

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

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Tim Amor  
PPT: Lori Thimm  
Pianist: Jan Reimer  
Live Stream: Lisa Goossen  
Ushers: Daryl Riesen & Kent Hohensee  
Deacon: Sue Gerber

Worship Leader: Katie Jantzen  
Children's Story: Pastor Tim  
Greeters: Don & Jane Esau  
Audio: Marv Goossen  
Hosts: Lynn & Sue Gerber

**Last Sunday:** Offerings: FMC \$1,950; MTM \$1,238

**Attendance:** 140

**Offering today:** FMC      **Next Sunday:** Food Pantry

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, April 16	9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Pastor Tim guest pastor
Tuesday, April 18	1:30 pm WMS Quilting & Tying
Thursday, April 20	5:45 pm Worship Council meeting 7:00 p.m. Church Board meeting
Sunday, April 23	9:30 am Adult & Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 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.
  - Please ask the office for a **PDF of the church directory** for your phone.
  - Please contact Dan Kunzman or LeRoy Janzen if you have a task **Men's Brotherhood** can help with.
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**Welcome to First Mennonite Church**

*April 16, 2023*

**Call to Worship** (*inspired by Acts 1:9-11*)

L: A new day has begun!

**P: Hope wins!**

L: A fresh start is granted.

**P: Faith wins!**

L: Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

**P: Hope wins!**

L: Christ is entering your life in a new way.

**P: Faith wins!**

L: Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

**ALL: Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!**

**Prayer**

**Hymn: "Here in This Place"**

VT 10

**Confession and Communal Prayer**

L: Our lives are often marked by merriment, but beneath that looms the Other: our worry, our sorrow, our shame, our guilt, our grief. Let us hand over all that to the One who offers us not condemnation but joy. God, in this moment as our minds might wander:

**P: God, redirect our thoughts to you.**

L: in this week as we walk your path and sometimes stumble,

**P: God, make your way clear.**

L: In our communities where we have sometimes remained silent,

**P: God, open our lips to speak for justice.**

L: In this world where there is much hurt, hurt that we sometimes cause,

**P: God make us agents of healing.**

L: In this time when there is much sorrow and grief,

**P: God, send us out to be ambassadors of hope and joy.**

L: In these moments of silence,

**ALL: God, hear our prayers.**

**Hymn: "What a Fellowship"** VT 160

**Children's Story** Pastor Tim

**Scripture:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**Sermon: "God's Plan"**

**Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me"** VT 540

**Sharing and Prayer** Sue Gerber

**Sending**

**Offering to First Mennonite Church**

**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 [fmbeatrice.org](http://fmbeatrice.org); under the More tab select Documents, then Church docs, minutes, and bulletins.

**Thank you to Pastor Tim Amor** for giving the sermon this morning. We appreciate you, Pastor Tim!

**Childrens Sunday School** will hear of the breakfast on the beach this Sunday as found in John 21:1-14. *The risen Christ cares for physical needs.* Next Sunday we will study Acts 1, Your kingdom come, your will be done. *We can carry on the work of Jesus.*

**The Adult Sunday School** will begin discussion on chapter 3 on April 16. We have extra books now for anyone who wants to join us.

**I'm so thankful** for family and friends. I enjoyed all your beautiful birthday wishes! Thank you, Elsie Riesen

**Please check under the mailboxes if the dishes and/or a maroon women's jacket are yours.**

**Ride needed!** Five boxes of our previous hymnals and comforters need a ride to Newton MCC Center. Contact Doris Claassen or Kathy Casey if you can transport these items.

**Beatrice High School Plant Sale** is May 3-6. For an online order form or a flyer email Paula Heinz at [pheinz@bpsnebr.org](mailto:pheinz@bpsnebr.org).

**WANTED!** Baseball Gear! If you have any baseball gear taking up space at home, you may donate it for the new arrivals to play ball this spring and summer. You can put it in the box in the coat closet. Thanks! (Questions? Contact Dan Kunzman.)

**Vacation Bible School** is coming up *FAST!* May 30 – June 2. Please register your child(ren) online and fill out the parental consent form.

FMC is offering **camp scholarships** to Mennonite affiliated Church Camps to youth of First Mennonite to cover the registration fee. Please register online and let the church office know you have registered.

**Delegates needed! MC USA 2023 Delegate Assembly** is July 7-8 at the Kansas City Convention Center. Contact Jerry Reimer if interested.

**Young Adults ages 14-25 are invited to a "Know Before You Go!" Zoom** meeting on the Climate Summit. The Zoom is at 6 p.m. on April 18. Contact the office for the zoom registration link. **The Climate Summit** is July 7 in the Kansas City Convention Center from 9-5. Experts in climate change will address how youth and young adults can put their faith to work to address this spiritual and human crisis. Register at [mennonitetusa.org](http://mennonitetusa.org). (\$45, includes lunch) Youth sponsors are welcome to attend.

**"Put Your Foot Down"** against sexual assault virtual run/walk is April 29. Find more information on the Hope Crisis Center Facebook page and the bulletin board.

**St. Paul Lutheran School's "Wine and Ale Tasting"** annual fundraising event is Friday, April 28 from 7-10 p.m. at the Red Barn Farm. Tickets are available at the school, Jim's Carpet or by calling 402-429-2591.

**All Western District Conference women are invited** to join a free virtual event sponsored by Western District Women in Mission on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:45. Jenny Gehman, spiritual director, retreat speaker, and writer, will present on "Holy Host: the Hospitality of God." To register and attend virtually email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com) by April 23 so you can receive a Zoom link. Church groups can consider watching the Zoom together. For more information, contact Wendy Schrag at 316-841-5245.

**Camp Mennoscah:** ([campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org) or 620-297-3290)  
**NEEDED: Counselors** at least 17 years old and 5 years older than the campers they supervise; **Nurses** for July 18-23 and July 9-14; **A head cook** for June 25-29; **Kitchen helpers and other volunteers** June 25-29, July 9-14, and July 16-21.

**SCC Bedding Plant Sale**, April 24, 4-7 pm; April 25 & 26, 10 am – 6 pm. South of green houses next to Ford Hall. May end early depending on supply.