

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

Serving Today:

Sermon: Andrew Dungan Ed.D.	Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen
Pianists: Kathy Casey & Vicki Ens	Hosts: Gayland & Marcia Regier
Power point: Christina Lyons	Audio: Van VanderSchaaf
Ushers: Jake & Brandon	Video: Kathy Casey

Last Sunday Attendance: 79 **Offering:** Bethel College \$1,791;
FMC \$400

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

Coming Up:

Sunday, August 31	9:30 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Sept 2	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, Sept 7	9:30 am Youth & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship

Late August Birthdays:

22: Gentre Esau, Henry VanderSchaaf	27: Pam Kunzman
29: Pat Penner	31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

September Birthdays:

3: Dan Crawford	4: Liana Stutzman
5: Norm Reimer, Margaret Boyce	6: Asha Jantzen
12: Graham Schardt	15: Anders Baade
18: Judy Jantzen, Denise Jantzen	20: Jim Hamm
23: Shana Ens	24: LeRoy Janzen
26: Lori Crawford, Marcia Regier	30: Tony Tegtmeier

- 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 may go in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
- Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.

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Pastors: Josh Janzen; 402-631-3481; pastorjosh@fmcbeatrice.org
Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; sarah@fmcbeatrice.org. Her office hours are generally, Sundays & Tuesdays, 9-12; Wednesdays, 1-8; Fridays 9-2

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Deacons: Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),
Vicki Hinz-Ens (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)

Please let the office know of **members marriages and births** so they can be put in the bulletin and entered in the church historical book.



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

August 31, 2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: If you are delighted to be here, or if you are tired or troubled,

P: You are welcome here.

L: If your faith is strong, or if your faith is battered or frail,

P: You are welcome here.

L: If you are eager to praise God, or if you need to be quiet,

P: You are welcome here.

ALL: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let Us Build a House"

VT 36

Confession of Faith VT 856

L: Christ is like a single body that has many parts.

All: It is still one body though every part is different.

L: Therefore, the foot cannot say,

Women: I am not a part of the body.

L: Nor can the ear say,

Men: I am not a part of the body.

L: The eye cannot say to the hand,

Women: I don't need you;

L: Nor can the head say to the feet,

Men: I don't need you.

L: If one part suffers,

All: All parts share the pain;

L: If one part is praised,

All: All parts share in the joy.

L: Together, we are Christ's body;

All: each one of us is a part of it.

Offering Hymn: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” VT 182
(Offering is for First Mennonite Church)

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

Message: “Can the Church Get Out of the Way?” Andrew Dungan

Offering Hymn: “Take My Life” VT 759

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “As You Go Out from Here” (2x) VT 841

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us here and on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). If you'd like to follow along with the bulletin, it's at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

Next Sunday, September 7th, is the start of Sunday School for children and youth! Wednesday evening activities will begin September 10th.

Welcome Back Peace Club, Prayer Partners, JYF and SYF! We'll meet on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. **Peace Club/Partners** will have an activity and snacks (no meal). Please RSVP to Sue, Barb, Kathy C, or Jane. **JYF AND SYF** will have a combined meeting on the 10th.

Pastor Josh will be out of the office until Tuesday, September 2. If you need pastoral care, please contact a Deacon, Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210), and Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), or Pastor Sarah, (507-993-6820). **We thank Pastor Andrew Dungan** of Summit Street Church for giving the message today, Aug 31.

Be sure you have the Church Picnic on your calendar for Sunday, September 7 at 5 pm at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle! Some fun additions this year to the great fellowship and food: Crawford's Ice Cream, a campfire sing-a-long, and ????. Your Shepherds will let you know what your group is to bring. Plan to attend for a good time!

FMC's Mini-Auction for NE MCC is set for Sunday, October 19, at 5:30 pm. Please get this on your calendar! Chair's this year are Larry & Kathy Thimm.

At last Sunday's congregational meeting, Chair Board Chair Jerry Reimer **made the recommendation from the Church Board to extend the call to Pastor Josh Janzen for another three-year term**; seconded by Vern Jantzen. There was no discussion. Ballots were distributed, collected, and counted by Justin Schardt and Kent Hohensee. **The motion passed**, 51-3. We anticipate another three years of pastoral leadership from Pastor Josh.

A memorial service for Ernest J. Jantzen, 88, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 2 at First Mennonite Church. Visitation will be at Harman-Wright Mortuary on Monday, September 1 from 2 to 8 p.m. with family greeting friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Private prior interment will be in the Mennonite Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family's choice in care of the mortuary.

Ernest passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center. His obituary may be found on the Harman-Wright Mortuary website. Your prayers are invited for his family.

WMS will not meet on Tuesday, September 2.

The Mennonite Experience in Poland History Tour July 10-21, 2026! It's sponsored by the Mennonite Polish Studies Association with tour leaders Mark Jantzen, John D. Thiesen, and Richard Thiessen and is designed to reacquaint people of Mennonite descent with the country that provided their ancestors with a safe and secure homeland from the 17th - 20th centuries. More information is on the bulletin board and at mla.bethelks.edu/information/mpsa.php.

Camp Mennoscah Announcements –

The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat is October 10-12. Registration is not yet open but will be soon. Activities and lodging will be in the dining hall and bunkhouses. **The Annual Meeting is at Hope Mennonite Church on October 19 at 6:30pm.** All are invited to attend.

First Trinity Lutheran Church is holding an **Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed!** Sunday, September 7, 11:00-1:00 pm. Boiled Fish, potatoes, onions, salads, desserts, and drinks. Free Will Offering benefits the Orphan Grain Train for shipping and general operating costs. Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Action Team Grant. Carry out meals available.

BIG GIVE GAGE COUNTY is September 11. Some of the non-profits participating that FMC members volunteer at are Sewing for Babies, Mother to Mother, MTM Youth Center, SheepGate, 4-H Building Inc., Backpack Programs, Blue Valley Community Action, Hope Crisis Center, Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Teammate's Mentoring of Beatrice, Warren's Community Dinner Table, and Community Food Pantry. You can find more information at biggivegage.org.

