

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen

Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier

Power Point: Christina Lyons

Piano: Kathy Casey & Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Audio: Larry Thimm

Video: Jane Esau

Ushers: Lynn Gerber & Brandon Esau

Last Sunday: Attendance: 90 **Offering:** MCC \$ 350; FMC \$4,102

Tech Fund \$225

Today's Offering: Bethel College **Next Sunday:** FMC

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am Adult Bible Class-Wynn Goering

10:30 am Worship with Bethel College

Interim President Wynn Goering

11:30 am Safe Church Policy Overview

Tuesday, August 25

1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Adult Bible Class

9:30 am Sunday School Planning

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Safe Church approved Adult
Training

Mid to Late August Birthdays:

11: Debbie Keeney, Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

12: Abby Trantham

16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm

21: Kyle Baade

22: Gentre Esau, Henry VanderSchaaf

27: Pam Kunzman

29: Pat Penner

31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

- 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 23, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: We do not come here today the same people who walked in.

P: We come to be transformed.

L: Do not be conformed to this world,

P: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

L: We lay down our patterns, our habits, our old ways of thinking,

P: and we lift our lives as a living sacrifice to God.

L: This is our spiritual worship, not just a song, not just a moment,

P: but a whole life offered to the One who makes all things new.

L: Come, let us worship the God who transforms us.

All: We come with open hearts and renewed minds. Let us worship the Lord together.

Prayer

Hymn 10: "Here in this Place"

Confession and Assurance

L: Lord, You call us to be transformed, but too often we settle for conformed.

P: We have let the patterns of this world shape us more than Your Word has.

L: We have offered You half-hearted worship instead of living sacrifice.

P: We have held back parts of our lives, our time, our habits, our hearts.

L: We have not used the gifts You've given us with humility.

P: We have thought too highly of ourselves, or too little, forgetting we all belong to one body.

L: We have failed to let love be genuine.

P: We have clung to what is evil in small ways and been slow to hold fast to what is good.

L: We have not blessed those who wronged us; we have wanted to repay evil for evil.

P: We have chosen bitterness over peace, and pride over patience.

All: Lord, forgive us. Renew our minds. Transform our lives. We do not want to be conformed to this world any longer, we want to be made new. Amen.

Assurance

L: Hear the good news: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

L: God's mercies are new every morning;

P: great is His faithfulness.

L: Friends, hear this and believe it:

All: We are forgiven. We are made new. We are being transformed by the renewing of our minds, not by our own strength, but by the grace of God. Thanks be to God!

Offering Hymn 563: "Come, Thou Fount" (Offering for Bethel College)

Scripture Romans 12:1-21

Sermon: "Transformed"

-Bethel College Interim President Wynn Goering

Hymn 759: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 70: "Praise God"

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping 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.

Thank you to Wynn Goering, Interim President of Bethel College for being with us today in worship and Sunday School.

A Buick key fob was found. It's by the mailboxes.

Safe Church Policy: For the last year and a half a committee has been working to update and expand our Safe Church Policy to cover adults and create a protocol if there is ever an allegation of abuse involving children or adults. There are two opportunities to learn about the policy. We hope everyone in the congregation will attend!

- **August 23rd**, following the worship service: an overview of the policy highlighting the changes and additions.
- **August 30th**, following the worship service: required training for all adults who work with youth.

The Adult Bible Class will study the book "Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself", intentional and powerful learning for those called to serve the vulnerable by R K Payne, Ph.D. Join us in September!

Peace Club will kick off Wednesday, **September 16**, with exciting activities and snacks for members K - 5th grade, and prayer partners. Meet at the church from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Families will receive the fall schedule at this first meeting. Please RSVP if you cannot attend to Jane @ 402-223-8206 or janeneufeldesau@gmail.com. We're looking forward to a great year! Thank you!

-Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Jane Esau

FMC Wednesday evening Community Events will start in September. We will again eat a meal together, visit, and enjoy time together in various ways. We invite **all age groups** to come; the evening is very informal and provides us with an opportunity to spend time together.

- **September 2, 6:30 pm** – Meal and intergenerational games (we will be asking some of the older adults to sit with a child and assist them in learning to play games like Dutch Blitz, Rook, Checkers, etc.)
- **October 7, 6:30 pm** – Meal and care packages for college age students
- **November 4, 6:30 pm** – Meal and "showing gratitude and generosity" activities

Ways to help support our Wednesday Community Event

Ø Help set up tables and chairs (8 tables with 8 chairs). *We will do this following church on the last Sunday of the month.*

Ø Donate toward the cost of food (a basket will be available the evening of the event, or you can put a donation in the offering plate with a memo indicating the donation is for the Wednesday Community Event)

Ø Setup for Wednesday Community meal – a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board (or contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz; 402-239-4174) Setup will include picking up items/supplies needed for the meal and getting drinks, plates, silverware and meal set out by 6:15 pm

Ø Pray for our community events Ø Come join in!

Mennonite Women in Mission Retreat: Sept 12-13 at Camp Mennoscah. More info @ www.mennonitewomeninmission.org

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 16, 6:30 pm Peace Club begins