

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Worship Leader: Brett Esau
Piano: Vicki Hinz-Ensz	Children's Story: Paula Heinz
Live stream: Pam Kunzman	Audio: Doug Casey
Greeters: NEEDED	PPT: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Bill Thimm & Bryan Heinz	Hosts: John & Zella Penner

**Last Sunday: Offerings:** FMC: \$3210; Mini Auction \$200; Meat Canning \$800. **Attendance:** 92

**Offering today:** FMC **Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, November 5	9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids
	10:30 a.m. Worship, All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 7	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Sunday, Nov 12	9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adults & Kids
	10:30 a.m. Worship-Peace Sunday

**November Birthdays**

2: Clairra Janssen, Immanuel Stutzman	3: Brad Thimm
4: Ernest Jantzen	6: Becky Riesen
11: Darwin Jantzen	18: Kathy Casey, Katie Jantzen
21: Elyse Scherling	24: Linsey Schardt
27: Gail Cross, Nathanael Stutzman	
29: Lesley Trantham, Aaron Jantzen	30: Don Diller

- **Need a hearing device?** Ask an usher for assistance.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry:** Please put items in the narthex box or give cash donations to Dolores Jantzen.
- **Men's Brotherhood** project? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen
- Our 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, Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

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**Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome

**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*November 5, 2023 - All Saints Day*

Brett Esau

**Call to Worship**

**L:** Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

**P: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**L:** Remember the wonderful works he has done,

**P: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

**L:** Look to the rock from which you were hewn,

**P: and to the quarry from which you were dug.**

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

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

VT 611

**Responsive Reading**

**L:** We remember, O God...

**P: the countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

**L:** We remember, O God...

**P: the tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

**L:** We remember, O God...

**P: the gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

**L:** We remember, O God...

**P: the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

L: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

**Remembering our Sister in Christ, Denise Jantzen** -Vern Jantzen

**Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"** VT 592

**Children's Story** Paula Heinz

**Scripture: Jeremiah 11:1-8**

**Sermon: "Hear and Follow"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "What Can I Leave Behind"** VT 154

**Sharing & Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues"** VT 764

**Offering to First Mennonite Church**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here!

**Children's Sunday School** will study 1 Thes. 5:18; "give thanks no matter what happens". Next Sunday they will hear how Jesus healed 10 men in Luke 17:11-19.

**The adult Sunday School class** is studying the book *Rethinking Life*. Please join us!

The **Nominating Committee will meet today** after worship in the church basement. Nomination sheets are due back today.

**Operation Christmas Child boxes** are due back next Sunday, November 12. If you have any questions, please contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm.

**A Special Thank You** for all the prayers and thoughts, visits, and all other acts of kindness I received while I had and recovered from my back surgery. I really appreciate it all. – Betty Esau

**Attention Musicians! The mixed instrumental ensemble** will be playing at the FMC Christmas program. This will include several recognizable and easy-to-play Christmas songs that are suitable for those with skills at or above middle school. We would love to see some young (and young-at-heart) musicians join the group! If you are interested, please **contact Neal Trantham** to receive more information and to sign up.

**Are you curious** about baptism or ready to take that important step in your faith journey? Are you interested in learning what it means to be a member of the church? Or are you a long-time member and feel like a refresher would be beneficial? If you said yes to any of the questions above, I want to hear from you! I am eager to gauge interest in the possibility of catechism and membership classes. Both will be wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and creating deeper connections in our church community. Reach out to the church office or pastor Josh to sign up!

FMC will host a **Community Potluck as a late Thanksgiving celebration** on Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 pm at FMC. Please bring food to share and friends! Drinks and table service will be provided.

**Thank you to everyone** who stepped in to help with the M&M breakfast last Sunday! Cleaning up is a breeze with all the people just hopping into action! Thanks John R, Rikki and Tammy Unruh from Camp who all spoke about the importance of supporting our Camp and campers. Special thanks to Kathy C, Jim & Vicki and Pam K for jumping in when the stubborn German in me thought I could do it myself. I couldn't and they're lifesavers. We raised \$2,210 for the M&M Campaign. It will be matched.

**A Credentialing Service** with Kathy Neufeld Dunn is being held today at 9:30 at Summit Street Church for Andrew Dungan. He has completed necessary credentialing paperwork and a district interview. You are invited to attend!

**Thank you** to all who participated in our Trunk or Treat last week. We served 400 hot dogs! We were happy to have FMC's involvement and look forward to other events with our sister church. – Andrew Dungan, Ed. D

The last couple of Sundays we had some problems with our **audio equipment** (as you heard). Midwest Sound was here this week and made some adjustments so that the extra noise will be less noticeable. One piece of the audio system is over 10 years old, and it is beginning to fail. We will continue to monitor the situation.

**Kiwanis Pancake Feed TODAY** benefits many children's programs in our community, November 5, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey. Adults \$9; children ages 4-12 \$5. 3 & under are free.

If you have **frozen food for the Scott Jantzen family**, please put it in the freezer in the church kitchen with cooking instructions and Scott's name. The food is delivered to Scott every Monday. Call Lori Thimm 402-239-3611 with questions.

**Community Food Pantry** asks for your help. Monetary gifts are always appreciated to purchase perishables. Other needed are pancake flour/syrup; spaghetti/sauce; saltine/graham crackers; peanut butter/jelly; cake mix/frosting; veg oil; flour; sugar; laundry/dish soap; shampoo/conditioner; condiments; toilet paper; paper towels; hot/cold cereal; pasta; canned meats; soup; hamburger/chicken helpers.

For more news about what's happening in the broader Mennonite world, visit [www.mennonitemission.net](http://www.mennonitemission.net); [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org); [www.ambs.edu](http://www.ambs.edu); [www.mennoniteusa.org](http://www.mennoniteusa.org); [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org); [www.mds.org](http://www.mds.org); [www.mennonitemen.org](http://www.mennonitemen.org).

**MCC responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict –**

MCC is coordinating an emergency response to the current crisis with our existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at [mcc.org/Palestine-Israel](http://mcc.org/Palestine-Israel).