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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Children's Story: Pastor Sarah
Organ: Karen Wiebe
Audio: Marv Goossen
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Ushers: Bryan Heinz & Doug Casey Video: Jane Esau

PowerPoint: Lori Thimm

Last Sunday: Offerings: MMN \$1732; FMC \$1700; Tech \$200; WDC

\$300; Cemetery Fund \$50.

Attendance: 84

Offering today: FMC Next Sunday: FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, March 31 7 am Sunrise Service at Chautauqua Tabernacle

9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Easter Sun. School

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

Tuesday, April 2 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting & Tying

Thursday, April 4 Noon – Deadline for MCC items to be at church April 5 & 6 NE MCC Sale at Hamilton County Fairgrounds 9:30 am Adult Sunday School, NO KIDS SS

10:30 am Worship

**Late March Birthdays** 

25: Parker Williamson 26: Callan Baade

28: Navy Esau 29: Baker Esau, Sarah Neher

30: Sue Gerber April Birthdays:

2: Ella Crawford5: Sylvia Cross7: Henry Trantham9: Elsie Riesen13: Blake Thimm16: Anita Reimer17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz20: Sloan Esau

• 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice">https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice</a> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at 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 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

Prelude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/There is a Fountain"

- by the FMC Instrumental Ensemble

**Hymn: "Were You There"** vs 1 & 6 VT 329

**Welcome** -Worship Leader Brandon Esau

# **Call to Worship**

L: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

P: The risen Christ is here among us!

L: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

P: The risen Christ is here among us!

L: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

P: The risen Christ is here among us!

L: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

ALL: We find the risen Christ among us who has made all things new! The tomb is empty, the way of Love has prevailed!

L: Peace be with you!

P: Peace be with you!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Prayer** 

Hymn: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" VT 359

**Hymn: "Thine is the Glory"** VT 355

# **Prayer of Rejoicing**

L: Risen Jesus, you make all things new.

P: You call us by name to come to you.

L: You come preaching peace and forgiving sins.

P: You prepare a feast for us and wipe away all tears.

ALL: You bring life everlasting. We rejoice in your salvation, Lord of all!

"Christ Who Left His Home in Glory"

**Sunday Singers** 

Children's Story

Scripture readings: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Christ Among Us!" Pastor Josh

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"- Sunday Singers & Instrmnt. Ensemble

Hymn: "Low in the Grave He Lay" VT 333

**Sharing & Prayer** 

**Benediction** 

"Amazing Grace" -Congregation & Instrumental Ensemble

## Offering to First Mennonite Church

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

**Children's Sunday School today:** Plan to attend the Intergenerational Sunday School event at 9:30 am. No children's Sunday School April 7.

**The adult Sunday School** uses Salt & Light stand-alone lessons Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the room at the bottom of the stairs when you can!

Intergenerational Easter Event! All ages are invited to join for a light breakfast and Easter activity. Similar to stations of the cross there will be stations that tell the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. As you make your way through the Easter story, you will have the opportunity to create a set of Resurrection eggs. They are plastic eggs, that don't have candy or prizes inside. Rather, inside each egg is a symbol that represents a part of the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. We hope to see you there!

**First Mennonite**, Summit Street Church, Church of the Brethren, and Holy Cross will hold an **ecumenical Easter sunrise service at 7:00 AM** at the Chautaugua Park Tabernacle. All are invited to attend!

**Thank you to** the Instrumental Ensemble for your beautiful additions to the Easter service.

**FMC's LENTEN DECORATIONS:** There are 2 displays where items have been added each week.

Feb. 18 – The burlap and feet represent our journey and God leading us.

**Feb 25** – A cross was added symbolizing we need to look within ourselves to where we have allowed hatred and violence to enter in.

**March 3** – A scroll with the Ten Commandments to remind us that when the world pulls us in different directions, to look to God and the path He leads us.

**March 10** – A candle is added for God's shing light.

**March 17 -** For a seed to produce anything, it has to die before it will grow. We are like that seed. God wants us to surrender.

**March 24 –** The palm branch symbolizes victory, triumph, peace and eternal life. The white cotton represents the Lamb of God, crucified for us.

March 31 - The large stone and linens represent the hope we have in the risen Christ.

