

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz Deacon: Vern Jantzen
Pianist: Karen Wiebe Children's Story: Maynard Knepp
PPT: Lori Thimm Live stream: Wendy Kyser
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber Audio: Doug Casey
Ushers: Kent Hohensee & Kyle Riesen

Last Sunday Offerings: Mother to Mother: \$1,750; FMC \$100

Last Sunday Attendance: 67

Happening this week:

Sunday, July 31 9:30 a.m. Sunday School- Maynard Knepp
 10:30 a.m. Worship with Joe Miller
 Last day of WDC Annual Assembly
Tuesday, August 2 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, August 7 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Late July Birthdays

22: Zella Penner 25: Marjorie Epp
28: Lisa Goossen 29: Eli Scherling

Early August Birthdays

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

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
 - **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
 - **Food Pantry donations:** Please put them in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
 - **Shop at smile.amazon.com** to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
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Please contact the following with concerns or questions:

- **Special Needs: Deacons** Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)
 - **Church related concerns:** Chair Dorothy Zimmerman (402-239-9437)
 - **Bulletin items:** Vicki Frerking (402-239-5312 or the church phone/email)
 - **Prayer Requests:** Pastor Roger, 785-220-1968 or rogerneufeldsmith@gmail.com
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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

July 31, 2022

Welcome

Rodney Ensz

A Call to Worship (Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26)

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
P: for his steadfast love endures forever.
L: O give thanks to the God of gods,
P: for his steadfast love endures forever.
L: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
P: for his steadfast love endures forever.
L: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
P: for his steadfast love endures forever;
L: and rescued us from our foes,
P: for his steadfast love endures forever;
L: who gives food to all flesh,
P: for his steadfast love endures forever.
L: O give thanks to the God of heaven,
P: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer

Rodney Ensz

Hymn: "Here to the House of God We Come"

VT 27

Children's Story

Maynard Knepp

Prayer for Migrants:

L: Dear Jesus, our journey through life is long and hard. We cannot make this trip alone; we must walk together on the journey.
P: You promised to send us a helper, your Spirit.
L: Help us to see your Spirit in those you send to journey with us.
In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence,
P: Let us see your Spirit.
L: In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables,
P: Let us see your Spirit.
L: In the asylum-seeker, seeking justice for himself and his family,
P: Let us see your Spirit.

L: in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world,

P: Let us see your Spirit.

L: Teach us to recognize that as we walk with each other,
You are present.

**P: Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but also
the gifts they bring.**

L: This is the help you have sent: we are not alone.

P: We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks.

ALL: Amen.

-- from MCC "Safe Home, Safe Refuge: Worship resources.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 6:20-23 OT pg 419

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 13:1-3 NT pg 276

Hymn: "Help Us to Help Each Other" VT 722

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:14-21 NT pg 19

Sermon: "Sharing Tea" Pastor Joe Miller

Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" VT 812

Sharing and Prayer Deacon Vern Jantzen
with brief MCC Sharing by Maynard Knepp on MCC in Cambodia

Blessing Deacon Vern Jantzen

Offering for First Mennonite Church the narthex

Welcome! We're glad to have you worshiping with us either in person or online. We live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>.

We Welcome and Thank Pastor Joe Miller, Director of MCC Meat Canning, for being our guest pastor today and Maynard Knepp of MCC for leading Sunday School and giving the Children's message.

Please find a Tuition Fund Pledge sheet in your mailbox. It explains how the fund works and gives the dates the pledges are due if you participate. Clairra Janssen currently uses the Tuition Fund to attend Bethel College.

The adult Sunday school class will resume meeting on Sunday, August 7, in room 10. We will complete the final 3 topics of the "Seeking Justice" curriculum:

August 7 - Jesus Turns the Tables - Mark 11:15-18

August 14 - Widow Insists on Justice - Luke 18:1-8

August 21 - Nehemiah Sets an Example - Nehemiah 5

We will also be discussing possible study materials for our Fall quarter. We will have some samples of various resources/materials to look at, as well as a listing of books/study materials. Please join us and/or offer input for adult Sunday school. We would love to offer a variety of classes for adults to attend this Fall, and we would appreciate input from anyone interested in Sunday school. Contact Vicki Hinz-Ensz if you have questions or ideas.

