

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz	Audio: Jim Ensz
Hosts: John & Zella Penner	PowerPoint: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Justin Schardt & Daryl Riesen	Video: Pam Kunzman
Children's Story: Sue Gerber	

Last Sunday: Offerings: WDC: \$2,530; FMC \$ 500

Attendance: 117

Offering today: FMC **Next Sunday:** MMN

Happening this week:

Sunday, May 19	9:30 am Safe Church Training 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, May 21	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, May 26	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day
May 28-31	8:30 – 11:30 Vacation Bible School

May Birthdays:

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 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 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 19, 2024 ~ Pentecost

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The Spirit has gathered us from down the road and across the city.

P: We are not quite ready to settle in and worship.

L: The Spirit has arrived to strengthen us.

P: We come with questions, heavy hearts along with gratitude.

L: The Spirit is ready to kindle a flame of hope in our hearts.

P: We will open ourselves to receive and hear again God's deeds of power.

ALL: We invite the Spirit to renew us today.

Prayer

Hymn: "Spirit, Working in Creation"

VT 50

Prayer of Confession

L: We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence.

P: But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy.

L: Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds.

P: Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others.

L: Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that you have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News.

ALL: In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

L: Don't be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort and hope. You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways. Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with you always. AMEN.

Children's Story

Hymn: *"Hope is a Candle"*

VT 211

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-10, Acts 2:1-4

Sermon: *"New Life in the Fire"*

Pastor Josh

Hymn: *"New Earth, Heavens New"*

VT 377

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending song: *"Move in Our Midst"*

VT 827

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.

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.

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. Nurses and kitchen helpers are needed. Contact Camp if you can help.

Sunday School Children will enjoy a playday this Sunday as they conclude this session of Sunday School.

Adult Sunday School will attend the Safe Church presentation this Sunday at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Class will resume next Sunday.

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.

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

Homestead Harmonizers will be performing our worship service on July 7. A **potluck meal** will follow for the singers, spouses and our congregation. Drinks and table service will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share!

8 Delegates needed for WDC Annual Assembly at FMC August 2-4. Pastors Josh and Sarah are on the WDC Planning Committee. Delegate sessions are Saturday, Aug 3. Talk to Jerry Reimer if you'd like to be a delegate. Pastor Sarah Neher will lead a session of the faith formation track Saturday, August 3. Faith Formation sessions will be held at Summit St Church. Worship services Friday evening and Sunday morning will be at FMC.

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.

Congratulations & God's Blessings to Caitlin Franzen, daughter of member Shelly Franzen, as she graduates from Beatrice High School today.

Community Blood Drive, May 22, noon to 6 pm, May 23, 7 am to 1 pm at the Holiday Inn Express. Call 402-269-5460 to make an appointment.

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

Family Fun Day Event for Willow Center: Saturday, June 1, 11am-2pm at Indian Creek Mall Parking Lot. Free will offering to fund a new ultrasound. Food, bounce house, face painting, shaved ice, speaker.

The Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum invites you to view the **immigrant flags** in local church cemeteries recognizing the FAITH, COURAGE, and ACTION of the 1874 immigrants and the sacrifices they made coming to America. The flags will be displayed in the Alexanderwohl, Tabor, Goessel, and Lehigh church cemeteries May 23 - June 5. Come and listen to their voices flutter in the breeze!

First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary - March 2024

General Fund Balance 3/31/24	(4,429.26)
April general fund offerings	16,420.00
April expenses	(14,597.12)
General Fund Balance 4/30/24	(2,606.38)

The Church Board sincerely appreciates the congregation's increased contributions in the past couple months. They have helped our bottom line!



Vacation Bible School!

Tuesday – Friday, May 28-31, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- **For kids who are **Kindergarten eligible to 5th grade** completion.
- ****Last Call** for Registrations! Available online at fmcbeatrice.org.
- **Current **Parental Consent Form** must be completed for each child. (Available online or at the church.)
- **VBS participants and families will have a **roller-skating party with pizza Wednesday**, May 29, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Rolla Rena in Beatrice.
- **There is **no Monday evening activity** on May 27.
- ****Donations** of cookies, bars or cash are needed for snack time.
- ****Lunch** will be served to the kids and staff on **Friday, May 31** at 11:30 a.m. Please pick up your child/ren at 12:00.
- ****VBS Program** is Sunday, June 2, at 10:30 at FMC.
- ****Offerings** are for the **Foster Care Closet**, located at First Baptist Church in Beatrice. Please bring new clothes (any child size) and/or cash donations. Our VBS goal for the week is \$350. Our Sunday morning goal on June 2 is \$3,500! We can do this together!
- ****Donate any party supplies** you may have at home. You can put them in a box in the kitchen to be used for decorations.