

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

**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Piano: Karen Wiebe
Worship Leader: Neal Trantham	Audio: Marv Goossen
Hosts: John & Zella Penner	PowerPoint: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Jim Ensz & Bill Thimm	Video: Pam Kunzman

**Last Sunday: Offerings:** FMC \$ 3,538.27; Tech Fund \$225.00

**Attendance:** 67

**Offering today:** MTM **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, July 28	9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, July 30	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Friday, August 2	5:30 pm Pizza & Salad Supper, FMC 7:00 pm Worship with Communion, FMC
Saturday, August 3	8:00 am Worship & Morning Prayer, FMC 9-5, Delegates meet & Faith Formation track 6:30 pm Family Festival, FMC
Sunday, August 4	9:30 Intergenerational Sunday School - FMC 10:30 am Worship - FMC

**Late July Birthdays:**

18: Amanda Thimm	22: Zella Penner
25: Marjorie Epp	28: Lisa Goossen

**Early August Birthdays**

1: Miles Esau	6: Steph Janzen, Rebekkah Stutzman
7: Mitch Williamson	11: Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz
11: Debbie Keeney	12: Abby Trantham

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry** items may go in the box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*July 28, 2024*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: When the world hates,  
**P: we are called to love.**  
L: When the world rejects the poor,  
**P: we are called to walk with them.**  
L: When the world does evil,  
**P: we are called to do good.**  
L: We will not be conformed to the world's pattern,  
**P: but transformed by God's call to what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.**  
L: Let us worship!  
**All: Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

VT 182

**Prayer of Confession (Exodus 1–2, Romans 12)**

L: Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ:  
**P: To live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts.**  
L: Instead of working to sustain community, too often we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone.  
**P: Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance (Psalm 124, Romans 12)**

L: The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness, protecting us from danger. We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love. We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.

**Hymn: “Gentle God, When We are Driven”** VT 150

**Scripture: Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:21-22**

**Sermon: “Fixing a Heart Problem”** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: “O God, We Read the Holy Law”** VT 571

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: “Christ, Be All Around Me”** VT 848

**Offering to Mother to Mother**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

**Summer Intergenerational Sunday School: July 28, August 4 & 11.**

**Peace Club will have a prayer partner meeting on Sunday, August 18** following church in the basement. Lunch will be provided. Then our prayer partners & youth will be transported to Charles Park where the children & their adult mentor will pick up trash in that area. The money earned will be used to buy school supplies for MCC. We will join the school kit challenge trying to help 24,000 kids. Parents, please pick your child up at Charles Park at 2 pm. Let Barb, Jane, Kathy or Sue know if you cannot come.

**Backpack Blessings-** All children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks on Sunday, **August 11th**. There will be a special time in the service for a blessing as they begin the new school year!

Check out the **new Library books** that have been donated:

- “*Rethinking Life*” by Shane Claiborne
- “*Is It Insensitive to Share Your Faith?*” by James Krabill
- “*Bountiful Hearts – Women’s Bible Study*”, Herald Press
- “*Take Our Moments and Our Days*” Prayer Book, Herald Press
- “*Lead Me Holy Spirit*” by Stormie Omartian
- “*Is This All There Is to Life?*” by Ray Stedman

**Kiwanis Pancake Feed:** August 4, 7:30 – 1 pm at Vet’s Club, 702 Dorsey to benefit Children’s Bike Safety Rodeo sponsored by Beatrice Library.

**Beginning August 11th** we will collect school supplies for MCC school kits. **The kits** will be put together during a community gathering on Wednesday, September 10th. There will be a collection box in the narthex for supplies (unused):

- Spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 11 in)
- New unsharpened pencils
- Ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional)
- Colored pencils (in packaging)
- Large eraser
- New black or blue ballpoint pens
- Small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

**WDC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY August 2-4**

**FAITH FORMATION TRACK** will be led by Pastor Sarah Saturday at Summit Street Church with sessions from 9 am to 5 pm.

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** **Friday** Communion service: 7 pm at FMC.

**Saturday** worship and morning prayer 8 am.

**Sunday** worship 10:30 am at FMC. Piano & organ duet prelude by Karen Wiebe and Michelle Shima. FMC Quartet will play during Sunday’s service.

**FAMILY FESTIVAL** Saturday from 6:30 – 8:30 will feature games, music and Tracy’s homemade ice cream.

**Friday, August 2**

3:30-7 pm Registrants Check-in at FMC  
3:30-5:30 pm Minister’s & families Reception, Library  
5:30 pm Pizza & Salad Supper, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Worship at FMC with Communion

**Saturday, August 3**

7:30 am Late arrivals check in at FMC  
8:00 am Worship & Morning Prayer at FMC  
8:30 am Break  
9:00 am Delegates meet at FMC  
9:00 am Intergenerational Track at Summit Street  
Noon Lunch at FMC and Summit Street  
1:30 pm Delegates meet at FMC  
1:30 pm Intergenerational Track at Summit Street  
2:30 pm Break  
3:00 pm Workshop 1  
3-5 pm Kids & Youth Faith Formation at Summit Street  
4:00 pm Workshop 2  
5:00 pm Free time  
5:30 pm BBQ Supper at FMC  
6:30-8:30 pm Family Festival at FMC, outside & inside, ice cream

**Sunday, August 4**

9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School at FMC  
10:30 am Worship at FMC

(transportation to & from all sessions provided by WDC vans)