

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Josh Janzen	Piano: Erin Vanderschaaf
Worship Leader: Brett Esau	Audio: Larry Thimm
Hosts: Gayland & Marci	PowerPoint: Katie Jantzen
Ushers: Bill Thimm & Jim Ensz	Video: Lisa Goossen

**Last Sunday: Offerings:** FMC: \$ 8,325.00; Immigration \$100.

**Attendance:** 82

**Offering today:** Mother to Mother      **Next Sunday:** FMC

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, April 14	9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 9:30 am Faith Formation Conversations 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, April 16	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying 5:30 p.m. Education Council meeting
Wednesday, April 17	6:30 pm Faith Formation Conversations
Thursday, April 18	7:00 pm Church Board meeting
Sunday, April 21	9:30 am Adult & Kids Sunday School 9:30 am Faith Formation Conversations 10:30 am Worship

**April Birthdays:**

2: Ella Crawford	5: Sylvia Cross
7: Henry Trantham	9: Elsie Riesen
13: Blake Thimm	16: Anita Reimer
17: Vicki Hinz-Ensz	20: Sloan Esau

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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.
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- Our service is available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/fmcbeatrice> and 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, and bulletins.
  - Do you have a project for Men's Brotherhood? Contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen.

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Don Esau (402-223-9210).    **Church Chair:** Jerry Reimer (402-239-2716)



**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*April 14, 2024*

**Welcome**

-Worship Leader Brett Esau

**Call to Worship**

L: Fear hung over the disciples as a dark cloud.

**P: Huddled in the upper room, they spoke in soft whispers, afraid of the sound of their own voices.**

L: Lightning flashed in their souls.

**P: Christ, the Risen Lord, was standing with them, eating with them, talking with them.**

L: Where doubt had reigned, hope now grew.

**P: Where fear and panic had laid claim, faith was again planted.**

L: Come, let us worship the God of great miracles.

**P: Let us lift our voices in praise to God! AMEN.**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"**

VT 592

**Prayer of Confession (1 John 3, Luke 24)**

L: Holy and righteous one, we are stunned by the miracles of new life and forgiveness you offer.

When our awe turns to disbelief,

**P: renew us with your joy.**

L: When our fear turns to rejection,

**P: lead us into your presence.**

L: When our stumbling leads to sin,

**P: forgive us by your grace, and direct our steps in your paths of righteousness.**

**All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance and Passing the Peace of Christ (1 John 3)**

L: Beloved, we are God's children now. Because we have this hope, we are forgiven and purified.

**P: As beloved children, we are made one with Christ and brought into the righteousness of God.**

L: Let us share this hope and love with one another  
as we greet one another in the name of the risen Christ.

**Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"** VT 435

**Scripture reading: Luke 24:36-49**

**Sermon: "The Community (Resurrected)"** Pastor Josh

**Hymn: "When We Walk with the Lord"** VT 570

**Sharing & Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song: "The Risen Christ"** VT 345

**Offering to Mother to Mother**

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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here! We hope to see you again soon!  
Our service is live streamed on YouTube. Search Fmcbeatrice.

**Children in Sunday School** today will learn that waiting can make you wise (Proverbs 14:29). Next week, "when you think you *can't* wait, think twice!" (Genesis 25:24-34)

**The adult Sunday School** uses Salt & Light stand-alone lessons. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the room at the bottom of the stairs when you can!

**Start the Party! Celebrate the Good News!** We're excited for **Vacation Bible School** at FMC, Tuesday - Friday, May 28-31, with a Sunday morning celebration on June 2. Registration at [www.fmcbeatrice.org](http://www.fmcbeatrice.org) will be available soon. Volunteer helper forms are in your mailbox and should be returned to Jane's mailbox by April 21. Sign-up to help with this fun week of **Celebrating God's Good News** with the kids! --VBS Committee, Jane, Erin, Linsey

**I would like to thank** everyone that had a hand in the MMC Sale Windsor dinner. I thought it went quite smoothly. **Thanks, Dick**

**Education Council** will meet at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 16.

**Church Board** will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 18.

**August 2-4**, WDC Annual Assembly at First Mennonite Church.

### **Faith Formation Conversations**

In a continued effort to gather information about the congregations' values and needs regarding faith formation there will be four opportunities to gather for conversation. We will discuss hopes for your growing faith, how the congregation can support your hopes, how the community plays a role, and your current faith practice. The Education Council will also share some preliminary findings from the survey. These conversations are for congregants of all ages and life stages and are kid friendly.

### **Conversation Dates:**

Sunday, April 14, 9:30 (light breakfast provided)

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 (light dinner provided)

Sunday, April 21, 12:00 (light lunch provided)

Sunday, April 28, 12:00 (light lunch provided)

Please email ([sarah@fmcbeatrice.org](mailto:sarah@fmcbeatrice.org)) or text (507.993.6820) Pastor Sarah to sign up for a slot. You can also sign up on her office door.

**Area churches are working together to assist newcomers** who have recently arrived in our community. These families often have very few possessions and **need assistance in setting up their home**. We seek donations of clean furniture in good condition, especially kitchen (dining) table and chairs; dressers or chest of drawers; nightstands; end tables; occasional chairs, double and queen mattresses, headboards and frames, small sofas in good condition. If you have furniture to donate or questions, please call or text Connie Harmon 402-239-2215 or Vicki Hinz-Ensz 402-239-4174. **Housewares** such as dinnerware, silverware, pots and pans, cooking utensils, (no towels) and small appliances are also needed. Please contact Brenda Carnes if you have these items. 402-223-9423.

### **First Mennonite Church General Fund Summary - March 2024**

General Fund Balance 2/29/24	(338.34)
March general fund offerings	16,813.02
March expenses	<u>(20,379.42)</u>
General Fund Balance 3/31/24	(3,904.74)

The **AMBS Spring 2024 issue of Vision** is free online at [ambs.edu/vision](http://ambs.edu/vision). It looks at 500 years of Anabaptism's past and future possibilities.

**WDC Women in Mission** salad supper April 19, at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, 5-7:30 pm with and plant sale & program on Edimental Gardening.

**FMC Youth:** Register online for Camp Mennoscah, order a T-shirt, then let FMC office know you're registered so we can pay your camp fees.