

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

**Serving Today: Pastor: Roger Neufeld Smith**

Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz      Special Music: Rikki Hohensee  
Pianist: Erin VanderSchaaf      Children's Story: Amanda Thimm  
PPT: Doreen Janzen      Live stream: John Thimm  
Hosts: John & Zella Penner      Audio: LeRoy Janzen  
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brad Thimm      Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

**Last Sunday Offerings:** FMC \$5,480; Tuition \$1,350; Immigrants \$50

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 64

**In Our Prayers:** Gerald (and Rogena) Jantzen; Mary Jane Zimmerman

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, August 14      9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School  
   10:30 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday, August 16      1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying  
Thursday, August 18      7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting  
Sunday, August 21      9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all  
   10:30 a.m. Worship

**August Birthdays**

1: Miles Esau      6: Rebekkah Stutzman  
7: Mitch Williamson      11: Debbie Keeney  
11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz      12: Abby Trantham  
16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm      21: Kyle Baade  
22: Genre Esau      22: Henry VanderSchaaf  
27: Pam Kunzman      29: Pat Penner  
31: Samuel 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!
- If you would like a **PDF of the church directory** to keep on your phone, please contact the office.

**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)

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

**August 14, 2022**

**Prelude: "Come What May"**

Rikki Hohensee

**Welcome**

Rodney Ensz

**A Call to Worship** (based on Matthew 11:28-30)

L: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls –

**P: come and worship!**

L: Even if you're tired and worn out –

**P: come and worship!**

L: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying –

**P: come and worship!**

L: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you –

**P: come and worship!**

L: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you –

**P: come and worship!**

L: For Jesus is humble and gentle,

**P: Jesus will give us everything we need to follow him.**

~ Christine Longhurst, re:Worship

**Prayer**

Rodney Ensz

**Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"**

VT 30

**Old Testament Responsive Reading:** Deuteronomy 6, selected verses

L: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

L: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

**P: Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

L: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead

**P: write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

L: When your children ask you in time to come, “What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?” then you shall say to your children,

**P: We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand... Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive....if we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, we will be in the right.**

### Children’s Story

Amanda Thimm

### Hymn: “We Will Follow”

VT 566

### New Testament Reading: Luke 2:41-52

### Sermon: “Listening and Asking Questions”

### Hymn: “God Who Touches Earth with Beauty”

VT 550

### Sharing and Prayer

### Blessing

### Offering for Mennonite Central Committee

**Welcome!** We’re glad to have you worshiping with us either in person or online. We live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>.

**The adult Sunday school class** is meeting in room 10. We are completing the final topics of the “Seeking Justice” curriculum:

August 14 - Widow Insists on Justice - Luke 18:1–8

August 21 - Nehemiah Sets an Example - Nehemiah 5

Contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz if you have questions or ideas.

**Children’s Sunday School begins today, Sunday, August 14** at 9:30 a.m. Children will work on preparations for Pastor Roger’s farewell on Aug 21. Next Sunday we will learn God is with us in good and bad times by studying God, our Shepherd.

**A Farewell for Pastor Roger** will be held on Sunday, August 21. A short farewell will be held during the worship service, followed by a potluck. Please bring table service for your family. Drinks will be provided. Thank you to Tracy Crawford for providing ice cream. You’re welcome to bring cookies and/or bars to go with the ice cream. Please find a card in your box today that you may use to express your thanks to Pastor Roger for his service here. A basket will be provided at the potluck for your cards and notes.

**Pastor Josh Janzen** will begin his pastoral work at FMC on Monday, August 29. His first Sunday preaching will be September 4. He will be installed on September 11. We will welcome him and his wife Stephanie at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m. at the Chautauqua Tabernacle.

**Thank you** to all who have assisted and will assist in August in getting groceries for the immigrant families getting established in Beatrice. Your help is much appreciated!

**Dr. Hannah Kunzman** graduated Saturday from the University of Florida with a Masters in Wildlife Forensics and Conservation. She is currently a hospital intern at the Oklahoma State Veterinary hospital in Stillwater. Congratulations, Hannah!

Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Beatrice **Pancake Feed** Today! Sunday, August 14, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Veterans Club. Adults \$9; children 4-12, \$5 at the door. Age 3 & under free.

Ellis United Methodist Church **Ice Cream Social!** Sunday, August 14, 4-6 p.m. Serving BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks, brownies. Free will donations will apply to new siding on the building.

As summer youth camps of 2022 are ending, **Camp Mennoscah wants to thank** all those who came to camp this summer—campers, counselors, directors, nurses, cooks, and volunteers who came for a day, a weekend, a week, or the whole summer. We experienced so much fun and connection. We saw God’s beauty in the campfires, worshipful singing, meals shared, and relationships new and old

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers:

- Mary Jane Zimmerman who has returned to her home at rural DeWitt to continue recuperating.
- Gerald Jantzen who remains at Beatrice Good Samaritan.
- Ernest Jantzen at Homestead House.
- June Diller in her home.