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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Neil Trantham

Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Live Stream: Wendy Kyser
Ushers: Kent Hohensee & John Regier
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

Greeters: Needed

Last Sunday: Offerings: MTM \$ 2,405; FMC \$ 400

Attendance: 72

Offering today: FMC; Offering next Sunday: FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, July 30 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

5:00 pm Warren's Table, Shepherd Grp 3

Sunday, August 6 9:30 am Intergenerational Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Late July Birthdays

18: Amanda Thimm22: Zella Penner25: Marjorie Epp28: Lisa Goossen

29: Eli Scherling

Early August Birthdays

Miles Esau
 Mitch Williamson
 Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz
 Rebekkah Stutzman
 Debbie Keeney
 Scarlett & Raelynn Heinz
 Abby Trantham

- 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 30, 2023

Welcome

Neal Trantham

Call to Worship

Neal Trantham

L: The goodness of God has called us here.

P: We are recipients of God's gracious love.

L: Though we have not always done what is right in God's sight;

P: Yet God is merciful and forgiving.

L: Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.

P: Help us, O Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in your sight.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Prayer

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

VT 88

Confession (Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12)

VT 889

VT 759

L: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

L: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and put a new and steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from us.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Assurance VT 898

L: Christ our companion came not to humiliate the sinner but to disturb the righteous. Jesus welcomes us when we are put to shame, but challenges our smugness, that we may truly turn from what is evil and be freed even from our virtues, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let it Be"

Children's Story Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Scripture: Luke 11:37-44

Sermon: "You're Missing It!" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Longing For Light" VT 715

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Christ, Be All Around Me" VT 848

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. 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.

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, 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.

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!

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 of our discussion. Here is the schedule for discernment:

- July 30 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.
- <u>September 10</u> 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.

Children's Sunday School begins August 20 for preschool through 3^{rd} grade combined. 4^{th} 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.

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

- The M&M Project has a goal of raising \$100,000.
- Summer Camps concluded on Friday.
- Camp Sing August 5, 2 pm at Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita.

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.

Be alert for scam emails and face book messages and/or friend requests from anyone you don't know. If you receive a questionable email from Pastor Josh, please call him to verify it's from him. Do not open or click on any facebook message or friend request from someone you do not know.