

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen
Piano: Karen Wiebe
Audio: Larry Thimm
Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brandon Esau

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier
Power point: Christina Lyons
Video: Jane Esau

Last Sunday: Attendance: 86 **Offering:** Mother to Mother \$ 2,882.10
FMC \$150

Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** MCC

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 2	9:30 am Adult Bible Class 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, August 4	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying 5:00 Shep Grp 3 serves Warren's Table
Sunday, August 9	9:30 am Adult Bible Class 10:30 am Worship with MMN's Marissa Smucker

Late July and Early August Birthdays:

25: Marjorie Epp	28: Lisa Goossen
30: Symantha Janzen	
August 1: Miles Esau	6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman
7: Mitch Williamson	
11: Debbie Keeney, Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz	
12: Abby Trantham	16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Farmer's Market**, Thursday's 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High Streets

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church
August 2, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Come, people of God, and lift up your eyes

P: We come from our kitchens and our workdays, from our waiting rooms and our worry.

L: The King is at the gate, and he is not who we expect.

P: He is hungry. He is thirsty. He is a stranger at the door.

L: Come and see the Christ who hides himself among the least of these.

P: We come to worship the God who is already here, waiting to be welcomed.

L: Let us worship the Lord.

All: Let us worship together. Amen

Prayer

Hymn 813: "Heart with Loving Heart United"

Confession and Assurance

L: Merciful God, you have shown us where to find you,

P: in the hungry we walked past, in the stranger we did not welcome, in the prisoner we forgot.

L: We confess that we have built walls where you asked for tables,

P: and closed doors where you asked for open hands.

L: Forgive us for the mercy we withheld,

P: and for the times we did not recognize you at all.

L: Holy God, hear our confession, spoken and unspoken.

P: Have mercy on us and make us merciful. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: the God who meets us in the face of the poor is the same God who meets us in our failure with grace.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Offering Hymn 715: "Longing for Light"

(Offering for First Mennonite Church)

Scripture: Matthew 25:37-40

Sermon: "When Did We See You?"

Pastor Josh

Hymn 268: "Helpless and Hungry"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 832: "The Lord Lift You Up"

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshipping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and "Like" it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Congratulations to Rick Brethouwer on being the 2026 recipient of the Beatrice Community Hospital's **Caring Kind Award!** Rick was selected by hospital employees and honored for his dedication to maintaining high standards of cleanliness, strong teamwork and exceptional patient care. Rick will represent BCH at this year's Nebraska Hospital Association Caring Kind Award Luncheon in October.

You are invited to come during the **Sunday school hour next Sunday August 9 to hear from Marisa Smucker**, Executive Director of Mennonite Mission Network, as she shares about Mennonite Mission Network's various programs and different ways to connect and serve. We also welcome her as she delivers the sermon.

Faith Formation Sunday is August 16! Pastor Sarah will bless Backpacks before children and youth head back to school and will distribute Bibles to FMC youth.

Wynn Goering, Interim President of Bethel College, will be with us on August 23. Plan to attend Sunday School and Worship that day as he shares what's happening at Bethel College.

MCC's School Kit Challenge is back! MCC has a goal of providing 30,000 school kits for 30,000 kids this summer. School kits provide essential supplies to children and families navigating war, displacement or financial struggles. MCC collects school kits from June - August. To learn more visit mcc.org/school-kit-challenge and download a free activity guide,

The annual **Mennonite Women in Mission** Women's & Girls (age 8 + up) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is September 12-13. Schedule and register at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org.

The Bethel College International Students Club is asking for help to welcome international students to Bethel by providing them with essential items that are difficult or impossible to bring in their luggage. If you would like to help these students feel cared for and at home from the moment they arrive, donations may be made to Bethel College with "International Students Fund" in the memo line. Donations will be used to buy bedding, laundry supplies, towels, etc.

Kids Meet Christ event!

Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN will guide all ages in exploring worship that engages everyone on Saturday, September 12, 9:30-2:30 pm at First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, KS.

Register at mennowdc.org under the Kids Meet Christ tab.



Registration is now open for MC USA's "**Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit**," Nov. 6-7, in Leola, Pennsylvania. Rooted in Anabaptist faith values, the two-day gathering brings Christians together to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence. Best-selling author Shane Claiborne is the opening keynote speaker. **High school youth attend free** with a youth sponsor/pastor. Visit www.mennoniteusa.org to learn more.

Kiwanis Pancake Feed to benefit BHS's FFA Chapter **TODAY** Sunday, August 2, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St, Beatrice. Students will be helping! Adults \$10; children up to age 12, \$5. Age 3 and under eat free.

Ellis Methodist Church Ice Cream Social August 9, 4-6 pm. Free Will Donation for BBQ Sandwiches, chips, ice cream, desserts.

In September at FMC: Sept 2, 6:30, Community Meal
Sept 9, 6:30 pm JYF & SYF meet
Sept 13, Sunday School begins; 11:30 Congregational meeting
Sept 27, 5 pm Church Picnic