

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

May 7, 2017

***Gathering Song:** “This is a day of new beginnings” #640 HWB

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship** (Psalm 23)

Leader: O Lord, you are my shepherd; I shall not want

People: In verdant pastures you give me repose. Beside restful waters you lead me; you refresh my soul.

You guide me in right paths for your name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley,

I fear no evil; for you are at my side. Your rod and your staff give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup brims over.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

All: And I shall dwell in your house for years to come.

***Hymn:** “We Share the Peace” Pg. 7 Hesla

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

Children’s Time: “In God’s Hands” ~ Barbara Beers

Song: “Alleluia” #41 STJ

Scripture reading: Acts 4:31-35

Sermon: “Managing Pigs for God”

Communion: *Participants may come to the front or back via the center aisle. You may eat the bread as you are served and move to receive the cup, returning to your seat by the side aisles. The bread is gluten free. The cup is grape juice. All who have made a commitment to follow Christ and share in the life of Christ’s body are invited to the table. Children and youth may come to receive a grape and blessing.*

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

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book **STJ:** Sing the Journey **Hesla:** River of Gladness

**Please stand if you are able*

Offering and Offertory

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***Sung benediction:** “Bless’d be the tie that binds” #421 HWB

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

Community Time

10:40 Fellowship – Please keep all food and drink in the narthex. Thanks!

11:00 Christian Education Classes for all Ages. An adult session on “Socially Responsible Investing” will be held in the sanctuary.

TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Easter: Gratitude, trust and generosity

Worship leader: Joetta Schlabach

Sermon: Lyle Miller

Song leader: Karen Wiebe

Organ: Jim Kuebelbeck

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

Fellowship: Reinert, Harder

Nursery: Dan Leisen, Joel Cuffey

We welcome Lyle Miller, a Stewardship Consultant for Everence, the faith-based financial services organization that serves Mennonite and other churches, to preach. Lyle lives in Goshen, Indiana, and previously worked as a pastor and in church relations at Goshen College.

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday of Easter: Council at Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-17)

Worship leader: Ry Siggelkow

Sermon: Andrew Wright

Song leader: Wendy Brunner

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: S. Hendricks, S. Thornley

Nursery: C. Miller, M. Hochstetler

Fellowship: Kaufman/Wengerd, Brooks

Apr 30

Attendance: 75

Offering: \$1,393

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

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, Katie Cuffey,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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FMC office hours: May 8-12

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

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

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

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for thousands of Mennonites in Democratic Republic of Congo who have gone into hiding to escape the violence that has claimed hundreds of lives. Pray that God would provide for those who have fled, for stable national leadership, and for an end to the fighting.

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)

May 9 & 16 – NO Sunday Text Discussion these weeks

May 10 – Church Council meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

May 13 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Library

May 21 – **Children’s Day Worship & Potluck**

May 24 – Missions & Service Open Forum, 6 p.m., Chapel

May 25 – FMC Men’s Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, Mpls.

Acts 4:31-35

³¹When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Adult Christian Education in May:

TODAY: Lyle Miller, a representative of Everence, will give a presentation and answer questions on the topic of "Socially Responsible Investing." Come to learn, ask questions, and share your own experience.

May 14: Andrew Wright, Program Director for Mennonite Central Committee-Central States, will talk about the current work of MCC in our region and possibilities for future work. Andrew will also preach that morning. - Richard Westby, Adult Education Coordinator

Once again, **Faith Mennonite Church will have a group outing at a St. Paul Saints game.** We have reserved 25 tickets for the game on Monday, Aug. 21st, against the Wichita Wingnuts at 7:05 p.m. The tickets are \$14 ea. Anyone interested may speak with Richard Westby or Stew Thornley.

From Jean Hendricks (Shelly's mother): I'm looking for a ride from central Kansas to Mpls, sometime between June 9th and June 13th (has some date flexibility). If you know of anyone traveling this direction, with room for an extra rider, please contact me. Thanks!

From Kristin Green and John Ratigan: Our two adult nieces are looking for a duplex or an apartment to rent. If you are aware of an available rental in south Minneapolis please let us know.

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Ten Thousand Villages invites everyone to **meet the Founder and the Accounts Manager of Maggie's Organics, which will be featured in the store's May Fair Trade Clothing Trunk Sale.** Bena Burda and Cassandra Malmquist will speak at **4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8 at 520 Selby Ave., St Paul.** Come learn how tortilla chip production led to the establishment of this leader in the fair-trade clothing sector; how the workers have a voice in production; and how they are committed to lowering their carbon footprint.

From Karen Wiebe: I welcome all of you to MN Philharmonic Orchestra's concert "Americans in Paris" on Saturday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m., at Hamline University's intimate Sundin Hall. Local pianist Dan Chouinard will join us for Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue", along with music from other French-influenced composers. One of the first GLBTA orchestras in the nation, we're now in our 24th season! Tickets are \$7 through me. Merci!

Another Mennonite College Choir Tour! If you missed the Bethel College Choir in March or just can't get enough of choral music, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 20. The Bel Canto Singers of Hesston (KS) College will present a diverse repertoire of choral music at St. Mary's Chapel, St Paul Seminary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, at 7 p.m. The program entitled *God is Near* is inspired by the call to seek out faith in our lives. The concert features *a cappella* works, selections with organ or piano, and special music by soloists and small ensembles. The 22-member, mixed chamber choir is conducted by Dr. Russell Adrian, who received his PhD in Conducting at the University of Minnesota, and accompanied by Kenneth Rogers.

Missions & Service Commission Open Forum: The Missions and Service Commission would like to hear what service activities you are involved in or interested in starting, and how M&S can help you in your service to the community and the world. To that end, **the Commission invites anyone interested to an open forum on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.**

Trustees request building improvement suggestions. As the Trustees begin to think and plan in the long term about church maintenance, repair and improvement, we solicit your suggestions regarding any special concerns or suggestions you might have. Please feel free to speak with John Hershey, Bob Mack or Del Seitz at church! We welcome your input.