

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

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Brandon Esau
Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen
Audio: Larry Thimm
Ushers: Brandon Esau & Jim Ensz

Pastor: Sarah Neher Reimer
Pianist: Karen Wiebe
Power point: Katie Jantzen
Video: Henry Trantham
Kid's Time: Grace Tegtmeier

Last Sunday Attendance: 78 **Offering:** Stutzmans \$3,330; FMC \$150.
Today's Offering: FMC **Next Week:** FMC

Coming Up this Week:

Sunday, Nov 30

9:30 am Adult Sunday School and
Christmas Practice for children
10:30 am 1st Sunday of Advent Worship
6:30 pm Christmas Program Rehearsal
9:30 am Christmas Program Rehearsal
Adult Sunday School
Baptism Class

Late November Birthdays:

24: Linsey Schardt 27: Nathanael Stutzman
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen 30: Don Diller

Early December Birthdays:

4: Maxson Esau 6: Kristin Ruiz
9: Cara Esau, Vern Jantzen, Bill Thimm 10: Gene Penner
11: Lori Thimm 13: Laura Baade, Bill Epp
14: Paula Heinz

*You can find our services on YouTube (search for FMCBeatrice).

The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.

*If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!

*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 for the food pantry may go in the offering plate.

***Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy
Janzen.

*Last to leave the church? Please **turn off all lights!**

*Visit mennowdc.org to see what's new at Western District Conference.

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Sarah Neher; 507-993-6820; sarah@fmcbeatrice.org. Her office hours are
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Deacons: Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),
Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church
November 30, 2025
First Sunday in Advent

Be Amazed!



Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God of our ancestors, you are our constant hope through all the ages.

P: We come eager for stories of you standing among us. We come longing to feel your presence among your people once again.

L: As the days darken around us, hope can feel a distant memory.

P: Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you. Our allegiance is to you alone.

L: Trust in God's steadfast love. Stand in amazement, ready to recognize God already among us here, in this place.

ALL: Our hope is in you, O God.

Fill our hearts with the courage of our ancestors.

Ready us to enter their story and be amazed.

Opening Prayer

Hymn 227: "Here I am to Worship" (Offering to First Mennonite Church)

Children's Story

Candle Lighting

Elaine Penner & Mary Jo Lovci

L: We have been wandering in the dark,
fear engulfing us like a burning furnace.
We long for your hope to find us and
silence the flames of our fears.

P: Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.

All: May your hope flood the flames of our fears.

Responding Hymn 211: "Hope Is a Candle" Verse 1

Scripture: Daniel 3:8–18

Sermon: "A Hope That Fire Cannot Burn"

Pastor Sarah

Special Music: "We Gather Together"

Mary Jo & Marc Lovci

Hymn 210: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song Hymn 218: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Passing the Peace

Pastor Josh is out of the office on parental leave from November 12 - December 10 and will not be reachable during that time. For church matters or assistance please reach out the church office at office@fmcbatrice.org) 402-251-7180, or Pastor Sarah (507-993-6820).

All ladies and girls are invited to **the WMS Christmas Brunch** on Saturday, **December 6**, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at First Mennonite Church. We are very excited to have Cassie Klingenberg share with us.

Thank you to Mark & Mary Lovci for the special music for our service today.

If you ordered nuts, you may pick them up downstairs today.

A meal train has been set up for the Janzen family following the birth of Dorothea. You can sign up at this link to provide them with an evening meal. <https://mealtrain.com/zgz52y>

Attention Ladies: We would like to have a ladies group sing two songs for the Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 14. We will plan to practice the next 52o Sundays, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 at 9:30. Hope you can join us!

There is still time to have your artwork grace our bulletin cover this advent season. There are more templates by the mailboxes. Put finished artwork in Pastor Sarah's mailbox.

Best Foot Forward 4-H Club Coat Drive will accept new and gently used winter outer wear through December 7. There's a box near the coat closet. Questions? Talk to Don Esau.

The Community Food Pantry struggles to keep shelves full this time of year with additional community family needs. Please consider donating food, hygiene items, or money to them.

The Homestead Harmonizers & The Beatrice Regional Orchestra Christmas concert Sunday, Dec 7, 2 pm at the Hevelone Center. Adults \$10; Students free.