

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

Serving Today: Pastor Josh Janzen Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen
Hosts: Justin & Linsey Schardt Power Point: Eli VanderSchaaf
Piano: Karen Wiebe Audio: Jim Ensz
Video: Kathy Casey Ushers: Gayland Regier & Brandon Esau

Last Sunday: Attendance: 72 **Offering:** FMC: \$1,645
Community Night Meals: \$150
Today's Offering: FMC **Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

Coming Up:

Sunday, Sept 6	9:30 am Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, Sept 8	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Wed, Sept 9	6:30-8:00 pm JYF & SYF bowling with dinner
Sunday, Sept 13	9:30 am Children's & Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship
	11:30 am Congregational Meeting

September Birthdays:

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

- Our services are on **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice
- The **bulletin** is at fmcbeatrice.org under documents.
- If you would like to be on the **Prayer Chain**, see Sue Gerber
- If you use the **nursery**, please clean up after using it. Thanks!
- Ask an usher for assistance with a **hearing device**.
- **We collect** Best Choice labels & used cards and envelopes.
- **Food Pantry items** go in the box in the narthex. Checks for the food pantry may be put in the offering plate.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Farmer's Market**, Thursday's 4-6:30 pm, 6th & High Streets

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Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Brett Esau (402-520-9100)

Welcome to First Mennonite Church September 6, 2026



Welcome and Call to Worship

L: The Lord is my shepherd;

P: I shall not want.

L: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

P: He leads me beside still waters.

L: Even here, even now, He restores my soul.

P: He leads us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

L: Though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

P: We will fear no evil.

L: For You are with us,

P: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort us.

L: Come, let us worship the Shepherd who walks with His sheep

All: in green pastures, in dark valleys, and everywhere between. Let us worship the Lord.

Prayer

Hymn 6 "Let's Walk Together"

Confession and Assurance

L: Shepherd of our souls, You lead us beside still waters, but we confess we have wandered.

P: We have wandered from green pastures chasing our own paths.

L: You have offered us rest, but we have refused to lie down.

P: We have carried our fears and our striving instead of laying them at Your feet.

L: You have walked with us in the valley, but we have doubted Your presence.

P: We have said in our hearts, "I am alone," when You were with us all along.

L: You have held out Your rod and Your staff, but we have trusted in our own strength.

P: Forgive us, Good Shepherd. Restore our souls.

L: Hear the good news: the Shepherd who walks the valley does not walk away from His sheep. He does not abandon the wandering; He goes after them. He does not despise the fearful; He draws near to them.

All: Surely goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Offering Hymn 549: “Be Thou My Vision” (Offering for FMC)

Scripture: Psalm 23

Sermon: “Every Step of the Way”

Hymn 640: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song 840: “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Passing the Peace

Welcome to all worshiping with us here and on YouTube. For easy access, bookmark this link: www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice and “Like” it and subscribe. The bulletin is at fmcbeatrice.org under the documents tab.

The Adult Bible Class will study the book “Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself”, intentional and powerful learning for those called to serve the vulnerable by R K Payne, Ph. D this fall. Join us September 13!

Youth and Children’s Sunday School begins Sunday, Sept. 13.

Peace Club will kick off Wednesday, **September 16**, with exciting activities and snacks for members K - 5th grade, and prayer partners. Meet at the church from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Families will receive the fall schedule at this first meeting. Please RSVP if you cannot attend to Jane @ 402-223-8206 or janeneufeldesau@gmail.com. We're looking forward to a great year! Thank you!

-Kathy Casey, Barb Thimm, Jane Esau

Draft copies of proposed FMC Constitution and Bylaws are in mailboxes. A congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, September 13 at 11:30 am to review the proposed changes to the document. A vote to approve the changes will be held at the January annual meeting. Please review it prior to the September 13 meeting. The Review Committee consisted of Pastor Josh, John Penner, Brett Esau, and Dorothy Zimmerman.

Be sure the **Church Picnic** is on your calendar for Sept 27, 5:00 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park Tabernacle!

Pastor Sarah will be out of town Friday, September 4th through Monday, September 7 to celebrate the life of her grandmother.

Bethel Fall Fest is coming October 17 and BCWA welcomes donations of homemade peppernuts, whole fruit pies, poppyseed rolls, zwieback, cinnamon rolls and other home-made goodies. We are happy to have donated craft items to sell as well. We would also welcome help staffing the Market in the Round, located in the Luyken Fine Arts Center. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about donations, please contact Valerie Klaassen at jvklaaassen@gmail.com. Donated baked and craft items can be brought to Luyken Fine Arts Center music library on Friday, October 16, 1 to 5 pm or on Saturday, October 17, between 7 and 9 am.

Our Daily Bread devotion books (free) are available on the shelves between the mailboxes. The books are not all current, but the devotions are good even if the date is wrong.

Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters. Please join us in supporting responses to:

Nepal flooding: MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding

Colombia earthquake: MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

For more news from Mennonite organizations, visit: www.mennonitemission.net; www.mennoniteusa.org; www.mcc.org; www.mennowdc.org; www.ambs.edu; www.mennonitemen.org; www.mennonitewomenusa.org; and www.mds.org.

Know Jesus 2027- Is a Jr. High Conference at Hesston College, February 20-21. This conference is for youth currently in grades 6–8.

MC USA Convention- for youth entering 9th grade – college freshmen 2027 and church delegates July 6-10, 2027 in Cincinnati, Ohio.