

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

“God’s Earth: honoring, loving, protecting, healing”

November 4, 2018

***Gathering Song:** “Cantemos al Señor” #55 HWB

Musical Interlude

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: We come together as the church of Jesus Christ, confessing that our Lord gave himself over, in life and in death, for the liberation of *all* people.

People: For God so loved the world that God gave God’s only Son.

L: We confess that in God’s great love,
we sense our need first to be loved
and so to be turned around,
to face the needs of others.

P: We love, because God first loved us.

L: Let us love, then, as God has loved us, so that we may be free,
liberated to love one another by the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Whatever we do to the least of the people of God, we do to our Lord.

ALL: Help us, O God, to love those who have been excluded, oppressed, and cast out, just as we love ourselves.

***Hymn:** “Anoint us, Lord” #631 HWB

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

Children’s Time ~ Hermann Weinlick

Hymn: “We are people on a journey” #8 STJ

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

Sermon: “On Leprosy and Love”

Hymn: “There is a balm in Gilead” #627 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. (*Continued on next page*)

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 ~ You’re welcome to write something you’ve done for God’s creation this week on a paper leaf and place it in the offering basket as an offering to God.

Announcements

***Sending hymn:** “Jesus Christ is waiting” #30 STJ

Pass the peace

Postlude

Community Time

10:40: Fellowship Time

11:00: Education classes for all ages - Adult Sunday School Class:
Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery

TODAY: Elisha Heals Naaman

Worship Leader: Orv Gingerich

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Thaine Dirks

Nursery: Dan Leisen, Abra Staffin-Wiebe

Fellowship: Karla Hovde, Mary Friesen Seitz

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Piano: Melissa Falb&

Siobhan Ratigan-Green

NEXT SUNDAY: Justice and kindness - *Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8*

Worship Leader: Leslie Minkler

Song Leader: Miriam Augsburg

Ushers: Dan Gerber, Stew Thornley

Nursery: Jennifer Wandersee, *Volunteer Needed*

Fellowship: Stew Thornley, Casey Englund-Helmeke

Oct 28: Attendance: 81 Offering – Local Budget: \$1,530

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:



Pastor: Ry Siggelkow
Deacons: Dan Leisen, Heather Wengerd,
Shawn Englund-Helmeke, Donna Stucky,
Hermann Weinlick, Kristin Green

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

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network: We request prayer for a new conference in Ecuador, *Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador*. Pray for members as they establish healthy leadership patterns to respond to the needs of their congregations and the many refugees who seek to build a new future.

Would you like someone to pray with you or discuss a matter of concern? 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)

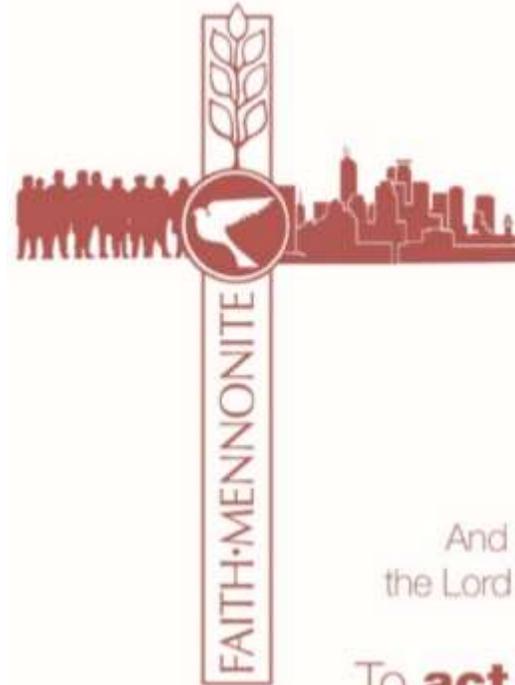
Nov 6 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Nov 10 – FMC Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., FMC Library

Nov 14 – Church Council, 7 p.m., Chapel

Nov 28 – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., Ratigan Green home

Nov 29 – FMC Men’s Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Curran’s Restaurant, Mpls.



And what does
the Lord require of you?

To **act justly** and
to **love mercy**
and to **walk humbly**
with your God.

Micah 6:8

**Come,
walk with us.**

2 Kings 5:1-15a

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company.