Thank you to those who donated Easter lilies for our chancel.

- Maria DeBloc in memory of Grandma Klun.
- ♣ Betty Esau and family in memory of Harv Esau.
- Damia and Marcus Heller in memory of Sean Coy.
- ♣ Ann Reimer in memory of Lawrence Reimer.
- Mary Jane Zimmerman, Joel & Sarah Endorf, Rachel Zimmerman in memory of our husband, father and grandfather, and in memory of our parents and grandparents.

**My Coins Count:** Thank you to all who donated to My Coins Count! March 24 we received \$285.44; thank you to Daryl and Becky Riesen for matching this amount! Please let Dan or Pam Kunzman know if you would like to match My Coins Count.

**Donations of FLAT TWIN SHEETS** to Women Mission Society, would be appreciated. They are used for backs of Comforts that we tie and send to MCC for Relief. MCC likes the darker colors, Navy, Black, Gray, Tan. You may leave them on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you very much-WMS.

There is a **signup sheet** on the bulletin board for **helpers** to serve, collect money, and cleanup at the MCC **Windsor Loin Meal** on Saturday, April 6.

**FMC Youth!** First Mennonite will pay your cost of attending Camp and pay for a T-shirt! Register online and let the FMC office know you've registered.

Beatrice Area **Senior Health & Wellness Fair**, April 12, 8-11 a.m. at the Beatrice Senior Center. Free Blood Pressure checks, give aways, Blood Glucose checks, grab & go meals, over 20 booths! Sponsored by Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, Home Instead, and Beatrice Comm. Hospital.



#### MCC SALE UPDATES:

- DEADLINE TO BRING AUCTION ITEMS TO THE CHURCH: THURSDAY, APRIL 4, BY NOON
- Online registration of auction items is no longer available as of March 31. Please use the paper form found in this bulletin or found on the counter below the mailboxes to register your item. Attach the form securely with tape or safety pin.
- We have a change in the location for our Windsor Loin meal! We will serve our meal in the same building we have used in the past.
- Please sign up to bring Pie, Bread, and/or Jam signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- Bring your pie, bread and/or jam to the church April 4 before 3 p.m.
- Please sign up to help with serving, setup, and/or clean-up for the Windsor Loin Dinner, signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- You may bring your Hygiene Kits to church prior to April 4 and put them on the pew behind the table for auction items.
   We will transport them to the sale.
- A Doll House will be sold during the Art Auction. The doll house measures 33"x 36"x 19".

Hope to see you all at the 45th Nebraska MCC Relief Sale on April 5-6, 2024



As a part of the larger Tri County community, please consider attending the **1st Annual Tri County Blue & Gold Gala** on Saturday, April 13th.Ticket sales close on April 1st. Thank you for your support!- On behalf of the Tri County Education Foundation and Farm 2 Fork - Shana Ensz, Brandon Esau, & Laura Baade

Southeast Comm. College Horticulture Program will hold their annual **bedding plant sale** April 29, 4-7, and April 30 and May 1, 10-6 on the SCC Campus, west entrance.

**Save the Date! Homestead Harmonizers** will lead the worship service on **July 7.** The men and spouses will join us for a potluck meal.

WDC Annual Assembly will be August 2-4, 2024, at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. The <u>due date for resolutions</u> to be submitted for the delegate session is <u>April 5</u>. Per the WDC Policy Manual, resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to the Annual Assembly. The resolution policy can be viewed on our website. Resolutions can be sent to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117 or emailed to wdc@mennowdc.org

MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace! Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action to take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group. Sign up today at mcc.org/month-climate-action-peace!

A **Genealogy Research Seminar** will be presented Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30pm at the new Newton Library, 223 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Newton, Kansas.(This will be live streamed on the Newton Library Facebook page.) The presentation is free and open to all.

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Heritage Dinner, April 5, 6:30 pm, at Tabor Mennonite Church. This event will be recorded, but not live-streamed. Contact the museum by April 1 (620.367.8200 or email <a href="mailto:goesselmuseum@gmail.com">goesselmuseum@gmail.com</a>) to reserve your tickets for the Low German sausage meal catered by Goessel Grocery & Deli. Prices are \$75 per person, ages 12 and under are \$15, and first-time attenders are \$40.