

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

Serving Today:

Sermon: Chelsea Vaught
Piano: Jan Reimer
Live Stream: Wendy Kyser
Ushers: Kent Hohensee & John Regier
Greeters: Needed

Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen
Audio: Doug Casey
PPT: Katie Jantzen
Hosts: John & Zella Penner
Deacon: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$3,900; MTM \$25; Tech \$200

Attendance: 88

Offering today: Mother To Mother; **Offering next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, July 23 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, July 25 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, July 30 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship

July Birthdays

5: Grace Tegtmeier 6: Leona Jantzen
7: Tracy Crawford 11: Dan Kunzman
13: Marv Goossen, Larry Thimm
14: Maria DeBloc, Mary Jane Zimmerman
18: Amanda Thimm 22: Zella Penner
25: Marjorie Epp 28: Lisa Goossen
29: Eli Scherling

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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

July 23, 2023

Welcome

Kyle Riesen

Call to Worship

Kyle Riesen

L: Come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements;

P: come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings;

L: come, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

Come, in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world.

P: to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling. Amen.

Prayer

Hymn: "Come Let Us All Unite to Sing"

VT 7

Confession & Assurance -Christine Longhurst

L: God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life.

P: Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves, for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice.

ALL: Teach us what it means to live as children of the light, generously sharing your abundance with our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

Hymn: "Rain Down"

VT 703

Children's Story

Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Sermon: "Reset" Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Hymn: "I Know God Loves Me" VT 158

Sharing & Prayer Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Benediction Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Sending Song: "As You Go Out from Here" VT 841

Offering to Mother To Mother

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 is held through August 13. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for teachers and helpers needed each Sunday. Join us at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

This morning we **welcome Pastor Chelsea Vaught**, Pastor of Worship & Congregational Care, at Bethesda Mennonite Church, Henderson. Chelsea is originally from Henderson and a graduate of Bethel College and University of Kansas at Lawrence. She recently completed a Masters in Gerontology at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. Pastor Chelsea and Pastor Josh are doing a pulpit exchange this morning.

Several FMC youth are attending Camp Mennoscah this summer. Please pray that may have safe travels and growth in Christ.

Pastor Josh's sermon series "Dinner with Jesus" explores the gospels as Jesus is constantly eating and sharing meals with people. And in pretty much every occasion where Jesus eats, some pretty 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 is happy to schedule it! Please contact Worship Council, Amanda, Neal, or Kathy.

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

MCC School Kit Challenge: School Kit Challenge: 10,000 school kits during the month of August. Plus, a free download of kids activities to help is available at mcc.org/schoolkitchallenge.

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.

Camp Mennoscah: (campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290)

- **The M&M Project** has a goal of raising \$100,000. Churches are encouraged to hold fundraising events.
- **Camp Sing** will be August 5 at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. This is a time to gather for an evening of singing and friends. All ages are invited!

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on items for various care kits: *new* infant onesies and sleepers (3-12month sizes); notebooks (70 sheets) and black or blue ballpoint pens. shampoo (20 oz or more), men's deodorant (min 2.25 oz) and toothpaste (min. 5 oz). Buy online and ship, or bring items, to MCC, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 6711.

WDC Annual Assembly: August 11-13 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton with Delegate sessions and a Faith Formation Track for non-delegates. More info is online. If you'd like to serve as an in person or virtual **FMC delegate**, talk to Church Chair Jerry Reimer. FMC will pay your registration fee.

The Womens & Girls Retreat will be September 9 & 10 at Camp Mennoscah sponsored by Western District Women in Mission. The theme is "Women Talking, Listening and Creating." Come for a time of friendship, fellowship, and storytelling in a variety of forms with Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Wendy Funk Schrag and others. Registration information and more details will be coming.

For more news about what's happening in the broader Mennonite world, visit www.mennonitemission.net; www.mennoniteusa.org; www.mcc.org; www.mennowdc.org; www.ambbs.edu; www.mds.org, and www.mennonitemen.org.