

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen

Piano: Karen Wiebe

PPT: Lori Thimm

Audio: Marv Goossen

Children's Story: Doug Casey

Worship Leader: Neal Trantham

Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier

Ushers: Bryan Heinz & Doug Casey

Video: Jane Esau

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$1200; SheepGate \$1,415;
Tuition Fund \$100; MTM \$125;

Attendance: 84

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** WDC

Happening this week:

Sunday, March 3 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School only
 9:30 a.m. Listening Sessions with WDC
 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion

Tuesday, March 5 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying

Wednesday, March 6 6:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF

Sunday, March 10 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids
 10:30 a.m. Worship

March Birthdays

4: Daryl Riesen, Karen Wiebe	8: Kyle Riesen, Darcy Esau
14: Pastor Josh	15: Bev Claassen
16: Rodney Ensz	17: Doug Penner, Stella Ensz
21: Hannah Tegtmeier	24: Roger Claassen
25: Parker Williamson	26: Callan Baade
28: Navy Esau	29: Baker Esau, Sarah Neher
30: Sue Gerber	

- 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.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Our 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, Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

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Don Esau (402-223-9210). **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)

Welcome to First Mennonite Church

March 3, 2024



Welcome

Neal Trantham

Call to Worship

L: First Mennonite Church, why are we here?

P: To worship the God that created and saved us!

L: Who are we?

P: We are followers of Jesus Christ!

L: What is our mission?

P: To Follow Jesus

To Mature in Faith

To Carry the Good News

L: May the Holy Spirit inspire our worship today. May we worship God with true and genuine hearts. Turn and welcome each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Hymn: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

VT 9

Communal Prayer

L: Some of us are exhausted.

P: We come to rest.

L: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

P: We come to learn.

L: Some of us are hungry.

P: We come to be fed.

L: Some of us are disoriented

P: We come to pray.

L: Some of us are broken.

P: We come to be healed.

L: We gather to worship you today, O Christ.

P: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

ALL: O God grant us your peace! Amen.

Children's Story

Hymn: *"When We Walk with the Lord"*

VT 570

Scripture: 1 John 3:11, 16-18, 23

Invitation to Commune

Prayer

Communion

Hymn: *"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"*

VT 474

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *"As You Go Out From Here"*

VT 841 (2x)

Offering to First Mennonite Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon! If you can't make it in person, the service is available to watch on our YouTube channel and the bulletin is available at fmcbeatrice.org.

Children's Sunday School today studied Romans 12:18 and learned we should live in Peace with everyone. There's no children's Sunday School next Sunday due to Spring Break.

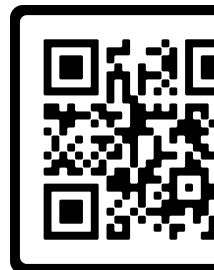
Matt Anderson passed away on February 2, 2024. Crystal Anderson's address is 150 Westgate Drive, Forest City, IA 50436.

Time to **order Easter Lillies!** Forms & envelopes are below the mailboxes. The price is \$18 and orders are due by March 8.

Church Cleaning is Thursday, March 21 at 5 p.m. and Friday, March 22 at 8:00 a.m.

The MCC Sale is April 5 & 6. The registration deadline to register quilts for website display was March 1. Other items must be registered by **March 17** for website display. Go to <https://www.nebraskamccsale.org/register> to register auction items. Items may be registered until **March 31** but won't be displayed on the website. Text or email Wendy Kyser with quilt questions.

The Faith Formation survey is now open! Scan the QR code or enter <https://forms.gle/ayHmGLf3spZPZXhq8> There are hard copies of the survey by the mail boxes. Return completed copies to Pastor Sarah's mailbox. Please complete the survey by **March 17th**.



The survey will be used to gather information about the congregation's values, the faith topics to prioritize, and the activities that support faith development. The results will be used to help develop programming across generations. The Survey will be followed with opportunities for conversation in April. If you have questions please reach out to Pastor Sarah.

WANTED: Musicians to join the FMC Mixed Instrumental Ensemble to play for Good Friday and/or Easter services. All instruments are welcome; music is upper-middle school level of difficulty. If it's been a few years since you've dusted off your instrument, no problem! - We'd be glad to have you join the group. If interested, please let Neal know by March 11.

If you have **food for Scott** Jantzen, please call Lori Thimm: 402-239-3511.