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.*

2 Reyes 5:1-15a

5 Naamán, capitán del ejército del rey de Aram, era un gran hombre delante de su señor y tenido en alta estima, porque por medio de él el Señor había dado la victoria (salvación) a Aram. También el hombre era un guerrero valiente, pero leproso. ²Los Arameos, que habían salido en bandas, habían tomado cautiva a una muchacha muy joven de la tierra de Israel, y ella estaba al servicio de la mujer de Naamán. ³Y ella dijo a su señora: "¡Ah, si mi señor estuviera con el profeta que está en Samaria! El entonces lo curaría de su lepra." ⁴Entonces Naamán fue y habló a su señor el rey diciéndole: "Esto y esto ha dicho la muchacha que es de la tierra de Israel." ⁵Y el rey de Aram le dijo: "Ve ahora, y enviaré una carta al rey de Israel." Y él fue y llevó consigo 340 kilos de plata y 6,000 siclos (68.4 kilos) de oro y diez mudas de ropa. ⁶También llevó al rey de Israel la carta que decía: "Y cuando llegue a ti esta carta, comprenderás que te he enviado a mi siervo Naamán para que lo cures de su lepra." ⁷Cuando el rey de Israel leyó la carta, rasgó sus vestidos, y dijo: "¿Acaso soy yo Dios, para dar muerte y para dar vida, para que éste me mande a decir que cure a un hombre de su lepra? Consideren ahora esto y vean cómo busca pleito conmigo." ⁸Al oír Eliseo, el hombre de Dios, que el rey de Israel había rasgado sus vestidos, envió aviso al rey diciéndole: "¿Por qué ha rasgado sus vestidos? Que venga él a mí ahora, y sabrá que hay profeta en Israel." ⁹Vino, pues, Naamán con sus caballos y con su carro, y se paró a la entrada de la casa de Eliseo. ¹⁰Y Eliseo le envió un mensajero, diciendo: "Ve y lávate en el Jordán siete veces, y tu carne se te restaurará y quedarás limpio." ¹¹Pero Naamán se enojó, y se fue diciendo: "Yo pensé: 'Seguramente él vendrá a mí, y se detendrá e invocará el nombre del Señor su Dios, moverá su mano sobre la parte enferma y curará la lepra.' ¹²¿No son el Abana y el Farfar, ríos de Damasco, mejores que todas las aguas de Israel? ¿No pudiera yo lavarme en ellos y ser limpio?" Y dio la vuelta, y se fue enfurecido. ¹³Pero sus siervos se le acercaron y le dijeron: "Padre mío, si el profeta le hubiera dicho que hiciera alguna gran cosa, ¿no la hubiera hecho? ¡Cuánto más cuando le dice a usted: 'Lávase, y quedará limpio!'" ¹⁴Entonces él bajó y se sumergió siete veces en el Jordán conforme a la palabra del hombre de Dios; y su carne se volvió como la carne de un niño, y quedó limpio.

¹⁵ Cuando regresó al hombre de Dios con toda su compañía,

Announcements

Fellowship is now in the narthex, as discussed at October's Church Council Retreat, in an effort to help visitors feel more welcome and comfortable in participating.

Communion Study - The deacons at Faith are assembling a group of church members to **look at when, how and why we have communion**, and consider if we want to make any changes. If you want to be part of a study, discussion and action group working on this part of our worship service, contact Dan Leisen, Hermann Weinlick or Ry Siggelkow.

Neil's (aka Rudy's) woodwind quintet is giving their autumn recital TODAY, Nov. 4th from 4 to 5:15 p.m. at Saint Anthony Park Lutheran Church (2323 Como Ave, St. Paul, 55108). It's a **free**, fun, short, light program. Come and enjoy some great music!

Midterm Election Night Party! Kristin Green and John Ratigan are hosting a party on Tuesday, Nov 6 beginning at 7 p.m. After you vote, come watch the results, enjoy some snacks and hang out. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

The prominent British theologian James Alison will be with us as a guest preacher **next Sunday, November 11**. He will also be delivering a series of lectures over at the House of Mercy in St. Paul, Nov. 9-11.

Carol Helmuth, mother of Heather Wengerd, is looking for a place to house-sit or rent in the Twin Cities for a 1-2 week period of time, at some point in November, December, or January. You may talk to Heather or reach Carol directly.

Attention Couples! **Mennonite Central Committee wants YOU to join the canning crew this year!** This opportunity is a fully-supported short-term volunteer position that will travel in the United States and Canada between January and May 2019. For more information and/or to apply for the Canner Operator position, visit mcc.org/serve or contact Heidi Huber by email at heidihuber@mcc.org or by phone at 316-283-2720.

A Loaded Conversation an invitation to talk about guns: Guns are part of our lives, whether or not we own or use them. With encouragement and input from pastors and others in the church, MCC U.S. has created this resource to help congregations stay at the table to address the topic of guns. This print resource includes a conversation guide, ways to engage, Bible studies and worship resources. Download the resource and find more ways to engage on the topic at mcc.org/loaded-conversations.