

Follow Jesus;  
Mature in Faith; Carry the Good News at  
First Mennonite Church



Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
February 6, 2022

**Serving Today:** Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith

Worship Leader: Erin Vanderschaaf      Piano/Organ: Karen Wiebe  
Greeters: **Needed**                              Audio: Marv Goossen  
Video: Lisa Goossen                              Children's Story: Amanda Thimm  
Hosts: John & Zella Penner                      Power point: Katie Jantzen  
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brad Thimm

**Jan 31: Offerings: AMB: \$1,633: FMC: \$140    Attendance: 72**

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Feb 6	9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School
Tuesday, Feb 8	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Feb 9	6:30 p.m. Peace Club, JYF, SYF And Prayer Partners
Sunday, Feb 13	9:30 a.m. Children Service Project 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

**February Birthdays**

2: Doug Casey	4: Jim Ensz
7: Bryan Heinz	8: Steve Kyser
9: Ross Reimer	11: Bonnie Jantzen
15: Nick Funk, Gerald Jantzen	26: Elijah Vanderschaaf

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
- **Food Pantry donations:** Please put them in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- Shop at smile.amazon.com to support **Mother to Mother Ministries** with your Amazon purchases!

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**Please contact the following with concerns or questions:**

- **Special Needs: Deacons** Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)
- **Church related concerns:** Chair Dorothy Zimmerman (402-239-9437)
- **Bulletin items:** Vicki Frerking (402-239-5312 or the church phone/ email)
- **Prayer Requests:** Pastor Roger, 785-220-1968 or [rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com)

**Welcome** – Erin Vanderschaaf

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 22, Psalm 71:12, Matthew 16:24-26, Mark 8:31-38)

L: We come to worship this morning from different places.

**P: O God, do not be far from us.**

L: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**P: O God, do not be far from us.**

L: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**P: O God, do not be far from us.**

L: We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

**P: O God, do not be far from us.**

L: But Christ calls all of us. "Come, follow me."

**P: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives. Amen.**

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"** VT 25

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:8-10, 15-21** OT pg 60

**Children's Story** – Amanda Thimm

**Hymn: "Kumbaya"**

Kumbaya, my Lord. Kumbaya (3x)  
O Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's crying, Lord. Kumbaya (3x)  
O Lord, Kumbaya

**This We Believe** (Affirmation of Faith inspired by Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22)

L: We believe in an innovative God,

**P: who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

L: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,

**P: that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become the children of the living God.**

L: We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,

**P: calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

L: We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,

**P: Because Christ has called us together, we are the body of Christ. Amen.**

— adapted from Bruce Prewer, on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#).

**New Testament Readings:** Luke 8:1-3 (NT page 81)

Matt 9:18-26 (NT page 11)

**Sermon: "Women's Relationship with Jesus"**

Pastor Roger

**Responsive Hymn: "There is a Line of Women"**

VT 546

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Offering for First Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome!** We're happy to have you here with us! Masks are encouraged. The service is also available on FM 107.5 in our parking lot and **on YouTube!** Beginning today, January 30, our church **service is being live streamed on YouTube.** Search You Tube for FMC Beatrice and click subscribe. When we have at least 100 subscribers, we will have a consistent link to our church services. Until then, the link will change each Sunday. Also select to be notified and you should get an email when we go live each Sunday. (2<sup>nd</sup> way to find it: We will post a link on Face Book a few minutes before the You Tube live stream will begin. Click the link.) A recording of the video will be posted on facebook some time after the service has ended.

**Thank you** for your patience as we've struggled through the difficulties of streaming the past few weeks. And a huge **thank you** to Pam Kunzman for her many hours of work to make this happen.

**The library committee** will be buying new books for the library. There is a sign-up sheet on the south wall of the library to write down books you would like us to buy or you can text or call Sue Gerber at 402.239.8857 with requests.

**Join the Adult Sunday School** class in the basement each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We're using the Salt and Light material on the theme "Participating with God". Pick up a booklet in Room 10 and join us.

**Delegates are sought for FMC representation** at the MC USA Special Session of the Delegate Assembly in Kansas City May 27-30. FMC may send three delegates. Information on the important resolutions to be addressed may be found at [Mennoniteusa.org](#), resources tab, then select Delegate Assembly. There's also a sheet on the bulletin board with information. Please talk with Dorothy Zimmerman or Pastor Roger if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

**Children's Sunday School learned today how Jesus uses his power to heal as** Jesus healed two daughters (Luke 8:40-56). Join us next Sunday for a service project! We'll be making cards for our shut-ins.

**Greeters are needed** for February, June, July and December. If you can help, please let the church office know. (Better claim those "nice weather months" quickly before they're gone!)

**The 2022 FMC Directory** is in mailboxes today. It is also available on the website on the Documents page.

We are excited that some members of our youth will be attending **Rocky Mountain Mennonite Snow Camp** February 18-20. Abby Trantham, Asha Jantzen, and Henry Trantham will be attending; John Regier will be the sponsor and Neal Trantham will transport them and then volunteer while he is there. We are grateful that our youth are willing to take advantage of opportunities to grow in their faith and meet new friends and encourage families to continue to use our camp fund to support these efforts.

Nebraska MCC Sale will be held in Aurora in person on April 1 & 2, 2022. **All quilts need to be registered by March 1, 2022**, through the sale website, [www.nebraskamccsale.org](http://www.nebraskamccsale.org). Each quilt needs a quality photo and description. If anyone needs help registering their quilts please let the committee know.