

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Organ: Erin Vanderschaaf
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau Audio: Jim Ensz
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen PowerPoint: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Justin Schardt & Daryl Riesen Video: Pam Kunzman
Children's Story: Pastor Josh & Jane Esau

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$ 6,925; Tuition Fund \$635

Attendance: 105

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

Happening this week:

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| Sunday, May 12 | 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Muffins with Mom! 10:30 am Worship |
| Tuesday, May 14 | 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying |
| Thursday, May 16 | 7:00 pm Church Board meeting |
| Sunday, May 19 | 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Safe Church Training 10:30 am Worship |

May Birthdays:

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| 1: Mike Goossen | 6: Jeremy Fast |
| 7: Ann Regier | 9: Shelton Crawford, Justin Schardt |
| 10: Elaine Penner | 13: Brandon Esau |
| 14: Laura Williamson | 15: Jude Vanderschaaf |
| 16: Chris Tegtmeyer | 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 may go in box in the narthex. Cash donations may be given to Dolores Jantzen.
- Have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- Our service is on <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and heard on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org, under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

May 12, 2024 ~ Mother's Day

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, quench your thirst in the love of God.

P: We come, hungry for a place in which we can be gently nourished.

L: Be like trees planted by the streams of living water, ready to receive God's nourishment.

P: Strengthen us, O God, to receive your blessed peace.

L: Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah! AMEN.

Prayer

Hymn: "All Who are Thirsty"

VT49

Prayer of Confession

L: Eternal One, we confess that sometimes we are stuck in the past.

We can only look back and want to restore what once was, without remembering how things actually were.

P: Like the Hebrews in the desert, we long for Egypt, forgetting the oppression and hardship and only remembering the bright spots.

L: At times we are stuck on visions of a future we want but may not be what is best for everyone, even ourselves. Holy One, you are always present with us, not stuck in the past or dangling a glimpse of a future that is better, but You are with us, in this life and world, now.

P: Help us not to hope for something different without changing the world today and may we not long for a past with rose-colored glasses.

All: Instead, guide us to live into Your way, Your truth, and Your life, here and now, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing and Assurance

L: The commandment that we have from Christ Jesus is that we love one another, treating each other as beloved brothers and sisters.

Abide in God's eternal love. Let its power and joy penetrate your hearts and spirits, preparing you for new growth in the Spirit. AMEN.

Children's Story

Hymn: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* VT 408

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: *"Stuck Between"* Pastor Josh

Hymn: *"My Soul Cries Out"* VT 412

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending song: *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* VT 847

Offering to Western District Conference

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

Start the Party! Celebrate the Good News at Vacation Bible School!

Tuesday - Friday, May 28-31, 8:30 – 11:30 am for kids who are Kindergarten eligible to 5th grade completion. Register online at www.fmcbeatrice.org. soon! Fill out the parental consent form too and send it to church. (Printed copies available in church.) **Volunteers can still sign up to help!** Safe Church training is next Sunday. --VBS Committee, Jane, Erin, Linsey

FMC Youth: Register online for Camp Mennoscah, order a T-shirt, then let FMC office know you're registered so we can pay your camp fees.

The **VBS Decorating Committee** asks you to donate party supplies you may have at home. You can put them in a box in the kitchen.

Moms and Muffins! Sunday School children will share muffins with Mom for **Mother's Day! Next Sunday**, May 19, is an end-of-school playday.

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!

Pastors Josh and Sarah are participating in the Beatrice High School Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 15 at the Hevelone Center. .

Thank you for the great support at our Fiesta last week! We appreciate all of you! – **FMC Youth Group**

THANK YOU to all who donated sheets to WMS for backing of comforts of MCC we make. The response was great.- **Womens Mission Society**.

The Worship Council is seeking interest from **anyone interested in assisting with leading the worship service**. Please speak to Neal T., Kathy C., or Grace T. if you are interested.

Help get healthy food to hungry 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 or talk to Katie Jantzen.

Faith Formation Survey: The Education Council is still accepting survey responses. Questions? Ask Pastor Josh or Pastor Sarah. Hard copies are available by the mailboxes and can be returned to Pastor Sarah's mailbox. Also available at: <https://tinyurl.com/39fzvtha>

Safe Sanctuary training is May 19th at 9:30. All VBS volunteers, prayer partners, Sunday school teachers, and youth sponsors are required to be trained annually. We encourage all congregants to attend to keep our church safe. There will be an online option for those who cannot attend.

Summer Intergenerational Sunday School will be held on June 9th & 23rd, July 14 & 28, and August 11. More details to come.

Delegates wanted for WDC Annual Assembly at First Mennonite Church August 2-4. Pastors Josh and Sarah are on the WDC Planning Committee. We can have 8 delegates for the Assembly. Delegate sessions are on Saturday, Aug 3. Talk to Jerry Reimer for more info.

2024 MCC Golf Tournament Saturday, June 22, 9:00 a.m. Tee Time start at Indian Trails Country Club, Beemer, NE. 2-person scramble, \$140 per team. Cart & lunch included. Sign up by June 12 please.

Wanted! Donations of furniture or houseware items in good condition to assist the newcomers in Beatrice, please call Vicki Hinz-Ensz.

Community Players presents "Godspell: The Sources and the Scriptures" the weekends of June 7 & 14. Info is at beatricecommunityplayers.com.

From AMBS - "We give thanks for and celebrate with our newest alumni, the 22 graduates of the Class of 2024! The class includes 13 women and nine men from four countries and seven U.S. states."