

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 14, 2013

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship based on Psalm 85

Leader: Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of your people.

People: You speak peace to your people, your faithful, those who turn to you in their hearts.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; justice and peace will kiss.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and justice will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Justice goes before our God, making a path for God's steps.

*Hymns: "In the bulb there is a flower" #614 HWB

"The kingdom of God" #224 HWB, vv. 1-2 solo, 3-4 all

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8, 10-11

Children's Gathering Song: "Come and See" #20 HWB

Children's time – Joan Kreider

Hymn: "Magnificat" – Women's ensemble

Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Sermon: "Good news for the oppressed"

Silent response

Hymn: "My soul cries out" (insert), vv. 1, 2, 4

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer and the Prayer of Jesus

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 and Offertory

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: "In Christ there is no east or west" #306 HWB

*Benediction

*Passing the Peace

Postlude

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship time

11:00 Education classes for all ages. Adult classes:

- Gospel of John – Chapel
- Living the Sermon on the Mount – Fellowship Hall
- Parenting Class – Parent Resource Room

NOON All-church potluck meal – Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to stay and enjoy the meal even if you did not bring anything to contribute.

There's always enough!

TODAY: 12 Scriptures Project

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach & Joan Kreider

Song leader: Anna Gambucci

Ushers: Cori Skogerboe & Glenn Geissinger

Piano: Melissa Falb

Nursery: Tyler Zabriskie & Heather Wenger

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 Scriptures Project: Micah 6:8, Matthew 5-7

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Ushers: Darrell Martin & Rhonda Martin

Song leader: Hermann Weinlick

Nursery: Cleta Roth & Gerald Schlabach

Piano: Sandra Westby Fellowship: Alisa Bardo-Martinson & Andy Martinson

April 7:

Attendance: 75

Local Budget: \$2,322 Designated: \$100

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$2,740

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.

Faith Mennonite Church
Pastor: Joetta Schlabach
Ministry Staff: Phil Stoltzfus
Deacons: Thaine Dirks, Shelly Hendricks,
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FMC office hours: April 15-19

Pastor: Wed & Thurs 10-5. Monday and Tuesday Joetta will be in Schuyler, NE, for the annual Central Plains Conference pastoral leaders retreat. Please contact a deacon for any pastoral care needs in her absence.

Ministry Staff: Wed, Thurs 11-5

Email bulletin items by Wednesday evening. Bulletin is printed on Thursday.

Prayer request from Central Plains Conference: Pray for the pastors, chaplains and spouses gathered for their annual retreat today through Tuesday in Schuyler, Nebraska. Thank God for the dedication and energy of our conference pastors.

During April and May as we worship with the scriptures that have been formative for our congregation, we **invite everyone to consider creating a response to a scripture verse or story that has been meaningful in your life.** This can take the form of a written reflection, a poem, or a drawing. We would like to gather these together in a collection.

Copies of the most recent Central Plains newsletter *Scattered Seeds*, focusing on uses of the Bible in conference congregations, are on the back literature shelf.

Terry Gerber has a new **cell phone number:** 612-246-6661. Address: Crystal Care Center, Room #301, 3245 Vera Cruz Avenue N, Crystal, MN 55422.

Church Meetings and Events (online calendar at: www.faithmennonite.org)

April 16 – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Trotters Café, St. Paul

April 17 – Community Meal, 6 p.m., fellowship hall

April 17 – “The Land Where Mangoes Grow,” Andrew Jilani, 7 p.m., chapel

April 17 – Church Membership Exploration, session 3, 7 p.m., library

April 20 – April Birthday Brunch, 9:30 a.m., Schlabach home

April 21 – Area Mennonite Hymn Sing & Meal, 12:15 p.m., Emmanuel MC

April 22 – Worship Commission, 6:30 p.m., chapel

April 24 – P&J Film Series, “for the Bible tells me so,” 7 p.m., chapel

May 11 – Worship & Music Leaders Workshop, 9:15-11:30 a.m., FMC

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;... They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.... ⁸For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them....

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God... ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

Come hear a **presentation** by our own **Andrew Jilani**, “**The Land Where Mangoes Grow: Community Rebuilding after the Armed Conflict in Sri Lanka,**” **this Wednesday, April 17**, 7 p.m. (after the community meal) in the chapel. “The long civil war in Sri Lanka rendered many people homeless, scores dead on both sides and unspeakable damaged to the environment in the small island. Many fled to India. After the cessation of the armed conflict in 2009, communities are seeking housing and livelihoods. Kurunagar, a fishing community situated along the western coast of Jaffna City, is the most populated area in the Northern Province and some 3800 families are huddled and compelled to stay in small apartments, risking their health for generations. The community has come together to secure a livable place and build their lives after the war.” **Flyers are on the back table.**

April Birthday Brunch, Saturday, April 20, 9:30-11 a.m. If you or a family member has a birthday in April, Joetta Schlabach invites you to brunch. This invitation is for the whole family and significant others, not just the birthday person. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship area or RSVP to jschlabach@faithmennonite.org.

Area Mennonite Hymn Sing & Meal, Sunday, April 21. Meal will begin at 12:15 p.m., followed by a hymn sing at 1:15. Location: Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 725 E. 25th St., Mpls. **The Women’s Group** of Hmong Mennonite Church will provide a lunch of Hmong food, to **raise money from donations for their attendance at the national Hmong Mennonite Conference this summer.** Suggested donation: \$10-30 per person.

Peace & Justice Film Series, “for the Bible tells me so,” **Wednesday, April 24**, 7 p.m., chapel. “Confronts with whimsy and hellfire the clash between religion and homosexuality.” **Flyers are on the back table.**

From Urban Ventures: **Closing the Gap: Seed to City.** We have developed a certified organic farming operation in Osceola, WI, Growing Hope Farm, for the purpose of bringing organic produce into the hood. You can **buy a share of organic produce** to feed kids in the Urban Ventures Kids Café (42,000 meals a year), or feed families in our youth and parenting programs; or buy a share for your own family, or split a share between yourself and an inner-city family, or just come out to the farm sometime and volunteer. Our goal is to sell 50 shares. Contact: Mark-Peter Lundquist.

From Emmanuel Mennonite Church: **Opening for a janitor.** 4 hrs per week, available immediately. Contact: Jack Janzen.