

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Brandon Esau  
PPT: Lori Thimm  
Live Stream: Neal Trantham  
Ushers: Brad Thimm & Lynn Gerber

Pianist: Vicki Hinz-Ensz  
Greeters: Vern & Dolores Jantzen  
Children's Story: Debbie Goossen  
Audio: Jim Ensz  
Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

**Last Sunday:** Offerings: FMC, \$250; Meat Canning, \$375; WDC, \$1994;  
Stutzman's \$600; Attendance: 84

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, November 20 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Tuesday, November 22 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting, Tying, Devotions  
Thursday, November 24 THANKSGIVING  
Sunday, November 27 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Tuesday, November 29 1:30 p.m. WMS with Annual Meeting

**November Birthdays**

2: Clairra Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman  
3: Brad Thimm 4: Ernest Jantzen  
5: Becky Billesbach 11: Darwin Jantzen  
18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen 21: Elyse Scherling  
24: Linsey Schardt 27: Gail Cross, Nathanael Stutzman  
29: Lesley Trantham 30: Don Diller

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- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
  - **We collect** Sun Mart receipts, Best Choice labels & used cards/envelopes
  - **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
  - **Shop at smile.amazon.com** to support Mother to Mother Ministries with your Amazon purchases!
  - If you would like a **PDF of the church directory** to keep on your phone, please contact the office.
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**First Mennonite Church; 6714 W. State Hwy. 4, Beatrice, NE 68310**  
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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**  
**November 20, 2022**

**Welcome**

Brandon Esau

**A Call to Worship: VT 963**

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is good!

**P: God's love is everlasting.**

L: Come let us praise God joyfully.

**P: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

**ALL: Let us worship our God together.**

**Prayer**

Brandon Esau

**Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

VT 419

**Giving Thanks Together: VT 963, part 2**

L: For the church universal, and for this congregation of your people,

**P: Thank you God.**

L: For this place in which we gather for the praise and prayer, witness and service in the name of Jesus Christ,

**P: Thank you God.**

L: For disciples young and old, who have been nurtured here in faith,

**P: Thank you God.**

L: For the faithful who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us all for the work of ministry.

**P: Thank you God.**

L: For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them.

**P: Thank you God.**

L: For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,

**P: Thank you God.**

L: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future of your promise.

**ALL: Give thanks to God, who is Good! For God's love is everlasting!**

**Children's Story**

Debbie Goossen

**Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

VT 120

**Scripture: Luke 17:11-19**

**Sermon: "The Act of Noticing"**

Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "Praise God"**

VT 70

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending**

**Offering** for First Mennonite Church in narthex

**Welcome!** We're glad you are worshipping with us. The service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and on FM 107.5 in our parking lot. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

**Today the Sunday School children hear** the story of *Returning Home* from Ezra 1:3:7-13; 6:13-22 - *Celebrate God's Faithfulness*. **This is the final session** for this year. We'll resume January 8. **Christmas program practices** will be held Dec 4, 11, and 18 from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. "*No Time For Christmas*," will be presented by the FMC instrumental ensemble, Sunday Singers, & Children on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.

This week the **adult Sunday School** class is discussing chapter 4 (on mission-focused spirituality) of the book *Reawakened*. You're welcome to join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

All are invited to a **Thanksgiving potluck** with the newcomer families at noon on the 24<sup>th</sup> at church. Please RSVP to Zella Penner.

**The tuition committee** is seeking donations to fulfill our 2nd semester pledges for the college students. Donations can be given to Mike Goossen.

**Deacon nominations** are accepted through December 4. Please speak with your nominee before giving their name to Chair Dorothy Zimmerman.

With all the love and welcome we have experienced over the last few months, we would like to return the favor! On **Saturday December 3 from 2-6pm**, stop by our place for a **housewarming and Christmas open house!** There will be snacks, games, and fellowship. If you can make it, please **let us know by November 26** so we know how many to prepare for. **-With love and gratitude, Josh and Steph**

**The nuts are here!** As before, you can pick them up in the room west of the kitchen. Find your name on the sheet. Take an envelope, write your name on it, put the money in the envelope and back in the box. Thank you!

**The Diaper Drive at FMC continues!** See the insert.

**An MDS trip** to McAllen, TX is planned to work on the Lapasada Project November 14 through December 20. If you can help or have questions, please contact Marv Goossen (402-520-1609) or Jim Ensz (402-239-0062)

**Rides to Newton needed for the MCC Bucket of Thanks** Relief Kits made by the Peace Club kids and their Prayer Partners! Please contact Sue Gerber, 402.239.8857 if you are going to Newton in November.

**Ladies Christmas Brunch** is December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at FMC. Sarah Schlegel of Shickley will be our guest speaker.

**Community Food Pantry Ingathering** is ongoing through November and December. Please drop off food, paper products, or personal hygiene items, at the pantry at St. John's Church. Cash donations also appreciated.

**Thank you** to all for your prayers, financial support and volunteers who helped to make the return to canning in Milford a great success. 10,259 cans of chicken meat, totaling over 15,000 pounds were canned. There are still some donations and bills coming in so we'll have a final report in a month or two. Thanks again for your support! --Welsch's & Eberspacher's

WDC Annual Assembly table talk notes are on the bulletin board & the WDC website <https://mennowdc.org/2022-assembly-delegate-information/> .

**Homestead Harmonizers** presents its 2022 Christmas program, *My Favorite Christmas* on Sunday, Nov 27 at 2 p.m. at the Hevelone Center, Beatrice High School. A \$10 Free-will or any donation would be appreciated with proceeds going to the Beatrice Community Food Bank. Featured guests are the Southeast Nebraska Community Band.