

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
PPT: Katie Jantzen
Pianist: Erin Vanderschaaf
Live Stream: Kathy Casey
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Kent Hohensee

Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen
Children's Story: Kathy Casey
Greeters: Don & Jane Esau
Audio: Doug Casey
Hosts: John & Zella Penner

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$4,575.01; MTM \$500; Food Pantry \$500

Attendance: 99

Offering today: Mother to Mother **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, April 9, EASTER	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, April 11	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
April 13-15	Pastor Josh out of office
Sunday, April 16	9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Tim guest pastor

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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Deacons: Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), Sue Gerber (402-239-8857)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

Easter, April 9, 2023

Hymn: "Were You There?" VT 329, vs 1 & 6

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" VT 346

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:21-24)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: We thank you, God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer

Hymn: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" VT 359

Confession

L: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.

P: Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?

L: What does this mean for our lives? For your church?

P: We confess to the Lord...

(Silent Prayer)

L: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and power. As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day, come to us with your delight and love.

ALL: With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with you. Amen.

“Thine is the Glory”

Sunday Singers

Children’s Story

Kathy Casey

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-10

Sermon: *“Fully Alive in Christ”*

Hymn: *“Low in the Grave He Lay”*

VT 333

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering to Mother to Mother

Welcome! We are glad you’re 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; under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

Thank you to all who have graced the church with Easter Lilies today!

- **Brandon, Cara, Miles, Sloan & Gentre Esau**, in honor of God’s unconditional love for us and many blessings bestowed upon our family, including the ultimate sacrifice so we may live forever in heaven.
- **Betty Esau and families**, in memory of Harv Esau.
- **Marjorie Epp**, in memory of Harold Epp
- **Dick Goertzen family**, in memory of Arylis Goertzen.
- **Ann Reimer**, in memory of Lawrence Reimer.
- **Damia & Kira Coy, Marcus Heller**, in memory of Sean Coy.

No Children’s Sunday School today. Next Sunday Children will hear of the breakfast on the beach as found in John 21:1-14. *The risen Christ cares for physical needs.*

The Adult Sunday School will be recapping chapter 2 this Sunday and will begin discussion on chapter 3 on April 16. We have extra books now for anyone who wants to join us.

Let’s shower Elsie Riesen with birthday cards on her 80th birthday, April 9! Her address is 609 Spring View Circle, Beatrice, NE 68310.

Some nice dishes need to find their owners. Also needing to find its owner is a maroon women’s jacket that was left in the basement some time ago. Please claim these items if they belong to you. They are below the mailboxes.

Ride needed! Five boxes of our previous hymnals and some 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 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.)

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.

Delegate Volunteers needed! The **MC USA 2023 Delegate Assembly** is July 7-8 at the Kansas City Convention Center. See mennoniteusa.org for more info. Contact Church Chair Jerry Reimer if interested.

FMC Lenten art exhibit: Be sure to look at the art pieces created by FMC members portraying Lenten and Easter themes. Thank you to all who contributed!

Pastor Josh will be **out of office** March 13-15. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact a Deacon listed on the back of the bulletin.

Monthly Summary of FMC General Fund March 2023:

General Fund beginning balance:	\$ 7,094.33
General Fund Offerings	\$ 10,483.00
Church Maintenance Expense	<u>\$(10,802.70)</u>
General Fund ending balance	\$ 6,774.63

“Put Your Foot Down” against sexual assault virtual run/walk is Saturday, April 29. More information is on the Hope Crisis Center Facebook page and on the bulletin board.

St. Paul’s 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.