COMING! Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptism in Zurich + Swiss Alps 9-Day Tour in May 2025. Tour sites: Lake Geneva, Murren – the Swiss mountain village accessed by cable car, and Mennonite heritage in Bern and the Emmental Valley. On May 29 we will join Anabaptists from around the world in Zurich in worship and celebration of the 500 Year beginning of Anabaptism. Details and registration coming soon. Preview the tour at www.tourwithweldon.com To join the "Interested List" contact Weldon Martens at weldon.martens@gmail.com / 402-202-9276.

MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory: An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact brociamueller@mcc.org or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at mcc.org/kits.

Ellis United Methodist Church **Pancake Feed today!** 11-1 pm. Free Will.

Thank you for supporting Chris and Grace Tegtmeier during Chris's recovery from transplant Feb 9. He is away from home for six weeks of recovery with his mother Beth. Prayers are invited for Chris and his donor Zach. There's a box in the narthex for cards. If you would like to contribute to care packages, gift cards for Chris & his mother, or meals for Grace and family, see the **sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board. Questions? Contact Shana Ens, 402-806-1946. -Friends of Grace & Chris & Shepherd Group 4. Chris & Grace's address: 72245 574th Ave, Plymouth, NE 68424

THANK YOU, First Mennonite Church & the Education Council, for your generous financial support of our weekend retreat! Last weekend 25 guests spent the weekend in Lincoln learning how to "Grow Slow & Grow Deep" in our faith with author Jennifer Dukes Lee referencing her book "*Growing Slow*." A bible study written to focus on the comparison of the natural growing seasons (Spring, Summer, Fall, & Winter) as they relate to our own personal faith journey and planting seeds to minister to those around us in our daily lives. Jennifer and her husband, Scott, are ordinary people, living on their 5th generation family farm in Iowa, raising pigs, and spreading God's love through day-to-day living. Their connection to our group was instantly natural. It was truly a weekend enjoyed by all in attendance, even keeping the men engaged through the frequent farming analogies. Jennifer is the successful author of several other books. If you are interested in her work or learning more about her, you can find her at www.JenniferDukesLee.com.

Mother To Mother's newest outreach, the **Youth-To-Youth Center**, a free rec center focused on middle school aged youth, opens March 20th. Spring semester hours are Wednesdays from 2-5p.m. and Sundays from 4-7p.m. in the basement of the city auditorium across from the middle school. The entrance is on the south side of the city building, down the steps. There will be a variety of video games, tabletop games, board games, & concessions - all supervised by caring adults. An **Open House** for the public (with a free will donation dessert bar) is on Sunday, March 10th, from 2-4 p.m.

MCC partner **Team Brownsville welcomes your gently used winter coats and jackets!** Team Brownsville seeks to share God's love by welcoming asylum seekers, including providing them with warm coats. It's as easy as collecting your gently used coats and jackets, boxing them up and shipping (up to) 70 lb./box to Team Brownsville – just follow the instructions on the poster on the bulletin board. Spring clean your closets and help Team Brownsville prepare for next winter! Have questions? Please email the MCC Central States Immigration Team at centralstates@mcc.org and either Abraham Diaz Alonso or Becky Teiwes, will respond.

The Homestead Harmonizers presents it's 2024 Spring Show, "**Luck of the Irish**" Saturday, March 16, 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m. Special guest is the group "The Newfangled Tour". Tickets are \$10 for adults in advance, \$12 at the door. 18 and under are free. Performance is at the Hevelone Center for Performing Arts, Beatrice High School.

Youth! First Mennonite will again pay your registration to attend a Mennonite Church Camp (think **Camp Mennoscah!**) and pay for a souvenir T-shirt! Register online and then let the FMC office know you've registered.

"A Goodly Heritage: A Musical Drama Sharing a History of the Swiss Volhynian Mennonites" will be performed on March 23 at 7 pm and March 24 at 2 p.m. at Eden Mennonite Church as part of the 150th Celebration of Swiss Volhynian Mennonites and many other groups came to the US in 1874 from Volhynia, Russia. Written and directed by Jenny Schrag.

Western District Conference Listening Tour Discussion Questions

1. What activities or ministries are most important for your congregation now in fully carrying out God's work?

2. What do you hope for the future for your church and what resources from WDC would be helpful for that?