

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Neal Trantham Hosts: Gayland & Marcia Regier  
Piano: Karen Wiebe Power point: Eli Vanderschaaf  
Children's Story: Sam & Jacob Janzen Video: Pam Kunzman  
Ushers: Jake Janzen, Justin Schardt Audio: Jim Ensz

**Last Sunday: Attendance:** **Offering:** FMC \$5,011; Cemetery Fund \$250  
**Today's Offering:** WDC **Next Sunday:** First Mennonite Church

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, May 11 9:30 am Mother's Day Breakfast  
Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Tuesday, May 13 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying  
Sunday, May 18 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult SS  
10:30 am Worship

**May Birthdays**

1: Mike Goossen 7: Ann Regier  
9: Shelton Crawford, Justin Schardt 10: Elaine Penner  
13: Brandon Esau 14: Laura Williamson  
15: Jude VanderSchaaf 16: Chris Tegtmeier  
19: Dolores Jantzen, Erin VanderSchaaf 23: Alma Reimer  
28: Rick Brethouwer

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks may go in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Our service is viewed** at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and **heard on FM 107.5**, but only reaches our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building.
- Visit [mennowdc.org](http://mennowdc.org) to see what's new at Western District Conference.
- **WDC Annual Assembly** August 8-9 at Hesston Mennonite Church.

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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

May 11, 2025

*Happy Mother's Day*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: Come, all who doubt and all who believe, all who worship with wonder and all who come weary.

**P: We come to meet the risen Christ, who stands among us with grace and authority.**

L: We are called – not because we are perfect – but because Christ is faithful.

**P: We are sent – not because we are strong – but because Christ is with us, always.**

**ALL: Let us worship the Living God, who meets us on the threshold and invites us to walk in love.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Mountain of God"**

VT 11

**Confession and Assurance**

L: Risen Christ, you meet us in the space between doubt and worship. When we hesitate to trust your presence,

**P: Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our faith.**

L: When we stay silent instead of sharing your good news, when we cling to comfort instead of stepping out in mission,

**P: Forgive us, O God, and set our feet on your path.**

L: When we forget that your authority is one of mercy, and your calling is shaped by love,

**P: Forgive us, O God, and renew our hearts.**

L: Remind us that we are baptized into your name – into the life of the Creator, the Son, and the Spirit. Teach us to obey, not out of fear, but out of love.

**P: Make us disciples again, O Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace

L: Siblings in Christ, hear the good news:  
Jesus, crucified and risen, meets us as we are.  
He does not wait for our perfection –  
he welcomes us in mercy.  
He does not abandon us – he walks with us, always.  
**P: In Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**In Christ, we are made new.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Offering Hymn: “God of the Bible”

VT 420

Offering is for Western District Conference

## Children’s Story

## Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

## Sermon: “Standing on the Threshold”

Pastor Josh

## Hymn: “Here I Am, Lord”

VT 545

## Sharing and Prayer

## Benediction

## Sending Song: “As You Go Out From Here”

VT 841

## Passing the Peace

**Welcome** to those here in person and to those watching on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice). The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under the documents tab.

Register online for Camp Mennoscah **Summer Camp!** FMC will pay for your registration & T-shirt. Put FMC Beatrice in the sponsorship line and let the church office know. **NEEDED: Music leaders!**. Contact them if you can help!

## Vacation Bible School May 27-May 30



- For kids who are **Kindergarten eligible to 5<sup>th</sup> grade completion**
- Please **register** online at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), with forms from the narthex, or with the QR code below, ASAP
- Current **Parental Consent Form** must be completed for each child. (Available on our website or at the church)
- VBS participants and families will have a **roller-skating party with pizza on Friday, May 30, after VBS until 2:00 pm at the Rolla Rena in Beatrice**
- **Donations** of cookies, bars, or cash are needed for snack time
- **VBS Program** is Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 at FMC
- **Offerings** are for the **diaper bank** at Mother to Mother, Beatrice. Our goal is 1,000 larger size diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, or pullups), 25 packages of **wipes**, and \$3,000 **cash donations** for the week.
- And a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all our **VOLUNTEERS!!** We couldn't do it without **YOU!!**



Don Diller has a new phone number: 402-988-8918.

**Help get healthy food to people in Beatrice! West End Farm** is accepting donations to provide fresh, local produce to the Mother to Mother organization and the Beatrice Community Food Pantry for distribution to families in need. For more details and to donate, visit [westendfarmne.com/share](http://westendfarmne.com/share) or talk to Katie Jantzen.

## Support Local Farmers at the Beatrice Farmers Market!

The PLANT Alliance (Promoting Local Agriculture and Nourishing Traditions) invites you to visit the **Beatrice Farmers Market** every **Thursday from May 15 to October 9**, from **4:00 to 6:30 PM** at the corner of **6th and High**. Come support local farmers and bakers, shop for high-quality fresh food, and enjoy fun activities for kids. It's a great way to nourish your family and your community!