

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Kyle Riesen
Piano: Karen Wiebe Children's Story: Vern Jantzen
Live stream: Doug Casey Audio: Larry Thimm
Greeters: Marv & Lisa Goossen PPT: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & John Regier Hosts: Don & Judy Jantzen

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC: \$4900; Camp Mennoscah: \$300;
MMN: \$300; Food Pantry: \$500. Attendance: 83

Offering today: Mennonite Mission Network **Next Sunday:** FMC

Happening this week:

Sunday, Oct 8 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship
Monday, October 9 6:00 p.m. Education Council
Tuesday, October 10 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Oct 11 6:30-7:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Sunday, October 15 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 3:30 Ball Game; 5:00 Community Potluck

October Birthdays

1: Jane Esau, Don Jantzen 4: Marlene Penner
8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen 11: Scott Jantzen
12: Katee Kunzman, Piper Heinz 16: Laura Franz
17: Riley Schardt 20: Braxton Williamson
20: Terri Brethouwer 23: Boston Crawford
25: Betsy Baade 29: Brendan Thimm
30: Lynn Gerber 31: Duane Claassen

- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **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
- 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; under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

October 8, 2023

Welcome

Kyle Riesen

Call to worship (Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajibi)

L: We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

P: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

L: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

P: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

L: The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

P: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

Prayer

Hymn: "Let the Hungry Come to Me"

VT 459

Affirmation of Faith (Alvin Franz Brightbill)

*All: We believe in God,
the giver of grain and bread,
and in Jesus Christ,
the bread of life broken for us,
and in the Holy Spirit,
God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf.*

*We believe that Christ is to be leaven in us,
so that we may offer the bread of life
to the hungers of every human heart.*

Hymn: "Sing to the God of Harvest"

VT 122

Children's Story

Vern Jantzen

Scripture: Matthew 6:11

Sermon: “Give us this day our epiousion bread” Pastor Josh

Hymn: “God of the Fertile Fields” VT 750

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: “Christ, Be All Around Me” VT 848

Offering to Mennonite Mission Network

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Sermon Series: The Lord’s Prayer. In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, prayer remains a steadfast source of strength and guidance for followers of Christ. Over the next several weeks, we will embark on a transformative journey through the timeless words of the Lord’s Prayer, delving deep into its profound wisdom and uncovering the hidden treasures within. Join us as we explore the richness of this foundational prayer, seeking to understand not only its words but also its transformative power in our daily lives. Together, we will discover the profound connection between our hearts and the divine as we learn to pray as Jesus taught us. – Pastor

Children’s Sunday School learned about David and Mephibosheth in 1 Samuel 19-20 and 2 Samuel 9 today. Next week they’ll study Acts 9:26-30 to learn about Barnabas & Saul.

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

Operation Christmas Child boxes are here to take home and pack! Remember to also grab a pamphlet, which will include your label & packing instructions. Please return them to the church by Sunday, November 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Linsey Schardt or Lori Thimm.

If you have **frozen food for Scott Jantzen** and his 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

Check out the 12 new books on the “New Books” Shelf in the Library!

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!

Second Annual Baseball Game and Community Potluck - October 15, 2023, Scott Street Baseball Diamonds (454 W Scott St, Beatrice)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Watch the local Cuban and Nicaraguan baseball game
5:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Potluck plus Homemade Ice Cream

Please bring:

- Large dish of food to share
- Your own water bottle
- Two lawn chairs (one for sharing)
- Lawn games (corn hole, Bocci, etc)
- BRING A FRIEND!
- Plates and Plastic-ware provided

The MCC Mini Auction is October 22, just about 2 weeks away! Next Sunday tables will be set up and you may start bringing your items to church. As always, we will have ice cream and toppings available at the sale. Please consider bringing cookies that night to share. The fun will begin at 5:30 p.m. on October 22!

The Willow Center Banquet, A Legacy of Life, will be held November 6 at 6 p.m. at the Vintage Venue. Call 402-228-6411 by October 12 for tickets.

A Breakfast Fundraiser for Camp Mennoscah’s M&M Project will be held at FMC on Sunday, October 29 at 9 a.m. Contact Dan Kunzman with questions. So far, Camp Mennoscah has received \$80,000 for the M & M (Mission & Maintenance) project.

Upcoming:

-Bethel College Fall Fest: October 13-15.

-FMC Mini-Auction: October 22, 5:30 p.m. in the church basement.

-M & M FUNdraiser Breakfast for Camp Menno at FMC, Oct 29, 9:00 a.m.

Please be careful about interacting with strangers on the FMC face book page. Many new followers are from overseas who may be trying to find victims to scam.

CROP WALK! October 29, 2 pm on City Walking Trail, beginning at NE Shelter at Hannibal Park.