

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

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

September 8, 2019

***Gathering Song:** “Praise with joy the world’s Creator” #16 STJ

Welcome

Musical Interlude

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 1)

Leader: We rejoice and praise your holy name today, O Lord,

People: Because you have kept us from a destructive path

L: We give thanks because your word gives us hope,

P: And we reflect on your word at all times.

L: You are the source of our faith and our life

P: And our spirits are refreshed in your presence

ALL: Lead us on the path to loving faithfulness, O Lord.

Guide us. AMEN.

Hymn: “Spirit of the living God” #349 HWB

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

Children’s Time/Blessing of Backpacks ~ Gregg Richardson

Hymn: “En medio de la vida” #537 HWB

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: “Commitments & Other Costly Things”

Hymn: “How clear is our vocation, Lord” #541 HWB

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. 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 & 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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***Sending hymn:** “Move in our midst” #418 HWB

Benediction and pass the peace

Postlude

Community Time

11:00 – Christian Education – The Siggelkows will speak to the adult class about their sabbatical time.

12:00 – Back to School Potluck in Fellowship Hall (*basement*)

TODAY: Communion / Blessing of Backpacks

Worship Leader: Travis Lusk

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song Leader: Karen Wiebe

Piano: David Mayou

Ushers: Mark Kaufman, Shelly Hendricks

Nursery: *Volunteers Needed*

Potluck Hosts: Matthew & Shelly Hendricks, Karen Zeug, Alisa Bardo-

Martinson, Heather Wengerd & Mark Kaufman

NEXT SUNDAY:

Worship Leader: TBD

Sermon: Ry Siggelkow

Song Leader: Hermann Weinlick

Piano: Melissa Falb

Ushers: Thaine Dirks, Minke Sundseth

Nursery: *Volunteers Needed*

Fellowship: Shirley Leckie Reed

Sept 1:

Attendance: 67

Offering: Not Recorded

Thanksgivings:

Concerns:

A 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.



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FMC office hours: Sept. 9 - 13

Pastor Ry Siggelkow: Tu-Th available by appointment

Office Staff: Aimee Weigle M-Th 9:30-12:30, Fri afternoon

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

Prayer Request from Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Please pray for Amanda Bleichty, Conference Minister of Christian Formation and Director of Communications, as she prepares to return to the office on September 10th. Amanda has been on maternity leave since the birth of her son, Henry Hoyt Bleichty on July 15th.

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.

Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:

Sept 15 - Shirley L.R.

Sept 22 - FMC Retreat

Sept 29 - Orv & Clet G.

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

Sept 10 – Sunday Text Discussion, 8:30 a.m., Seward Co-op

Sept 14 – Sewing Group, 9:30 a.m., FMC Library

Sept 14 – Eco-justice meeting, 11 a.m., Westby home

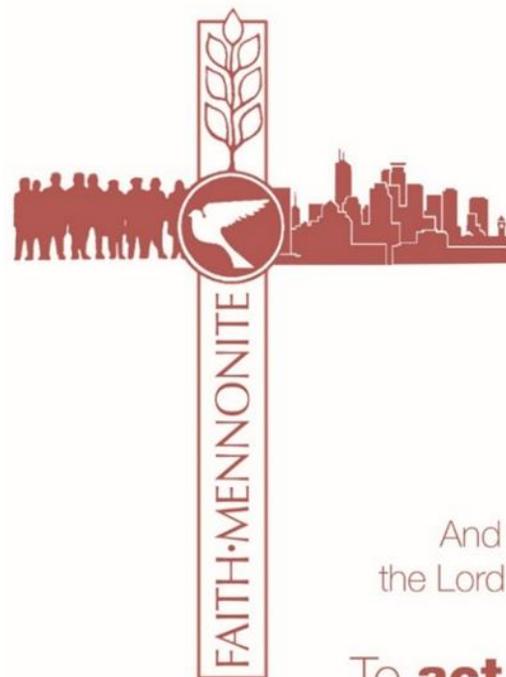
Sept 18 – Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel

Sept 21-22 – FMC Retreat, St. Croix Camp, WI

Sept 25 – Youth Faith Formation, 6 p.m., Zabriskie home

Sept 25 – Deacon Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ratigan Green home

Sept 26 – FMC Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m., Curran's Restaurant



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.**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶“Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?” says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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.***

Jeremías 18:1-11

Palabra que vino a Jeremías de parte del Señor: ²“Levántate y descende a la casa del alfarero, y allí te anunciaré Mis palabras.” ³Entonces descendí a la casa del alfarero, y allí estaba él, haciendo un trabajo sobre la rueda. ⁴Y la vasija de barro que estaba haciendo se echó a perder en la mano del alfarero; así que volvió a hacer de ella otra vasija, según le pareció mejor al alfarero hacerla. ⁵Entonces vino a mí la palabra del Señor: ⁶“¿Acaso no puedo Yo hacer con ustedes, casa de Israel, lo mismo que *hace* este alfarero?” declara el Señor. “Tal como el barro en manos del alfarero, así son ustedes en Mi mano, casa de Israel. ⁷En un momento Yo puedo hablar contra una nación o contra un reino, de arrancar, de derribar y de destruir; ⁸pero si esa nación contra la que he hablado se vuelve de su maldad, me arrepentiré del mal que pensaba traer sobre ella. ⁹O en otro momento, puedo hablar acerca de una nación o de un reino, de edificar y de plantar; ¹⁰pero si hace lo malo ante Mis ojos, no obedeciendo Mi voz, entonces me arrepentiré del bien con que había prometido bendecirlo. ¹¹Ahora pues, habla a los hombres de Judá y a los habitantes de Jerusalén, y diles: ‘Así dice el Señor: “Estoy preparando una calamidad contra ustedes y tramando un plan contra ustedes. Vuélvanse, pues, cada uno de su mal camino y enmienden sus caminos y sus obras.”’”

Lucas 14:25-33

²⁵Grandes multitudes acompañaban a Jesús; y El, volviéndose, les dijo: ²⁶“Si alguien viene a Mí, y no aborrece a su padre y madre, a *su* mujer e hijos, a *sus* hermanos y hermanas, y aun hasta su propia vida, no puede ser Mi discípulo. ²⁷El que no carga su cruz y Me sigue, no puede ser Mi discípulo. ²⁸Porque, ¿quién de ustedes, deseando edificar una torre, no se sienta primero y calcula el costo, para ver si tiene *lo suficiente* para terminarla? ²⁹No sea que cuando haya echado los cimientos y no pueda terminar, todos los que lo vean comiencen a burlarse de él, ³⁰diciendo: ‘Este hombre comenzó a edificar y no pudo terminar.’ ³¹¿O qué rey, cuando sale al encuentro de otro rey para la batalla, no se sienta primero y delibera si con 10,000 *hombres* es *bastante* fuerte para enfrentarse al que viene contra él con 20,000? ³²Y si no, cuando el otro todavía está lejos, le envía una delegación y pide condiciones de paz. ³³Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todas sus posesiones, no puede ser Mi discípulo.

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