

MWR Report  
April/May 2009

### Rochester Mennonite Church

Easter Sunday found half of our members traveling, but blessing came through visitors: Warners of IN, Davidsons of IA and Ferne Miller from WI and VA. Pastor Brunner began a series of sermons with the theme, "None Can Stop the Spirit." Josh Warner, trumpet, and Hoi Ting Davidson, violin, enhanced our worship music with their dedicated skills.

RMF surprised Art Kennel with a celebration of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on May 2; gifted Sue Gerber sang in his honor during worship on April 26, his actual birthday. The dedication of Caleb Owen Kennel, son of Kurt and Betty Kennel, took place May 3. Family friend Ida Gross of Sioux Falls, SD, attended both events.

Our annual Anniversary Sunday with communion and signing of the Church Covenant was celebrated on May 17.

We vacated the space we used for worship for five years after the service May 24, and moved to another area of Schaeffer Academy.

May 31 guests Dan and Karen Kissinger and sisters Ferne Miller and Sadie Showalter enlarged our gathering. This Pentecost Sunday we were asked to be aware of how the Spirit is moving in our own lives and in those around us. Several interfaith local activities converged poignantly for some of us this week. We want to be aware of the Spirit at work and how we are called to worship and work.

Birth: Cameron James Buchholz, April 16, to Jennifer and Geoffrey Buchholz; grandparents, Dan and Mary Hostetler.

--Lois Ruth Kennel