

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Organ: Karen Wiebe

Live Stream: Kathy Casey

Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Bryan Heinz

Greeters: John & Lori Thimm

Worship Leader: Brandon Esau

Audio: Marv Goossen

PPT: Lori Thimm

Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$ 1,355

Attendance: 69

Offering today: FMC; **Offering next Sunday:** MCC

Happening this week:

Sunday, August 6 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, August 8 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying

Sunday, August 13 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Late July Birthdays

25: Marjorie Epp

28: Lisa Goossen

29: Eli Scherling

August Birthdays

1: Miles Esau

6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman

7: Mitch Williamson

11: Debbie Keeney

11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz

12: Abby Trantham

16: Jerry Reimer, Kathy Thimm

21: Kyle Baade

22: Gentre Lynn Esau, Henry VanderSchaaf

27: Pam Kunzman

29: Pat Penner

31: Samuel VanderSchaaf

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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.
 - **PDF of the church directory** is available from the church office.
 - **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
 - Mennonite **Camp Scholarships** are available through FMC. Register online and let the church office know you've registered.
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Church Chair: Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

August 6, 2023

Welcome

Brandon Esau

Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 118 by Joanna Harder)

L: O give thanks to the Holy One, who is good;

P: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: Let the church say,

P: "God's steadfast love endures forever,"

L: Let us all proclaim,

P: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

L: In our distress we can call on our Creator who will answer us and set us in a broad place –

P: A place of prayer and singing, a place of listening and love.

L: God has brought us now to this broad place of worship.

P: This is the day that our God has made.

L: This is the space where our God has set us.

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: O give thanks to the Holy One, who is good,

ALL: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer

Hymn: "Mountain of God"

VT 11

Affirmation of Faith

L: Children of God, do you love the God who hovered over the face of the deep and called the worlds into being?

P: Yes, you know that we do.

L: Then feed God's children.

L: Children of God, do you love the God who was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

P: Yes, you know that we do.

L: Then take care of God's children.

L: Children of God, do you love the God who breathes new life into us even as we worship this day?

P: Yes, you know that we do.

L: Then feed God's children.

Hymn: "Lord, I Need You"

VT 155

Children's Story

Scripture: John 21:1-17

Sermon: "Come and Have Breakfast"

Pastor Josh

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

VT 628

Sharing & Prayer & Benediction

Sending Song: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

VT 812

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are 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.

Intergenerational Summer Sunday School through August 13. Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Pastor Josh's sermon series "Dinner with Jesus" explores the gospels as Jesus is frequently eating and sharing meals with people. And in pretty much every occasion where Jesus eats, some profound teaching comes with it. In his book, "**A Meal with Jesus**", author and theologian Tim Chester argues that sharing a meal was a part of Jesus' missional strategy for restoration and transformation, where grace and community abounded. So, all throughout the summer, we are going to take some time to slow down, explore these stories of scripture and have "**Dinner with Jesus.**"

If anyone would like to present a **Children's Story** during August, Worship Council, please contact Worship Council, Amanda, Neal, or Kathy.

Happy Birthday to Steph Janzen today! I forgot her on the calendar. 😊

At the July 20 church board meeting, the decision was made to begin the discussion with the congregation about the possibility of adding a part time Faith Formation Associate Pastor to our staff at FMC. You will find two informational documents in your mailbox to read in preparation for our discussion. Here is the schedule for discernment:

- **August 6 – Informational handouts in mailboxes**
- **August 20 – 9:15 a.m. Round table discussions to talk about the possibility of adding a Faith Formation Associate Pastor to FMC staff. There will be plenty of time allotted for questions. Breakfast provided.**
- **September 10 – Special Congregational Meeting (after church) to vote.**

We look forward to a meaningful discussion time together as a church and welcome questions at any time. Feel free to contact any of the deacons (Don Esau, Sue Gerber, Vicki Hinz-Ensz), church chair (Jerry Reimer), or Pastor Josh Janzen with any of your questions.

We pray for Jan Reimer as she continues to recover at Bryan West from a serious bicycle accident last Sunday. We pray for a full recovery for Jan and also pray for Jerry and her family.

Children's Sunday School begins August 20 for preschool through 3rd grade combined. 4th grade and up will be included in the Round Table discussions. **Peace Club and Prayer Partners** meet Sunday, August 27 for lunch and then trash pickup to raise money for MCC school kit supplies. No meeting on Aug. 30. Regular sessions begin September 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Sign up now for the **MCC Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, August 12**, at the York Country Club, 9 a.m. shotgun start. Format is 2-person scramble; cost is \$140 per team and includes green fees, cart, and lunch. Pays 3 places and there will be 3 flights; 2nd place receives tournament fee. Register by calling 402-560-7818 or email NebraskaMCCGolf@gmail.com by July 30.

The Decorating Committee invites you to share fresh flowers from your garden to decorate the church this summer.

Sole to Soul shoe giveaway is August 12 at Beatrice Church of Christ, 10th & Grant, 9 to noon. Gently used men, women and children's shoes are free!

Pancake Feed, August 13, 7:30 am – 1 pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey by Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club to benefit the many children's charities of our club. Advance tickets from all Early Riser's Kiwanis members. At the door, Adults \$9; children \$5; children 3 & under free.