

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

Serving Today:

Pastor: Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Brett Esau
Piano: Erin Vanderschaff Children's Story: Neal Trantham
Live stream: Henry Trantham Audio: Marv Goossen
Greeters: Duane & Doris Claassen PPT: Debbie Goossen
Ushers: Brad Thimm & Kent Hohensee Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

Last Sunday: Offerings: FMC \$3,222

Attendance: 93

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

Happening this week:

Sunday, Sept 10 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 am Worship with Communion
 11:30 am Special Congregational meeting
 5:00 pm Los Companeros multi-cultural meal
Tuesday, Sept 12 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wednesday, Sept 13 6:30-7:30 pm Peace Club, JYF, SYF
Thursday, Sept 14 All Day: Big Give Gage
Sunday, Sept 17 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all
 10:30 a.m. Worship

September Birthdays

3: Dan Crawford 4: Liana Stutzman
5: Norm Reimer, Margaret Boyce 6: Asha Jantzen
12: Graham Schardt 15: Anders Baade
16: Betty Esau
18: Judy Jantzen, Kylie Scherling, Denise Jantzen
20: Jim Hamm, Kari Janssen 23: Shana Ensz
24: LeRoy Janzen 26: Marcia Regier, Lori Crawford
30: Tony Tegtmeier

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- 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

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Welcome to First Mennonite Church

September 10, 2023

Welcome

Brett Esau

Call to Worship

L: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

P: A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

L: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

P: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

L: As we break the bread and share the cup,

P: our understanding may fail us.

L: But we will never forget Christ's example.

P: We will never forget the full extent of his love.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Prayer

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us!"

VT 30

Confession of Faith

VT 921

ALL: True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant but spreads itself out in all kinds of righteousness and fruits of love;

L: it dies to flesh and blood; it destroys all forbidden lusts and desires;

P: it seeks, serves, and fears God in its inmost soul; it clothes the naked; it feeds the hungry;

L: it comforts the sorrowful; it shelters the destitute; it aids and consoles the sad; it does good to those who do it harm; it serves those who harm it; it prays for those who persecute it;

P: it teaches, admonishes, and judges us with the Word of God;

L: it seeks those who are lost; it binds up what is wounded; it heals the sick; it saves what is strong, it becomes all things to all people.

ALL: The persecution, suffering, and anguish that come to it for the sake of the truth of Christ have become a glorious joy and comfort to it. Amen.

Hymn: *“My Soul Cries Out”* VT 412

Children’s Story Neal Trantham

Scripture: Luke 22:14-30

Sermon: *“The Last Dinner with Jesus”* Pastor Josh

Hymn: *“We Place Upon Your Table”* VT 462

Communion

Prayer of Response

ALL: We have come to the Lord’s table; we have eaten the bread of heaven. God is the one who will transform us so that we can see with Jesus’ eyes, hear with Jesus’ ears, speak with Jesus’ mouth; so that we can be the body of Christ in the world, proclaiming the good news of God’s reign. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: *“Come, Thou Fount”* VT 563

Offering to Western District Conference

Welcome! We are glad you are here! 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.

Children’s Sunday School is holding a combined event today with Grandparents for Grandparents Day.

The adult Sunday School class resumed studying the book *Rethinking Life*. On September 10th we will discuss chapter 8. Please join us!

The Decorating Committee thanks Katie Jantzen, Sue Gerber, Karen Wiebe, and Marcia Regier for bringing fresh flowers for all to enjoy during the summer services. If you have fall fresh flowers, you may share those too!

Pastor Josh’s sermon series **“Dinner with Jesus”** concludes today.

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY September 10, 2023 after church, (approximately 11:30 a.m.) to vote on the possibility of adding a part time Faith Formation Associate Pastor at FMC. ***The final revised copy of the ‘Job Description for Associate pastor of Faith Formation’ is in your mailbox. The revisions to the job description reflect the input from the round table discussion, addressing some of the questions and concerns. The church board reviewed and approved the revised job description. Please contact a church board member if you have any questions or concerns before the vote on September 10.***

If you have a **frozen casserole or other frozen food for Scott Jantzen** and his family you may put it in the freezer in the church kitchen. Please put cooking instructions and Scott’s name on the item. The food will be delivered to Scott every Monday. If you are not able to get the food to the church call Lori Thimm 402-239-3611, to make other arrangements.

BigGiveGage.org: September 14! 24 hours of generosity! Be sure to look at the participating organizations including Mother to Mother, Sewing for Babies, Community Food Pantry, Gage County Ag Society, & Sheepgate.

Upcoming:

-FMC Church Picnic September 24, 5 pm at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle

-FMC Mini-Auction: October 22, we will gather at 5:30 and begin the auction at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

-MCC Meat Canning November 2 & 3 at Milford (a week earlier than usual)

From Camp Mennoscah:

--WDC Women in Mission Women’s & Girls Retreat Sept. 9-10.

--75th Anniversary & Annual Meeting date changed to September 24.

1 pm activities for all. 5 pm meal. 6 pm annual meeting. 7 pm Talent Show. RSVP please.

Multi-Cultural Celebration Dinner, hosted by Los Companeros, is tonight at 5-7:30 pm at St. John Lutheran Church. Please call 402-223-5268 to RSVP. You will have an opportunity to donate to help the immigrants/refugees settle in our community.