

## FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

January 29, 2017

**\*Gathering Song:** “Holy Spirit, come with power” #26 HWB  
“The word of God is solid ground” #314 HWB

**\*Welcome and Call to Worship:** #659 HWB

**\*Hymn:** “Be thou my vision” 545 HWB (vv. 1-4)

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

**Children’s Time:** Joan Kreider

**Song:** “Som’landela / We will follow” (insert) #40 STS

**Scripture reading:** Luke 6:1-16

**Sermon:** “On Breaking the Law”

### Church Membership

**New members sharing:** *Andy Martinson and Shawn Englund-Helmeke, both of whom are Roman Catholic, are joining as associate members; Casey Englund-Helmeke is becoming a member.*

**Affirmation of faith** (insert)

**Hymn:** “Will you let me be your servant” #307 HWB

**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.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. AMEN

### Offering and Offertory

#### Announcements

**\*Sung benediction:** “Come, gracious Spirit” #303 HWB

**\*Sharing the sign of peace / Postlude**

### Community Time

**10:40** Brunch (fellowship hall) *No Christian Education classes today.*

**Noon** Annual Congregational Meeting (sanctuary). All regular participants are invited to participate in the meeting. Any voting is restricted to members. Childcare will be provided in the education wing for families who have requested it.

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### **TODAY:** Church Membership & Annual Meeting

**Worship & song leader:** Joetta Schlabach      **Sermon:** Ry Siggelkow

**Piano:** Melissa Falb      **Ushers:** Darrell Martin, Glenn Geissinger

**Nursery:** P. Eliason, M. Siggelkow      **Fellowship:** Annual Meeting Brunch

### **NEXT SUNDAY:** Joint worship with Thirdway (Mennonite) Church /

Communion (Luke 7:1-17)

**Worship leader:** Ry Siggelkow      **Sermon:** Joetta Schlabach

**Song leader:** Phil Stoltzfus      **Organ:** Jim Kuebelbeck

**Ushers:** TBA      **Nursery:** Wendy Brunner, Matthew Hendricks

**Fellowship:** Richardson’s      **Snow shoveling:** Volunteer needed

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**Jan 22:**

**Attendance: 86**

**Offering: not recorded**

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### Thanksgivings:

### Concerns:

**Co-Pastors: Joetta Schlabach & Ry Siggelkow**  
**Deacons: Kristin Green, Glenn Geissinger**  
**Katie Cuffey, Hermann Weinlick, Heather Wengerd**

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*FMC office hours: January 30 – February 3*

**Ry:** Tues, Thurs 9-4 **Joetta:** Tuesday, Wednesday 10-3

**Office Staff: Aimee Weigle:** Mon – Fri 9:30-12:30

*Email bulletin items by Wed afternoon.* Bulletin printed Thurs morning.

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**Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** With the St. Paul Hmong Mennonite Church, give thanks for the renewal of Pastor Xeng's R-1 visa which will allow him to continue leading the congregation for another three years.

**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.

#### **Upcoming Adult Christian Education Classes**

February 5: Council led discussion on Safe Church policy.

February 12 - April 9: Two book study classes:

"Written That You May Believe: Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel" by Sandra Schneiders, & "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism" by Drew Hart.

**We've received a greeting from the Dockter family**, which is posted on the foyer bulletin board.

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

**Jan 31** – MN Peacebuilding Film, 7 p.m., Birchwood Café

**Jan 31** – Sunday text discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

**Feb 1** – Deacon commission, 7 p.m., Kristin Green's home

**Feb 8** – Church Council, 7 p.m., FMC chapel

**Feb 11** – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30-11:30, FMC library

**Feb 25** – Missions & Service Commission retreat, 9 a.m., FMC chapel

## Luke 6:1-16

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them.<sup>2</sup> But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?”<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?<sup>4</sup> He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?”<sup>5</sup> Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”

<sup>6</sup>On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered.<sup>7</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him.<sup>8</sup> Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there.<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?”<sup>10</sup> After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored.<sup>11</sup> But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God.<sup>13</sup> And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles:<sup>14</sup> Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew,<sup>15</sup> and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot,<sup>16</sup> and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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

Would you like a chance to share (or improve) your sewing/crafting skills and, at the same time, get to know some of the newer Americans who call Seward home? **SNG is re-starting weekly Sewing Circles at the Seward Towers in Feb.** and we would love volunteers to help build bridges across cultures at these weekly events. The Sewing Circle at Seward Tower West (2515 South 9th Street) meets Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. and the Circle at East (2910 East Franklin) meets Thursdays, at the same time. For more information, contact Kerry at SNG (612-338-6205, ext. 119) or Diann Anders at 612-701-3654.

*(Announcements cont. on back)*

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**Snow time!** We ask for volunteers to please help keep our walkways clear for Sunday morning worship services. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

*—The Trustees*

**JRLC Day on the Hill is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Many of us are asking what meaningful action we can take to both resist policy changes of the new administration that we believe will harm others and to create safe spaces and bring positive change. The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition of Minnesota (JRLC) offers one practical action: its annual “Day on the Hill.” Each year the JRLC, an interfaith witness of Christians, Jews, and Muslims, adopts a state legislative agenda aimed at issues and legislation that serve the common good. This event features an invited speaker (this year’s speaker is Lisa Sharon Harper, chief Church Engagement Officer at Sojourners in Washington, DC), issues briefings, strategy sessions with others from the same congressional district and meetings with legislators. **Registration by January 31<sup>st</sup> is \$30, but the cost rises thereafter.** Register soon at [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org).

Prospect Park United Methodist Church will host the next **Ecumenical Taize Service on Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**. A simple **meal will be served at 6 p.m.** (optional), followed by a contemplative **prayer service at 7 p.m.**, which is being planned by the Compassion of Christ Catholic Community. Taize prayer is centered around songs with simple, repeated lines, and includes scripture readings in several languages and a time of silence. The service concludes with prayer around a cross. All are welcome.

**North Country Men’s Retreat - Ely, MN. March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>.** Guys, spend the whole time, or just part of the time in Ely with your Mennonite brothers. You can ski, snowshoe, hangout at a great coffee shop, and visit the bear and wolf centers. Our time together is unstructured with an emphasis on relaxing and getting to know one another better. We will be staying at a completely furnished three-bedroom home made available for our use courtesy of my father-in-law. This allows us to do our own meal preparations with the exception of Saturday evening where we plan on dining and playing pool at the Ely steakhouse. We will be warm and cozy with ample floor space for air mattresses if needed. We’ll even have internet. This is free, but we’d like everyone to contribute to the cost of transportation and food. I will be there Thurs. early afternoon and leave Monday at noon. You can come and go whenever. Sleeping capacity limits the number participating to 12 guys, so first come first served. At some point, we will work out transportation sharing and food plans. If you have any questions, you can speak with Rudy or Andy.

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One: We believe in God the Creator of all, who has called forth a people of faith. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh, crucified and resurrected for us.

***All: He is our Savior from evil and sin, our peace and the exalted Lord of the church. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the source of redemption and life.***

One: We who respond to Christ in faith are his church, the community called to proclaim and to be a sign of the kingdom of God, the new people sustained by Scripture and Spirit.

***All: Thus we continue the mission of Christ, making disciples, forgiving, restoring, baptizing believers, sharing the Lord's Supper, using our gifts in unity and love.***

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***All: As faithful disciples, we hear Christ's call to life in the Spirit in relation with God, to self-control, stewardship, love for the enemy, to the practice of justice and peace.***

Three: We joyfully worship the three-in-one God, as a holy nation, the people of God, giving allegiance to Christ as our Lord, living now as if in the age to come.

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