

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Pianist: Erin Vanderschaaf
Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen Hosts: John and Zella Penner
Live Stream: Neal Trantham Audio: Larry Thimm
Ushers: Brad Thimm & John Regier Power point: Debbie Goossen
Children's Story: Pastor Josh and Kathy Neufeld Dunn
Guest Speaker: WDC Associate Minister Kathy Neufeld Dunn
Last Sunday Offering and Attendance: Service cancelled due to weather.

Offering this morning: FMC
Happening this week:

Sunday, January 21

Tuesday, January 23

Sunday, January 28

Next Sunday: WDC

9:30 am Sunday School – all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship with **meal to follow**.
2:00 pm **Ordination Service**
2:00 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
6:00 p.m. Education Council meeting
9:30 a.m. Sunday School – all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship

January Birthdays

2: Christina Lyons	6: Ryan Hohensee
7: Barb Thimm	8: Doris Claassen, Hannah Kunzman
9: Jim Wiebe	10: Jan Reimer
11: Beckett Heinz	14: John Regier
15: Clara Trantham	17: Ron Janzen
19: Kent Hohensee	21: Robbyn Hohensee
26: Don Esau, John Thimm	29: Randall Ensz

- **Need a hearing device?** Ask an usher for assistance.
- **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.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Our **service is available** on youtube.com, search for fmcbeatrice. We're also on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. You'll find the bulletin at fmcbeatrice.org; click the More tab to select Documents, Church docs, bulletins.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

January 21, 2024

Welcome

Call To Worship

L: Come and see that the Lord is good.
Come and see all the Lord has done.

P: Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

L: Come and know that You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Come and know that Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

P: Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

L: Come and hear all the Lord is doing.

Come and hear that you are known and loved by God.

Come and hear the word of the Lord.

P: Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.

Prayer

Hymn: "Here in this Place"

VT 10

Confession

L: Loving God, we come before You now, acknowledging that over the last week, where we have failed to love others as You love us,

P: Where we have not seen others in the way that You see them, where we have not followed You in the way You have called us to, where we have not invited others to come and see Your glorious deeds, where we have not sought to know You more deeply.

L: Forgive us God, for those times that we have failed to live as You would have us live,

P: for those times we have not embodied our faith, for those times that we have not glorified You with our bodies, for those times we have thought everything is about us, for those times we have not recognized You calling to us.

L: Forgive us God, and make us whole once again.

P: Renew us to be a community that sees the beauty in the world and people around us, a community that is known by You and seeks to make You known in the world.

All: Call to us afresh this day. Amen

Assurance

L: Hear these words of assurance! Our God is a Wonderful God, who knows us by name, and even when we miss the mark, even when we fail, our God invites us to be seen and fully known, to come and follow, to see and be a part of greater things.
Praise be to God!

Sunday Singers: "Today We Sing with Thankfulness" VT 535

Children's Story

Hymn: "There are Many Gifts" VT 374

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

Sermon: "Treasure in Clay Pots" Kathy Neufeld Dunn

Hymn: "Praise God" VT 70

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song: "The Lord Lift You Up" VT 832

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here! Please come again!

Children in Sunday School today heard about "Bigger Barns", (Luke 12:13-21) - *Share what you have*. Next Sunday we'll learn we should *Work Hard* as told in Proverbs 6:6-8 with the Ant & Sluggard.

Congratulations to Pastor Josh Janzen on his ordination this afternoon. (The afternoon service will be live streamed.) **Thank you** to Kathy Neufeld Dunn, WDC Associate Minister, for this morning's message.

The adult Sunday School uses Salt & Light discussion guides (stand-alone lessons). Join us in the room at the bottom of the stairs when you can!

Sarah Neher has accepted the role of Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, starting February 1, 2024. Thank you to everyone for their efforts and prayers during this process. We trust the Lord to continue guiding us!

Tuition Fund pledges/donations: Thank you for your tuition fund donations for Clair's first semester. We are now asking for donations to meet our second semester pledge to Bethel College for Clair Janssen.. The second semester pledge for her tuition is \$4500 and was due January 9. Donations for this may be put in the offering plate, marked "tuition pledge".

If your **address or phone number have changed** (or your land line disconnected) in the past year, please let the office know.

To those who bought poinsettias, thank you and please take it home today.

I would like to Thank everyone for your prayers, visits, food and all acts of kindness shown to me these past couple months. It was all very much appreciated. Thank You Pastor Josh for your visits also. It seemed like a long road, but the Dear Lord was with me all the way and has brought me back to good health again, which I am very Thankful for.
Best Wishes to you ALL in 2024. **Marjorie Epp**

The 2024 MCC State Relief Sale will be held April 5 and 6 in Aurora. If you plan to come Friday and stay overnight, book your hotel room now at Ken's in Aurora. They do sell out for this weekend. Later we will have more information regarding the date quilts are due. Shepherd groups and individuals start planning your items to donate to the auction now! It will be an exciting weekend you won't want to miss!!

Mennonite Public Educators group is meeting **Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at 6 pm CT**. This group is intended for all Mennonite education professionals working in public school settings. The topic will be "CRT, Social-Emotional Learning, & Book Banning." There is no cost but registration is required. Email info@MennoniteEducation.org to receive the zoom link.

If you have food for Scott Jantzen, call Lori Thimm, 402-239-3611.

Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum annual meeting and kickoff event for 150th anniversary of Mennonites to Kansas, Jan 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Goessel church, Goessel, KS. See the bulletin board.