Pastor Josh Janzen will begin his pastoral work at FMC on Monday, August 29. He will be installed on September 11. We will welcome him and his wife Stephanie at the Church Picnic on Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m. at the Chautauqua Tabernacle.

A Farewell for Pastor Roger will be held on Sunday, August 21 with a potluck noon meal and program following worship.

Funeral services for Kay (Cathryn) Goossen will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 6, 2022 at First Mennonite Church with Pastor Roger Neufeld-Smith officiating. The service will also be Livestreamed at "FMC Beatrice" on You Tube. Burial will follow at the Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, August 5 at the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel in Beatrice, from 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with the family greeting friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A family prayer service will be held at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. A memorial has been established to First Mennonite Church and Peoples City Mission in Lincoln with the funeral home in charge.

Gerald Jantzen continues to recuperate at the Good Samaritan, 401 S 22nd St, #106, Beatrice, NE 68310. Please continue to keep Gerald and Rogena in your prayers.

If you are interested in **assisting the immigrant families in Beatrice** get established, please see the information on the bulletin board. Put your name under the household/month you want to bring groceries. There is an envelope below the sign-up sheet with additional information. You need not speak Spanish to deliver the drop off of some of the suggested groceries. Please give Jim Ensz a call (402-239-0062) if you have questions. Thank you for your generous response to this ministry.

Your donations to help send FMC young people to camp may be put in the offering plate, marked "**FMC Camp Fund**".

First Mennonite Immigrant Resettlement Ministry
February to July, 2022

This afternoon my goal was to write “Thank you” notes for the recent mid-month food deliveries and additional acts of kindness. I soon realized this ministry has grown beyond individual “Thank you” notes. Your response to this ministry has been off the charts! With this bulletin insert may I back up and tell you how you became involved, and what your involvement has done for people who were homeless and now have apartments to live in.

February 8th, 2022, I received a call from the hospital to translate for a lady who had just given birth to her first child. This Nicaraguan couple arrived in Beatrice on Feb. 5th and were also homeless. We had to find them an apartment by the end of the month or they would have to go to a homeless shelter in Lincoln. On Feb. 27 an apartment was located and they moved in with just a bare mattress and a few items to cook with. The family they had been living with did not have a single chair in their apartment. It became apparent very quickly to Dale and me that this situation was bigger than either one of us. We needed help. We called Jim Ensz and during our visit we heard of your interest in sponsoring a refugee family into the Beatrice community. I asked if the church would consider changing the name and begin sponsoring the Nicaraguan Immigrants already in Beatrice. After consulting with the church, Jim agreed to be the contact person and First Mennonite has become an incredible team. Your idea of making mid-month food deliveries have helped the families and the local Food Pantry. (In June the pantry had to purchase \$7,000 worth of food to meet Pantry needs.) We are relating to members from seven different families. They are living at four different locations but as the other

family members make the trip, they will begin finding apartments for their families.

Each person must present him or herself before the Immigration Court in Omaha during their first year in the US. They have to have a lawyer who will represent them. Pastor Ardon Dorn from St. John Lutheran introduced us to Jamie and Jesus Arango from Arango Law Office in Lincoln. One family has met with this lawyer and are starting their legal paper work. In the near future we will be asking for people from First Mennonite to consider giving rides to the court appearances in Omaha and then rides to Lincoln, as the lawyer needs to meet with them in person.

First Mennonite, your response to this ministry now gives me time to make home visits but I always have time for your questions or needs. My number is 402 806 0111. We receive our backing for this ministry from Hebrews 13:1-3 *“Never let your brotherly love fail, nor refuse to extend your hospitality to strangers—sometimes men have entertained angels unawares ...Think too of all who suffer as if you shared their pain”* J.B. Phillips New Testament.

With deep appreciation,

Kathy Linsenmeyer

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(I have a working knowledge of Spanish because of the six years we spent with MCC in Bolivia, South America.)