

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

October 16, 2011

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship: #122 STJ

*Hymns: "I'm pressing on the upward way" #96 STJ
"Open, Lord, my inward ear" #140 HWB (vv. 1, 3, 5)

Confession & Words of Assurance: #690 HWB

Children's gathering song: "Come and see" #20 HWB

Children's time – Chris Jones

Today we will place small rainbow stickers in our Sing the Journey songbooks to celebrate the contributions of Randall Spaulding, pastor of Covenant Mennonite Fellowship in Sarasota, FL, who served on the Bi-national Worship Council of the Mennonite Church and was a contributing editor to Sing the Journey and Sing the Story hymnal supplements. When Randy made known his intention to enter a committed relationship with his male partner his pastoral credentials were removed and he was asked to leave the worship council. Fully supported by his congregation, he is now a full-time student at Yale Divinity School.

Hymn: "You've got a place" #4 STJ

Scripture reading: Philippians 3

Sermon: "Losses and gains in Paul's balance sheet"

Hymn: "Long before my journey's start" #36 STJ

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

If you have brought your completed Gifts Discernment form(s), please bring them forward during the offering and place them in the box on the front table.

Announcements (please give in writing to worship leader)

Introduction of guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

*Sending hymn: "Forth in thy name" #415 HWB (vv. 1, 4, 5)

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

10:40 a.m. Fellowship time

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation hour with classes for all ages. Visitors are welcome to join any of the adult classes:

- In the beginning...creativity – Education wing chapel
- Trauma healing – Basement fellowship hall
- Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith & Practice – Pastor's study

NOON: Menno'Faith rehearsal, sanctuary

TODAY: Appropriate Confidence

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Reader: Matthew Blackwell-Kinney **Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

Piano: Gregg Richardson **Guitar:** Chris Jones

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Darrell Martin

Nursery: Andy Martinson & Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship: Barb Beers

NEXT SUNDAY: Rejoicing in all things (Philippians 4)

Worship Leader: Bob Mack

Sermon: Gerald Schlabach

Reader: Matthew Blackwell-Kinney

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick **Piano:** Sandra Westby

Ushers: Barb Beers & Casey Englund/Shawn Helmeke

Nursery: Kristin Green & Matthew Thomas

Fellowship: 2 volunteers needed

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.

Oct 9: Attendance: 78

Offering: \$2108.00

Sanctuary Painting Project Update:

Received to date: \$28,917 **Amount remaining:** \$2,083

Continuing contributions to the painting project are deeply appreciated.

Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Deacons: Aryn Baxter, Shelly Hendricks
Donna Minter, Neil Okerlund, Beth Richardson

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FMC OFFICE HOURS: Oct 17-21

Pastor: Joetta will be at a Supportive Communities Network pastors retreat at Camp Friedenswald in S. Michigan this Monday-Thursday. She will be in the office on Friday. Please contact a deacon for pastoral care needs while she is out of town.

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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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street, Minneapolis.

Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. on October 19, November 16, and December

14. Fresh fruit, vegetables and frozen meat. Cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards accepted.

October Soup Group schedule. All are welcome to partake and enjoy the company of others at this weekly meal, hosted by an FMC participant. All you need to do is RSVP and show up. Feel free to invite a friend. Simple soup and bread are provided.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. – Gerber residence,

Friday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m. – Katie Hochstedler residence,

Church Meetings and Events

October 18 – NO Lectionary Discussion

October 27 – Missions & Service Commission, 7 p.m., FMC

October 29 – Twin Cities Festival & Sale for World Relief

November 2 – Gifts Discernment, 12:30 p.m., Hendricks home

November 9 – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC

November 15 – Christian Education commission, 4:30 p.m., FMC

November 30 – Deacon Commission, 9 a.m. Richardson home

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Philippians 3

¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Leader: 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

Missing Hymnals and Sing the Journey Books. The Worship Commission is looking for help returning wayward Hymnals and Sing the Journey books to the sanctuary. If you wish to keep a songbook that may have gone home, please consider an \$11 donation for each book (which can be put in the offering during the service with a memo note: hymnal purchase). If you would like to order a hymnal or *Sing the Journey* for home enjoyment, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship area. - *Chris Jones*

A call for Artisans, Craftmakers, and Performance Artists: FMC will be a hosting location for this year's **Seward Art Crawl on Friday & Saturday, Dec. 2 & 3.** We will open up our sanctuary to showcase artisans from our church and community. Mike Okerstrom's paintings, Dan Leisen's landscape photography and art by other artists will be for sale. We also hope to sell some products from Ten Thousand Villages and tell their fair trade story. For more information or to be included among our artists, contact Mike Okerstrom or Dan Leisen

The 50th Anniversary Committee is resuming work on collecting family biographies. Although we have received a number of submissions, there are many households that are unaccounted for. We are looking for a one-page biography that includes a photo. The photo can either be embedded in the text or sent as a separate file. We will be compiling these through the end of the year and then using them in a commemorative book we plan to distribute at the annual meeting in 2012. Questions and submissions: Adam Nafziger

We will be **assisting the Derrickson family with meals** once Brooke's mother heads home. Once the needs and timing are determined, I will be looking for volunteers to provide meals. Details soon! Adam Nafziger

Menno'Faith singers: The Mennonite Sale concert is Saturday, October 29th, around noon (time will be announced). We will do a mix of before-church and after-church rehearsals. As always, I recognize that not everyone can make it to all rehearsals. We will be singing music from the past, including the two we just sang and hopefully a new work. *—Neil Okerlund*
Sunday October 16 after church (12-12:40pm)
Sunday October 23 before church (8:50-9:30am)
Saturday October 29 rehearsal just before concert

The Community of St Martin will be participating in the annual vigil and protest at the School of the Americas in Ft Benning, Georgia again this year. They are coordinating a bus to get to Georgia, and FMC attendees have the opportunity to go along. The vigil will be **November 19-20.** The School of the Americas (SOA) is a training school for Latin American soldiers, and many of its graduates have been implicated in human rights abuses. If you are interested in attending the vigil, please talk to Melissa Hochstetler.

Twin Cities Festival and Sale for World Relief, Saturday, Oct. 29

Following are a number of ways that individuals and families can contribute and participate in the upcoming annual sale to support the international relief, development, and peacemaking work of Mennonite Central Committee (www.mcc.org).

Baked Goods: Margaret Janzen and Arlene Geissinger are looking for bakers to help supply baked goods for the sale. All contributions to the bake sale tables are greatly appreciated. In past years, all contributions have sold out which means this is a great fundraising corner during sale day. Good sellers have included breads, rolls, zwieback, cookies, cakes, New Year's cookies (porzilke), pies of all kinds, perischke, peppernuts and bars. If you have your own favorite baked item, we'd love to sell it! Cookies, rolls, zwieback and bars should be packaged in either half dozen OR dozen per Ziplock bag. Peppernuts should be packaged at 1 and ½ cups per Ziplock bag. If you are not able to attend the sale but would like to contribute baked goods, please call or e-mail for arrangements:

Margaret Janzen:

Arlene Geissinger:

Pop & Bottled Water: To help cover food costs, the sale Board appreciates large quantities (cases) of pop and bottled water to be sold in the cafeteria. Over the next 2 weeks when you see sales of pop or water at your local grocery or big box retailer, pick up a couple of cases and drop them off at church. Bring to church Sunday or by 3 pm Friday, Oct. 28 & we'll coordinate delivery to the sale. Thank you for your help with this small but necessary project.

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