to local media as an opinion piece. A copy is on the back table for individuals to sign. Joetta will be part of the delegation taking the letter to Sen. Klobuchar's local office.