

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen                      Worship Leader: Neal Trantham  
PPT: Lori Thimm                         Children's Story: Pastor Tim  
Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz                Greeters: Don & Jane Esau  
Live Stream: Lisa Goossen              Audio: Marv Goossen  
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Kent Hohensee   Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

**Last Sunday:** Offerings: MTM \$150; Food Pantry \$150; FMC \$3535  
**Attendance:** 70

**Offering today:** Food Pantry    **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, April 23	9:30 am Adult & Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, April 25	1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, April 30	9:30 am Adult & Childrens Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Senior Recognition and Teacher Appreciation

**April Birthdays**

2: Ella Crawford	5: Sylvia Cross
7: Henry Trantham	9: Elsie Riesen
13: Blake Thimm	16: Anita Reimer
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz	20: Sloan Esau

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
  - **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
  - **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
  - Please ask the office for a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone.
  - Please contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen if you have a task **Men's Brotherhood** can help with.
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**First Mennonite Church; 6714 W. State Hwy. 4, Beatrice, NE 68310**

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*April 23, 2023*

**Welcome**

Neal Trantham

**Call to Worship** (VT 1068 adapted)

L: God calls us to ventures, of which we cannot see the ending

**P: by paths yet untrodden and through perils unknown.**

L: God will give us faith to go with courage, even while, not  
knowing where we will go.

**ALL: Christ's love supports us and God's hand guides us. Praise  
be to God!**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"**

VT 592

**Affirmation of Faith** (excerpts of 1 Corinthians 13:4-13)

L: Love is patient;

**P: Love is kind;**

L: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**P: It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it  
does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.**

L: It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all  
things.

**P: Love never ends.**

L: But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues,  
they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

**P: And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love,**

**ALL: and the greatest of these is love.**

**Hymn: "Here I am, Lord"**

VT 545

**Peace Club Choir**

**"Come and See"**

**"We Will Follow"**

**Children's Story**

Lori Thimm

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:16-20; John 13:31-35

**Sermon:** *"It Starts With Me"*

**Hymn:** *"Jesus Loves Me"*

VT 516

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending**

**Sunday School Choir:** *"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"*

**Offering to Community Food Pantry**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

**Childrens Sunday School** will study Acts 1, Your kingdom come, Your will be done. *We can carry on the work of Jesus.* Next Sunday, we will have a combined event making May baskets.

**The Adult Sunday School** will be discussing chapter 4 this week. We still have extra books if anyone would like to join us. People can drop in as they like—no need to commit to strict attendance!

**Lost and Found!** Please check under the mailboxes if the dishes or maroon women's jacket are yours.

**Ride needed!** Five boxes of our previous hymnals and comforters need a ride to Newton MCC Center. Contact Doris Claassen or Kathy Casey if you can transport these items.

**WANTED!** Baseball Gear! If you have any baseball gear taking up space at home, you may donate it for the new arrivals to play ball this spring and summer. You can put it in the box in the coat closet. Thanks! (Questions? Contact Dan Kunzman.)

**Vacation Bible School** is coming up *FAST!* May 30 – June 2. Please register your child(ren) online and fill out the parental consent form.

**Worship Council** is doing some planning for the next several months. We are **looking for additional people** to help with **Children's Story** and/or serve as **Worship Leader**. We ask members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving in these positions. Thank you. Please reach out to Amanda Thimm, Neal Trantham, or Kathy Casey.

FMC is offering **camp scholarships** to Mennonite affiliated Church Camps to youth of First Mennonite to cover the registration fee. Please register online and let the church office know you have registered.

**Camp Mennoscah:** ([campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290)

**\*\*Camp has received a matching gift of up to \$100,000!** Please consider donating so we may reach the maximum on this matching gift!

**\*\*Needed: Counselors** (at least 17 years old and 5 years older than the campers they supervise); **Nurses** for July 18-23 and July 9-14; **A head cook** for June 25-29; **Kitchen helpers and other volunteers.**

**Delegates needed! MC USA 2023 Delegate Assembly** is July 7-8 at the Kansas City Convention Center. Contact Jerry Reimer if interested.

**Young Adults ages 14-25 are invited to the Climate Summit** July 7 in the Kansas City Convention Center from 9-5. Register at [mennonitetusa.org](http://mennonitetusa.org). (\$45, includes lunch) Youth sponsors are welcome to attend.

**The NE MCC Golf Tournament** is August 12 at York Country Club. Register by July 30. More info is on the bulletin board.

**"Put Your Foot Down"** against sexual assault virtual run/walk is April 29. More info: Hope Crisis Center Facebook page and the bulletin board.

**St. Paul Lutheran School's "Wine and Ale Tasting"** annual fundraising event is Friday, April 28 from 7-10 p.m. at the Red Barn Farm. Tickets are available at the school, Jim's Carpet or by calling 402-429-2591.

**All Western District Conference women are invited** to join a free virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:45. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." To register and attend virtually email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) by April 23 so you can receive a Zoom link. Church groups can consider watching the Zoom together. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

**Beatrice High School Plant Sale** is May 3-6. For an online order form or a flyer email Paula Heinz at [pheinz@bpsnebr.org](mailto:pheinz@bpsnebr.org).

**SCC Bedding Plant Sale**, April 24, 4-7 pm; April 25 & 26, 10 am – 6 pm. South of green houses next to Ford Hall. May end early depending on supply.