

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Brett Esau
Live Stream: Neal Trantham
Ushers: Brad Thimm & John Regier
Children's Story: Jane Esau

Pianist: Karen Wiebe
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Audio: Larry Thimm
Power point: Debbie Goossen

Last Sunday Offering: FMC, \$4145; MDS \$100; Tech Fund \$ 200.

Attendance: 82 Cemetery, \$150.

Offering this morning: WDC

Next Sunday: FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, January 28 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, Jan 30 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Jan 31 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Sunday, Feb 4 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship

Late January Birthdays

19: Kent Hohensee 21: Robbyn Hohensee
26: Don Esau, John Thimm 29: Randall Ensz

February Birthdays

2: Doug Casey 4: Jim Ensz
7: Bryan Heinz 9: Ross Reimer
15: Gerald Jantzen 16: Samantha Tegtmeier
26: Elijah Vanderschaaf

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- **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 28, 2024

Welcome

Call To Worship

L: Christ is calling you as disciples.

P: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

L: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

P: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

L: Listen for Christ's call to you.

P: We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN.

Prayer

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

VT 30

Confession

P: We think we know so much, O God, and with our meager knowledge we presume to judge others. We arrogantly announce our own righteousness without a compassionate thought. We proclaim your Word when it suits us and often only to those with whom we want to associate. We shut others out because of our faulty judgment and our blindness.

L: There have been so many times in which our humble help would have been a blessing to someone, but we have placed our comforts before serving others. In the competing voices of today's world, we have turned around and around, trying to find the way to live.

P: Help us, merciful God, to again listen to you. Help us to truly open our hearts to you. Remind us again of your great love and presence in our lives. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with your love, offering peace and hope to all.

All: In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Assurance

L: Quiet your hearts, beloved of God, for God is speaking to you with love. Rest your spirits, struggling ones, for God will surround you with peace. Open your lives to God's power and presence and do not be afraid. God is with us, now and for all time. AMEN.

Children's Story

Hymn: *"This Little Light of Mine"* VT 762

Hymn: *"God is Working This Purpose Out"* VT 770

Scripture: **Matthew 4:18-22, Luke 9:23-27**

Sermon: *"ON THE MISSION"* Pastor Josh Janzen

Hymn: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* VT 536

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *"Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues"* VT 829

Offering to Western District Conference

Welcome! We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon!

Prelude Music: Once a month we'll be using recorded inspirational music before the service. Hymns will be played by a pianist or organist.

Children in Sunday School today heard that we should *Work Hard* as told in Proverbs 6:6-8 with the Ant & Sluggard. Next Sunday, we'll learn to use our words wisely as told in Ephesians 4:29.

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!

Peace Club will begin this Wednesday evening, January 31, from 6:30 to 7:30 at the church.

JYF and SYF will meet at Marci Regier's home for supper and games from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.. See you then!

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.

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!!

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

MMN: Praise God for the fruit that has grown from Mennonite Mission Network's five-year commitment to partner with Holy Trinity Brussels' peace and conflict transformation program in Belgium. Pray for Jean-Bosco Turahirwa, who developed the program for his congregation, which has members from more than 45 countries.

Camp Menno: Interviews for the 2024 Summer Staff are underway! Summer staff must be 18 years old or older. The staff leadership positions receiving stipends are naturalist, crafts leader, lifeguard, grounds/maintenance, music leader, and office/media. Get your application in soon, but applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. The 2024 summer camp season begins with orientation for summer-long positions on June 2 and ends August 4. An application can be found on their website.

Summer camp registration will open soon and Camp Mennoscah will be looking for weekly nurses and cooks. Be ready to sign up for a week or more of fun!