

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen	Audio: Jim Ensz
Hosts: Gayland & Marci Regier	PowerPoint: Lori Thimm
Ushers: Justin Schardt & Daryl Riesen	Video: Pam Kunzman
Children's Story: Shana Ensz	

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$ 3,980; Camp Fund \$300;
Attendance: 94 Technology Fund \$200
Offering today: MMN **Next Sunday:** The Foster Closet

Happening this week:

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
Tuesday, May 28	NO WMS
Wednesday, May 29	5:30 -7:30 pm Roller Skating & Pizza
Friday, May 31	8:30 am VBS, Lunch 11:30; dismiss noon
Sunday, June 2	10:30 am VBS Program during worship

Late May & Early June Birthdays:

16: Chris Tegtmeier	19:Dolores Jantzen, Erin Vanderschaaf
23: Alma Reimer	28: Rick Brethouwer
June 3: Dorothy Zimmerman	4: Missionary Dave Stutzman
8: Neal Trantham	

- 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 26, 2024

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come with confidence before our God.
P: For nothing can separate us from the love of God.
L: Can hunger?
P: No!
L: Can hardship?
P: No!
L: Can people who are against us?
P: No!
L: Can death?
P: No!
L: Can anything in all creation?
P: No!
L: Then let us worship this most amazing God.

Prayer

Hymn: "Come, We that Love"

VT 31

Prayer of Confession

L: God of grace and God of glory, forgive us when we forget that nothing is able to separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
P: We confess that the distractions of life and the fear of death cause us to lose our trust in you.
L: Too often we live and act as if you are against us rather than for us. Loving God, forgive our sins.
P: Help us to put our trust in you through Jesus Christ, who died, who was raised, who is at your right hand in glory. Amen.

Responsive Words of Assurance

L: If God is for us, who is against us?
All: He who gave us his Son, now gives us the Spirit in power!
L: The Holy One is in our midst:

All: equipping us for life in the service of Christ.

L: In Christ we are more than conquerors,

All: for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Friends, believe the Good News:

All: we are forgiven in Jesus Christ!

Children's Story

Hymn: *"How Firm a Foundation"*

VT 592

Scripture: Romans 8:12-17, 37-38

Sermon: *"A New Framework"*

Pastor Josh

Hymn: *"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous"*

VT 590

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *"Go, My Children"*

VT 830

Offering to Mennonite Mission Network

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

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

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

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!

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 to Pastor Josh on his recent graduation from Leadership Beatrice. Leadership Beatrice is a ten-session year-long program coordinated by the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce to identify, educate and develop citizens of Beatrice for positions of community leadership.

WDC Annual Assembly at FMC August 2-4. 8 Delegates needed!

Delegate sessions are Saturday, Aug 3. Talk to Jerry Reimer if you'd like to be a delegate. Join in the fun of the Family Festival Saturday evening. Pastor Sarah Neher will lead a session of the faith formation track Saturday, August 3 to be held at Summit Street Church. Worship services Friday evening and Sunday morning will be at FMC. Registration will open soon.

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.

Congratulations to Isaiah Friesen of Saint Paul, Minnesota, who was honored during AMBS's Commencement Service on April 27, 2024. He was selected to receive this year's Award for Excellence in Theological Studies from the seminary's History, Theology and Ethics Department. He anticipates completing his Master of Divinity with a major in Theological Studies: Peace Studies in August 2024. He plans to seek work in Minnesota in ministry, higher education or the nonprofit sector. Isaiah is a member of First Mennonite and is married to Andrea Moya. His parents are Rita Friesen and Merlin Friesen. You can read more about Isaiah's studies at ambs.edu, under the article titled "Meet AMBS's Graduating Class of 2024"

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, and 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 sacrifices they made coming to America. The flags are displayed in the Alexanderwohl, Tabor, Goessel, and Lehigh church cemeteries May 23 - June 5. Come and listen to their voices flutter in the breeze!

You are invited to the dedication and celebration of the new **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** Cabinet Shop and Warehouse Sunday, June 9th at 604 E. Main Street, Goessel, KS from 4-8 pm. Free admission. There will be tours of the cabinet shop, warehouse, a concert and MDS Storm/tornado simulator.



Vacation Bible School!

Tuesday - Friday, May 28-31, 8:30 - 11:30

"Start the Party! Celebrate the Good News!"

- **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.
- ** **And....a HUGE THANK YOU** to all our **VOLUNTEERS!**

