

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen
Worship Leader: Rodney Ensz
Live Stream: Lisa Goossen
Audio: Marv Goossen
Ushers: Kyle Riesen & Kent Hohensee

Pianist: Erin Vanderschaaf
Children's Story: Linsey Schardt
PPT: Debbie Goossen
Greeters: Marv & Lisa Goossen
Hosts: Pat Penner & Elsie Riesen

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$5,410; Mother to Mother \$350;
Food Pantry \$400; Tech Fund \$200.
Attendance: 100

Happening this week:

Sunday, October 9 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, October 11 1:30 p.m. WMS Quilting, Tying, Devotions
Wednesday, October 12 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Peace Club, JYF
Thursday, October 13 6:00 p.m. Education Council meeting
Sunday, October 16 9:30 a.m. Children & Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

October Birthdays

1. Jane Esau, Don Jantzen 4. Marlene Penner
8: Dave & Rebekka Stutzman's Anniversary
9: Doreen Janzen 10: Katee Kunzman, Piper Heinz
16: Laura Franz 17: Riley Schardt
20: Braxton Williamson 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** 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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Deacons: Vern Jantzen (402-230-0011), Don Esau (402-223-9210), Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church

October 9, 2022

Welcome

Rodney Ensz

A Call to Worship

Leader: Merciful God: We come together to worship longing for
tenderness

P: because this world can be hard.

L: We come longing for light

P: because our lives are crowded with shadows.

L: We come desperately needing direction.

P: Fill us this morning with your peace:

ALL: your spirit is our peace and our path.

Prayer

Rodney Ensz

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

VT 549

Confession and Assurance – adapted VT 985 & 902

Leader: Gracious God, our sins are sometimes too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, too deep to undo.

**P: Forgive us God what our hearts can no longer bear, what our
lips tremble to name.**

L: Forgive us Lord the sins which we know and the sins we do not
know.

**P: Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future
in which we can be changed.**

**ALL: Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

L: Praise to God who has given us life.

P: Blessed be God for the gift of love.

L: Praise to God who forgives our sin.

P: Blessed be God who sets us free.

L: Praise be to God who kindles our faith.

ALL: Blessed be God, our strength, our hope, our light.

Children's Story: "Operation Christmas Child" Linsey Schardt

Sunday Singers: "Sing to the God of Harvest"

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19 NT page 154

Sermon: "(No Longer) Blinded by the Light" Pastor Josh

Hymn: "Longing for Light" VT 715

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Offering for Mennonite Mission Network in the narthex

Welcome! We're glad to have you worshiping with us either in person or online. We live stream at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice>. To follow along in the bulletin, visit our website fmcbeatrice.org; under the More tab select Documents. Scroll down to Church docs, minutes and bulletins.

Today children in Sunday School learned of the Fall of Jerusalem and the Promise of a New Jerusalem as we read 2 Kings 24:18 to 25:12, and Isaiah 65:17-25. We saw that we can turn to God in desperate situations. Next Sunday, we'll study the New Covenant, as found in Jeremiah 29:11-14 and 31:1-14, 31-34. We'll see that we can seek and know God.

Adult Sunday School (room 10 in the basement) will discuss chapter 2 of the book "Reawakened" this Sunday and next Sunday. We have additional copies of the book available. Please join us at 9:30 a.m.!

Come and experience the **softball game at Zion Lutheran's** Ball Diamond, October 9, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M! The concession stand will be open. This is an opportunity for **Nicaraguans, immigrants from Cuba and Puerto Rico and Americans** to play soft ball together.

Have you looked at the new website? Take a tour of fmcbeatrice.org and see all the new features, information, and pictures! You'll also find a **DONATE** button at the top of the page. You may safely donate online and choose what fund or Mennonite organization your donation is for. You will receive an emailed receipt for your donation.

Sewing for Babies is in need of yarn. If anyone has some to donate, contact Karen Wiebe.

New phone number: Gerald Jantzen, 531-249-5482. His address remains Pemberly Place, 7655 Archer PL Apt A208, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Please note! When you use the church and have opened doors, be sure they are all locked again after using. There have been instances recently that church doors have been found unlocked and even propped open when no one is here.

Reminder!! The bulletin may be viewed at fmcbeatrice.org. Under the More tab, select Documents. Scroll down a bit and click the box that says Church Docs, minutes and bulletins. It's usually posted there by Friday afternoon.

Education Council will meet Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date! The FMC Mini-Auction will be Sunday, October 23!

The MCC meat canning truck will be back in Milford this year! The dates are **November 10-11 a Thursday and Friday**. Set up at the Milford Fire Hall will take place on Wednesday November 9th. We plan to can 16,800 pounds of meat this year which requires about \$45,000. In the past at Milford we canned 18,000 pounds. Last year \$44,000 was donated to can 13,585 pounds at Newton. If you'd like to contribute, please make out checks to FMC Meat Canning and put in the offering plate or give to Treasurer Mike Goossen. Your help on canning days is also needed! Thank you for your continued generous support!

Camp Mennoscah Announcements: (www.campmennoscah.org; 620-297-3290)

Oct 15: Work and Play Day; Oct 28-30: Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreat
Didn't receive your youth's **camp photos & address sheets? Contact us!**

Bethel College Fall Festival is October 6-9. Please visit bethelks.edu.

BC Women's Association will appreciate donations of homemade baked goods to sell at Fall Festival. Please bring to Room 141 in Luyken Fine Arts Center 2-5pm on Friday Oct 7, or 7-9am on Saturday Oct 8. Email bcwa@bethelks.edu with questions.

Know Jesus 2023 for Grades 6-8, February 4-5 at Hesston College. Sponsored by the WDC & SCC Youth Ministry Committee.

Voices Together Symposium Nov 12, 2022 at Bethel College. \$35 registration fee includes lunch and supper. See bulletin board for flyer.