

**FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH**  
“Growing together as children of God”  
January 7, 2018

\***Gathering Song:** “Hail the bless’d morn” #221 HWB

**Musical Interlude**

\***Welcome and Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66:1-5)**

L: Make a joyful sound to God, all the earth.

**P: Sing the glory of God’s name;**

*All: give glorious praise!*

L: Say to God: “How tremendous are your deeds!”

**P: So great is your power...**

*All: All the earth worships you!*

L: Come and see what God has done:

*All: tremendous are God’s deeds.*

\***Hymn:** “Worship the Lord in the beauty” #220 HWB, vv. 1-4

**Children’s Gathering:** “Come! Walk in the light”

Refrain: Come! Walk in the light. Come! Walk in the light of day. (2x)

**Children’s Time:** ~ Alisa Bardo-Martinson

**Hymn:** “Water has held us” #82 STJ

**Scripture reading:** John 1:29-42

**Sermon:** “Baptism: Water, Spirit, and Name”

**Communion:** *All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. We will gather in circles at the front and back tables, as the ushers direct. After receiving the bread, you will dip it in the cup and partake. The bread is gluten free; the cup is grape juice. Children/unbaptized youth may come to receive a grape and blessing. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.*

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns** (*It is a joy to welcome guests; this can be a time for guest introductions.*)

**Congregational Prayer and 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. (cont.)

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**HWB: Hymnal Worship Book   STJ: Sing the Journey   Hesla: River of Gladness**  
\*Please stand if you are able

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. *AMEN*

**Offering and Offertory**  
**Announcements**

\***Sending hymn:** “As with gladness men of old” #218 HWB, vv. 1, 2, 4

\***Benediction / Postlude**

Community Time

**10:40: Fellowship Time**-Basement fellowship hall

**11:00: Christian education classes for all ages.** Adults will begin a four-week series looking at Baptism and Communion from an Anabaptist perspective. Today we will focus on Baptism, meeting in the sanctuary.

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**TODAY:** Epiphany / Baptism of Our Lord (John 1:35-51)

**Worship leader:** Alisa Bardo-Martinson

**Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Miriam Augsburg

**Piano:** Adam Nafziger

**Nursery:** Ry Siggelkow, Elena Vidas

**Violin:** Phil Stoltzfus

**Ushers:** Stew Thornley, Thaine Dirks

**Fellowship:** Shirley Leckie-Reed, Stew Thornley

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)

**Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Song leader:** Karen Wiebe

**Piano:** Gregg Richardson

**Ushers:** Minke Sundseth, Travis Lusk

**Nursery:** Arlene Geissinger

**Fellowship:** Cleta Roth Gingerich, Donna Stucky

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**Dec 31:          Attendance: 62          Offering – Local Budget: \$8,052**

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**Thanksgivings:**

**Concerns:**

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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.*

**Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd, Shawn Englund-Helmeke,**  
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***FMC office hours: Jan. 8-12***

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs 10-3 **Joetta:** Wed 10-2 *On Tuesday Joetta will host the meeting of the Twin Cities/Eau Claire Mennonite pastors and chaplains.*

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle:** Mon-Thur 9:30-12:30, Fri afternoon  
**Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon.** Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

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**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee lead Grace Community Church in Cradock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men there find new meaning in their lives.

**Come pray for our church and community!** Parent Resource Room, 9:10-9:25 a.m. each Sunday. Also, if you would like to have someone pray with you or discuss a matter of concern please look for persons with the purple “deacon” ribbon or the green “prayer” ribbon on their name tag. They are glad to meet with you.

**Church Meetings and Events** (online calendar: [www.faithmennonite.org](http://www.faithmennonite.org))

**Jan 9** – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

**Jan 10** – Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

**Jan 13** – Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., Library

**Jan 13** – One Voice Mixed Chorus “Sanctuary” Concert, 7:30 p.m., FMC

**Jan 20** – Worship Commission, 9 a.m., Chapel

**Jan 28** – Membership Sunday/Annual Budget Meeting, 11 a.m.

**Feb 7** – Deacon Commission, 6:30 p.m., location TBD

**Feb 9-11** – Men’s Retreat – Ely, MN

## John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

**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

**“Seeing All as God’s Children,” a one-hour interfaith service embracing immigrants and refugees,** will be held TODAY at 1 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. Through testimony, prayer and music we will recognize our common bond and dignity as beloved children of God. The service will celebrate a year of sanctuary and repent for the times we’ve failed to see each other as children of God. We will pledge to see and talk about each other as the family that we are, in both our personal conversations and public discourse. Sponsored by the Basilica, ISIAIAH and other faith groups.

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**One Voice Mixed Choir will use FMC as the venue for a FREE performance of Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 13th.** Doors will open at 7 p.m. for the 7:30 concert. Sanctuary explores the music of immigrants to Minnesota—from Scandinavian, to African American, to Hmong, Mexican and Somali communities. Several contemporary songs describe the experience of LGBT people struggling for a place of belonging. This concert is a collaboration with local non-profit, Green Card Voices, which has collected stories of youth immigrants.

**Considering church membership?** On January 28th, 2018, we will welcome several people who wish to transfer their church membership to FMC. If you would like to take part in the membership Sunday on January 28, please contact a pastor or deacon as soon as possible. In February, we will begin a Membership Exploration class during the education hour, for persons who would like to learn more about Anabaptist/Mennonite faith and practice. More information will be forthcoming.

**Housing Needed for BMC Volunteer - BMC** (Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests) is very pleased that Naomi Gross, a recent graduate of Goshen College, will be our newest volunteer and Kaleidoscope Coordinator. We are in dire need of housing for Naomi so that she can move here and start her work. We are open to both short term and longer options; the only requirement is access to public transportation. Please contact Carol Wise at the BMC office or the church office if you have space or recommendations. Thank you!

**District 63A MN Representative Jim Davnie** will host a **Housing Affordability Town Hall next Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Avenue South. The event is free and open to the public.

**If you’d like to see photos from this year’s Christmas program,** you can find them here: <https://www.facebook.com/faithmennonite/>. To keep in touch with Faith Church activities, make sure to "follow" us on our Facebook page.

Save the date! **MennoCon19 will take place on July 2 - 6, 2019** in Kansas City, Missouri. The biennial convention for Mennonite Church USA offers worship, fellowship, equipping sessions and service opportunities. Now is a great time to put it on your calendars.