

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

**Serving Today:** Pastor: Josh Janzen  
Worship Leader: Vern Jantzen Hosts: Brad & Amanda Thimm  
Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf Power point: Eli Vanderschaaf  
Audio: Marv Goossen Video: Lisa Goossen  
Ushers: Jim Ensz & Gayland Regier Children's Story: Dolores Jantzen

**Last Sunday: Attendance:** 85 **Offering:** FMC \$ 6,989;  
Camp Scholarship \$50

**Today's Offering:** Mother to Mother **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Coming Up:**

**Palm Sunday**, April 13 9:30 am Children, Youth, & Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
Tuesday, April 15 1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying  
Wednesday, April 16 No activities  
**Maundy Thursday**, April 17 6:00 pm Soup meal, foot washing, Worship Service  
**Easter Sunday**, April 20 7:00 am Sunrise Service @ Charles Park  
9:30 Intergenerational Sunday School  
10:30 Worship

**April Birthdays**

2: Ella Crawford 5: Sylvia Crawford  
7: Henry Trantham 9: Elsie Riesen  
13: Blake Thimm & Jacob Janzen 13: Anita Reimer  
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz 20: Sloan Esau

- 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 go in the offering.
- **Men's Brotherhood Project?** Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.
- **Our service is viewed** at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and **heard on FM 107.5** in our parking lot. The bulletin is at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org), under the More tab; select documents; church docs, minutes & bulletins.
- Please **turn off all lights** if you are the **last to leave** the building. Thanks!

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**Deacons:** Sue Gerber (402-239-8857), Don Esau (402-223-9210),  
Vicki Hinz-Ensz (402-239-4174), **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



Welcome to First Mennonite Church  
"Christ Collides" April 13, 2025

**Call to Worship**

L: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

**P: Have we not collided enough?**

L: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

**P: Form us fully, Jesus.**

L: "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

**P: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."**

**ALL: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we worship you!**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

VT 408

*(Kids processional with palm branches during this hymn)*

**Confession and Assurance**

**All: Loving and merciful God,**

***we confess that we have sinned against you.***

L: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**P: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.**

L: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**P: We cling to our expectations, and we do not make space for you to challenge them.**

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.**

***Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.***

L: Now hear these **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Offering Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"** VT 315  
Offering to Mother to Mother

### Children's Story

**Scripture Reading: Luke 19:29-44**

**Sermon: "Spectacle and Expectation"**

**Hymn: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"** VT 316

### Sharing and Prayer

### Benediction

**Sending Song: "Christ Has No Body Here but Ours"** VT 568

### Passing the Peace

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here and hope to see you again! Our services are on YouTube. Search for FMC Beatrice. The bulletin is on our website: [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org) under the documents tab.

### HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

**No Wednesday evening activities this week, April 16.**

**Join us on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall for a soup and bread meal, followed by foot washing, and a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary. Please see the food signup sheet on the bulletin board. .

Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with other followers of Jesus in our community at the **Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 7:00 AM** in Charles Park, downtown Beatrice. All are welcome to this early morning gathering of worship, prayer, and hope as we greet the dawn of Easter together!

**EASTER Sunday, April 20** we'll meet for **Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.** downstairs. Please join us!

**EASTER worship** is at 10:30 a.m.

**April 27: FMC Youth Group Fundraising Lunch** at noon, followed by **Safe Sanctuary Training-** Come support the youth at lunch, then attend the Safe Sanctuary training, required annually for all adults and youth who are involved in the care and activities of infants, children, youth, and handicapped individuals .All congregants are encouraged to come.

**"Kids Meet Christ"** is a new grant-funded worship initiative from Western District. All involved in children's ministry are invited to attend an orientation, lunch, and round table discussions on children's ministry on Saturday, May 3, 11-3 at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. **If you would like to attend with Debbie Goossen, please contact her.** Participants will receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship.

**VBS May 27-30! Please return your volunteer signup sheet** to Lori Thimm today. **Online VBS Registration** and parental consent forms are now available at [fmcbeatrice.org](http://fmcbeatrice.org). Consent forms must be printed off and sent to FMC or send a photo of the completed form to [office@fmcbeatrice.org](mailto:office@fmcbeatrice.org).

### FMC General Fund Summary March 2025

General Fund Balance 2/28/25	\$(6,462.64)
March general fund offerings	16,221.83
March expenses	<u>(17,076.52)</u>
General Fund Balance 3/31/25	(7,317.33)

**Kathy Casey** is the recipient of the **Paraeducator of the Year** award for her work at Beatrice Elementary School! **Congratulations Kathy!!**

**CampMennoscah.org:** Register online for **Summer Camp!** FMC will pay for your registration and a T-shirt. Put FMC Beatrice in the sponsorship line, then let the church office know you've signed up.

**Mother To Mother's "Mother's Brunch" fundraiser** is Saturday, May 3, at 11:00 am at Vintage Venue in Beatrice. We are looking for corporate or individual sponsorships. If you are interested, please contact Lori Thimm or Josh Janzen. Individual tickets will go on sale in April.

**The Beatrice High School Spring Plant Sale** is Wednesday, April 30 to Saturday May 3. Hours are after school 3:30-5:00pm and Saturday morning for pick up or stop by the greenhouse. If you have questions or would like a flyer, please let Paula Heinz know at [pheinz@bpsnebr.org](mailto:pheinz@bpsnebr.org). Thank you for supporting Beatrice Science Club, supporting science scholarships for graduating seniors, and science equipment for science classes!

**Summit Street Church (SSC) All are welcome to a Taco Bar on May 04,** at noon at 1220 Summit St. Free-will donation. Proceeds go to replace our aged HVACs. We hope to see you!